Proposed Electorates Counter-Objection Form



Have your say on objections to electorate boundaries and names

Objections can be viewed at vote.nz. Between 8 and 21 May 2025 you can have your say on issues raised in objections about the proposed electorate names and boundaries for the 2026 General Election. You can also ask to present your counter-objection to the Representation Commission at a public hearing.

You can submit your counter-objection using this form or our online tool at vote.nz.

Counter-objections must be received by 5pm, Wednesday 21 May 2025.

Counter-objections will be published online at vote.nz after 21 May 2025. We'll publish the names of counter-objectors but we won't publish contact details provided on the form. If you include contact information with any supporting material this information may be published with the counter-objection.

In June 2025 the Representation Commission will hold public hearings around the country for those who would like to appear in person. We'll confirm when and where the hearings will be held after the counter-objection period has closed. If you ask to be heard we'll contact you to confirm arrangements.

Key things to consider when making your counter-objection

Electorates must have a similar number of people to ensure equal representation. An electorate cannot vary more or less than 5% from the population quota.

The limits for the number of people in each electorate are:

	quota	+/-5%
North Island general electorates	69,875	3,494
South Island general electorates	70,037	3,502
Māori electorates	74,367	3,718

In setting the electorate boundaries consideration must be given to criteria set out in the Electoral Act. If your counter-objection relates to the proposed boundaries it should be based on these criteria:

- · Existing electorate boundaries
- · Communities of interest including iwi affiliations in Māori electorates
- · Infrastructure that links communities such as roads and bridges
- · Topographical features such as mountains and rivers
- · Projected variations in electoral populations over the next five years

The name of an electorate should be relevant to the district.

You can find out more about the boundary review at vote.nz.

	Returning your form		
Filling in this form			
Checklist:	Send the completed counter-objection by email or post to:		
fill in your name and contact details	representation.commission@elections.govt.nz		
outline your counter-objection and any	Representation Commission PO Box 3220 Wellington 6140		
suggested solution	Wollington 0140		
attach any supporting documents	Counter-objections sent by post must be received by the deadline. Late counter-objections cannot be considered.		

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