

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## **2007 Representation Commission**

### **NEW ELECTORATE BOUNDARIES FINALISED**

New boundaries for the country's 63 general and seven Māori electorates have been finalised – with a completely new electorate named Botany created in Auckland.

The 2007 Representation Commission has completed its statutory role of reviewing and redrawing electorate boundaries to be used in the next two general elections.

“We received 331 objections and 114 counter objections to the proposed electorate boundaries released in early May,” says Judge Bernard Kendall, Chair of the Representation Commission. “This feedback and submissions made at hearings in seven centres around the country have helped shape the final boundaries to be used in the general elections scheduled for 2008 and 2011.”

- Seven electorates have had no change to their boundaries.
- Nine electorates have new names.
- Macrons have been applied to 11 electorate names to assist with correct Māori pronunciation.

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Five general electorates - Whangarei, North Shore, Northcote, Tauranga, Kaikōura and two Māori electorates - Te Tai Tokerau and Waiariki retain the same boundaries used in the 2002 and 2005 general elections.

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#### **New Names for Another Nine Electorates**

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“Following the objection and counter-objection process a number of proposed Auckland electorate boundaries have been significantly redrawn. The new electorate created in Auckland is called Botany – not Howick as proposed,” says Judge Kendall.

“There was objection to splitting the Timaru District Council between the two electorates of Waitaki and Rangitata. The Timaru District was not able to be placed in one electorate, however the Pleasant Point area has been kept with Timaru City in the Rangitata electorate to retain its principal community of interest.

“In the East Coast electorate, there was objection to including parts of the Gisborne District Council in the Napier electorate. The Cook Ward of the council has been retained in the East Coast electorate,” says Judge Kendall.

“In the West Coast Tasman electorate there was objection to including Wakefield in this electorate. Wakefield could not be included in the Nelson electorate, however Brightwater will remain in the Nelson electorate.

“The Commission was able to meet the majority of objections focused on the electorates around Christchurch, with the result that the electorates there become primarily urban,” says Judge Kendall.

The Representation Commission is due to reconvene again in 2012 (after the next scheduled population Census and Māori Electoral Option) to review and redraw electorate boundaries.

More information, maps of the new boundaries and the Commission’s report can be viewed at [www.elections.org.nz](http://www.elections.org.nz).

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# PĀNUI PĀPĀHO

Kua Aukatia Rawa ki te Poupoutanga o te Rā,  
Tūrei 25 o Mahuru 2007

Te Kōmihana Whakatau Rohe Pōti 2007

## KUA TAU NGĀ TAUPĀ ROHE PŌTI HŌU

Kua tau ngā taupā rohe pōti whānui e 63 me ngā rohe pōti Māori e whitu o te motu – me tētahi rohe pōti hōu rawa atu hoki kua whakatūria i Tāmaki-makau-rau, ko Botany te ingoa.

Kua tutuki i te Kōmihana Whakatau Rohe Pōti 2007 tōna kawenga i raro i te ture, ki te arotake me te whakairoiro anō i ngā taupā rohe pōti mō ngā pōtitanga whānui e rua ka whai ake.

Ki tā Kaiwhakawā Bernard Kendall, te Tiamana o te Kōmihana Whakatau Rohe Pōti, “E 331 ngā whakahē me ngā whakahē-ātete 114 i whiwhi i a mātau, mō ngā taupā hukihuki i pānuitia i te tīmatanga o Haratua”. Ki tāna anō hoki, “Nā tēnei urupare tae atu ki ngā tāpaetanga i whakatakotoria i ngā whakawātanga huri noa te motu, i ngā pokapū e whitu, i āwhinatia ai te āhua o ngā taupā whakamutunga kua whakaritea mō ngā pōtitanga whānui o te tau 2008, me te tau 2011.”

- Kua noho ngā taupā rohe pōti e whitu ki ērā o mua.
- Kua whai ingoa hōu ngā rohe pōti e iwa.
- Kua whakamahia ngā tohutō mō ngā ingoa rohe pōti 11 hei mea āwhina i te whakahuatanga kupu Māori, kia tika ai.

## Kāore he Whakahōunga Taupā mō ngā Rohe Pōti e Whitu

Arā, ko ngā rohe pōti whānui e rima – ko Whangarei, North Shore, Northcote, Tauranga, Kaikōura me ngā rohe pōti Māori e rua hoki – ko Te Tai Tokerau me Waiariki ka mau tonu ki o rātou taupā o te pōtitanga whānui 2002, me te pōtitanga whānui 2005.

