

Objection and Reasons:

- Panmure has no history or community of interest with the Manukau East electorate. We are in the Eastern Suburbs of Central Auckland, not South Auckland.
- Bad for democracy. Voters in Panmure and Glen Innes will feel disconnected and alienated from the larger Manukau East electoral area and will probably see all future election campaigns centred on South Auckland issues debated by South Auckland-based politicians. This is likely to undermine and discourage participation in democracy in our areas.
- The boundary change appears entirely arbitrary and follows no logical historic or administrative pattern. Historically, Panmure has always sat within the former Auckland City Council and Mount Wellington Borough Council administrative areas. From 1848, Panmure became central to the political administration of this area through such bodies as the Panmure/Mount Wellington Highway Districts, the Borough of Mount Wellington and even the short-lived Tamaki City Council. This proposed change ignores all of that history.
- The change would separate Panmure politically not only from its own railway station but also a significant part of its community in the Mountain Road area, along with businesses to the west of the railway line and Jellicoe Road.
- All surrounding electorates - Tamaki, Epsom, Maungakiekie, Mangere, Manurewa, Botany and Pakuranga - are allowed to maintain their identity and sense of cohesion under the changes, but Panmure, along with Glen Innes, Point England, and parts of Mount Wellington and Otahuhu, will be forced to lose theirs.
- The Tamaki Regeneration process foresees a significant population increase in Panmure, Glen Innes and Point England coming decades. This is likely to force a reversal of this proposal by the Electoral Commission in years to come.

Suggested Solutions:

- Remain part of Tamaki - our historical home and relationship remain intact
- Make the southern boundary along the South Eastern Arterial Route
- Move Royal Oak back into Mt Roskill Electorate.
- Alternatively create a new electorate encompassing Glen Innes, Panmure, Mount Wellington and Ellerslie as far south as Westfield/Panama Road - with the western boundary at the main trunk line/southern motorway/Great South Road. This would give an electorate the same size as Tamaki and Epsom. Realign adjacent boundaries.