## Kotahi te Rohe Pōti Tāpiri

Kei te whakatūria he rohe pōti whānui tāpiri ki te tonga o Tāmaki-makau-rau, ko Botany te ingoa. Ko te rohe pōti o Botany te nuinga o ngā takiwā Poari Hapori o Botany tae atu ki te tāone hukihuki hōu o Flat Bush. Ka whakakapia e te rohe pōti tāpiri nei ngā wāhanga rohe pōti o Clevedon me Manukau East i mua, ā, kei roto hoki te takiwā Cockle Bay nō te rohe pōti o Pakuranga.

## Ngā Ingoa Hōu mō ngā Rohe Pōti e Iwa i Tua Atu

Ka whakakapia e ngā rohe pōti hōu me ngā ingoa hōu, ngā rohe pōti e tū nei o Clevedon, Port Waikato, Piako, Ohariu-Belmont, Banks Peninsula, Rakaia, Otago, Aoraki me Tainui.

1. Ko **Papakura** – ka whakakapia e tēnei rohe pōti hōu ngā wāhanga rohe pōti o Clevedon, Port Waikato me Manurewa. Kei waenganui i te rohe pōti o Papakura, ko te takiwā tāone o Papakura, ko Kingseat me Clarks Beach hoki ki te uru. Ā, ki te raki, ko ngā tapa tāone hoki o Wattle Downs me Māhia Park, ā, ngā tapa tāone anō hoki o Manurewa East me The Gardens i te taha rāwhiti o te ara nui.

2. Ko **Hunua** – ka whakakapia e tēnei rohe pōti hōu ngā wāhanga rohe pōti o Clevedon me ērā o te rohe pōti o Port Waikato e tū nei tae atu ki ngā tāone o Clevedon, Maraetai, Tuakau, Pukekohe, Waiuku, ā, piki atu hoki ki Manukau Heads.
3. Ko **Waikato** – ka whakakapia e tēnei rohe pōti hōu ngā wāhanga rohe pōti o Piako, Coromandel, Hamilton West me Taranaki King Country. Ka ngaro atu te rohe pōti o Piako.
4. Ko **Ōhariu** – ka whakakapia e tēnei rohe pōti hōu a Ōhariu-Belmont me te neke i te takiwā o Belmont ki te rohe pōti o Rimutaka.
5. Ko **Selwyn**– ka whakakapia e tēnei rohe pōti hōu ngā wāhanga rohe pōti o Waimakariri, Banks Peninsula me Rakaia.
6. Ko **Port Hills** – te ingoa hōu mō te rohe pōti o Banks Peninsula kua whakahōungia me te whakawhiti i te nuinga o te koi ake ki Selwyn.
7. Ko **Rangitata** – ka whakakapia e tēnei rohe pōti hōu ngā wāhanga rohe pōti o Aoraki me Rakaia. Ka uru atu hoki te Tāone Nui o Timaru me ngā tāone o Temuka, Ōrari me Ashburton hoki piki atu ki te Awa o Rakaia. Kua whakaurua hoki a Pleasant Point me ōna karapotinga tata ki te rohe pōti nei. Ka ngaro atu te rohe pōti o Rakaia.
8. Ko **Waitaki**– ka whakakapia e tēnei rohe pōti hōu ngā wāhanga rohe pōti o Otago me Aoraki. Kei roto hoki i te rohe pōti o Waitaki te katoa o ngā Taiwhenua o Central Otago me Mackenzie tae atu ki te wāhi whakateraki o te Taiwhenua o Queenstown Lakes huri noa ki Wānaka me tētahi wāhi Taiwhenua o Timaru (kāore koa ko te Tāone Nui o Timaru) huri noa hoki ki Paeroa me Geraldine. Ka ngaro atu ngā rohe pōti o Aoraki me Otago.
9. Ko **Hauraki-Waikato** – ka whakakapia e tēnei rohe pōti hōu te rohe pōti o Tainui me te whakauru hoki i te taupori nō te rohe pōti o Tāmaki Makaurau mai i te wāhanga whakatetonga o Manurewa, ā, ka whakanohoa te iwi Ngāti Maniapoto (nō te rōhe pōti rātou i mua o Tainui) ki te rohe pōti o Te Tai Hauāuru i te taha o te iwi Ngāti Raukawa.

Ki tā Kaiwhakawā Kendall, “Whai muri i te hātepe whakahē, whakahē-ātete hoki, kua tino whakairoirotia anōtia ētahi taupā rohe pōti hukihuki i Tāmaki-makau-rau. Kua tapaina te rohe pōti i whakatūria ki Tāmaki-makau-rau, ko Botany – kāore ko Howick te ingoa hukihuki”.

Ki tāna anō, “I puta he whakahē i te wehewehenga o te Kaunihera Taiwhenua o Timaru ki waenganui i ngā rohe pōti e rua o Waitaki me Rangitata. Kāore te Taiwhenua o Timaru i taea te whakanoho ki te rohe pōti kotahi, heoi, kua puria te takiwā o Pleasant Point ki te taha o te Tāone Nui o Timaru i te rohe pōti o Rangitata kia mau tonu ai tōna pānga hapori matua.”

Ki tā Kaiwhakawā Kendall anō, “I puta he whakahē i te rohe pōti o East Coast mō te whakaurunga o ētahi wāhanga Kaunihera Taiwhenua o Gisborne ki te rohe pōti o Napier. Kua puria te Riu o Cook ki te rohe pōti o East Coast.”

I kī anō hoki ia, “I puta he whakahē i te rohe pōti o West Coast Tasman mō te whakaurunga o Wakefield ki tēnei rohe pōti. Kāore a Wakefield i taea te whakauru atu ki te rohe pōti o Nelson, heoi, e mau tonu ana a Brightwater ki te rohe pōti o Nelson”.

Ko tā Kaiwhakawā Kendall anō hoki, “I taea e te Kōmihana te whakatutuki te nuinga o ngā whakahē i hāngai te arotahi ki ngā rohe pōti huri noa i Ōtautahi me te aha hoki, he matua rohe tāone aua rohe pōti i reira i nāianei.”

Ā te tau 2012 Te Kōmihana Whakatau Rohe Pōti e hui ai anō (whai muri atu i te Tataunga tapori me te Kōwhiringa Pōti Māori kua whakaritea) ki te arotake me te whakairoiro taupā rohe pōti anō.

He pārongo i tua atu, ka taea ngā mahere whenua mō ngā taupā hōu me te pūrongo o te Kōmihana te mātaki i [www.elections.org.nz](http://www.elections.org.nz) .

**Ka mutu ki konei**

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# Final Electorate Boundaries for 2008 and 2011 Scheduled General Elections - Summary of Major Features

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## Other Changes

### North Island Electorates

- **Northland** extends south to include Wellsford.
- **East Coast Bays** loses Bayview and Witherford Heights to Helensville.
- **Rodney** loses the Wellsford area to Northland.
- **Helensville** receives Bayview and Witherford Heights and loses areas of Massey and an area south of Muriwai to the Waitakere electorate.
- **Mt Albert** receives Pt Chevalier from Auckland Central.
- **Pakuranga** stays very similar to the 2005 boundary (excluding Cockle Bay which is now in the new electorate of Botany).
- **Manukau East** now includes Otahuhu and Otara.
- **Manurewa** loses Manurewa East and Wattle Downs to Papakura.
- **Maungakiekie** now includes Royal Oak, Onehunga, Panmure and Point England.
- **Coromandel** now includes Te Aroha.
- **Taupō** shifts north to include Cambridge.
- **Bay of Plenty** includes the Kaimai Ward and loses the Maketu Ward.
- **Rotorua** shifts north to the Bay of Plenty coast and includes the Maketu Ward of the Western Bay of Plenty District.
- **Taranaki-King Country** now includes Raglan and Ohaupo. In the south it loses Opunake to Whanganui and Egmont Village to New Plymouth.
- The **Napier** electorate shifts north to include all of the Wairoa District.
- **East Coast** moves west to include the Bay of Plenty Plains up to the boundary between the Whakatane and Western Bay of Plenty Districts. It retains the Cook Ward of the Gisborne District.
- **Rangitikei** now includes Ohakune and Taumaranui.
- **Palmerston North** is now a wholly urban electorate. It loses parts of the rural fringe to the Rangitikei electorate.
- The **Whanganui** electorate now includes the Wanganui and South Taranaki Districts.
- **Wairarapa** extends north to include Waipawa and Waipukurau.

### South Island Electorates

- **West Coast-Tasman** includes the northern area of Wakefield, up to but not including Brightwater.
- **Invercargill** expands west to include Riverton, north to include Hedgehope and Glencoe and east to the Southland District boundary.
- **Clutha Southland** expands to include Queenstown and Arrowtown.
- **Dunedin South** includes Middlemarch up to the Dunedin City boundary.
- **Dunedin North** includes Waikouaiti up to the Dunedin City boundary.
- **Wigram** loses Sydenham and Beckenham to Port Hills and gains Addington and HoonHay.
- **Waimakariri** loses parts of Papanui to the Christchurch Central electorate, and Bishopdale to the Ilam electorate and retains its community of interest around Oxford and Rangiora.

## Māori Electorates

Adjustments have been made to the boundaries of five Māori electorates.

- **Te Tai Hauāuru** - the changes will see the people from Ngati Maniapoto from Tainui included in Te Tai Hauāuru with the people of Ngati Raukawa.
  - **Te Tai Tonga** - moves southwards to a line running generally east to west through the Hutt Valley south of Naenae.
  - **Ikaroa-Rāwhiti** - extends to the western hills of the Hutt Valley to include Belmont, Taita and Naenae.
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  - **Tāmaki Makaurau** - population from the southern part of Manurewa shifts to the new electorate of **Hauraki-Waikato**.
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## Eleven Electorate Names with Macrons Included

- Te Atatū
  - Tāmaki
  - Māngere
  - Taupō
  - Rangitīkei
  - Ōtaki
  - Ōhāriu
  - Kaikōura
  - Tāmaki Makaurau
  - Te Tai Hauāuru
  - Ikaroa-Rāwhiti
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## 2007 Representation Commission Process

- 331 Objections, including 57 objections to proposed names were received. Including:
    - 584 petitioners in relation to the Manurewa electorate
    - 538 petitioners relating to the proposed West Coast-Tasman electorate
    - 191 petitioners relating to the proposed Christchurch Central Electorate
  - 114 counter objections were received. Including:
    - 560 petitioners relating to the proposed Waimakariri electorate
  - 81 individuals or organisations appeared at public hearings in Auckland, Hamilton, Gisborne, Wellington, Nelson, Christchurch and Timaru.
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# 2007 Representation Commission Final Electorate Boundaries Questions and Answers

## 1. How do the final electorate boundaries differ from the proposed electorate boundaries released in May 2007?

In summary:

In Auckland, the proposed Pakuranga, Howick, Manukau East, Hunua, Papakura and Manurewa electorate boundaries have been significantly redrawn. A new electorate of Botany, not Howick, has been created. The Pakuranga electorate remains largely unchanged.

The proposed Piako electorate has been renamed Waikato.

The proposed new electorate name Pare Hauraki-Pare Waikato is now named Hauraki-Waikato.

The proposed Rotorua electorate goes from a completely landlocked electorate to one that extends to the coast around Maketu

The Cook Ward of the Gisborne District Council has been retained in the East Coast electorate.

Waipawa has been put into the Wairarapa electorate

The electorates around Christchurch have become primarily urban. The Ilam electorate boundary has been changed.

The Banks Peninsula electorate has been revised and named Port Hills.

The Pleasant Point area has been kept with Timaru City in the Rangitata electorate.

Macrons have been added to 11 electorate names.

## 2. Why is the new electorate in Botany, not Howick?

Following the public objection process the Commission substantially redrew electorates in the Auckland area in response to feedback on the proposed electorates. The result of the redrawing was to establish the new electorate in Botany rather than Howick.

The Botany electorate centres on the Botany Community Board area.

## 3. When do the new boundaries come into force?

The next general election will be held under the new boundaries. Any by-election would be held under the existing boundaries.

**4. How does an additional new electorate impact on the number of electorate and list MPs in Parliament?**

There are currently 69 electorates – 62 general electorates and seven Māori electorates. For the next two general elections there will be 70 electorates – 63 general electorates and seven Māori electorates. While the number of electorate seats increases by one, the overall size of Parliament will not change. The number of list seats will reduce from 51 to 50.

**5. Who is the 2007 Representation Commission?**

The 2007 Representation Commission members are:

Chairperson	Judge Bernard Kendall
Ex-officio Members	
Chairperson Local Government Commission	Sue Piper
Chief Electoral Officer	Robert Peden
Deputy Government Statistician	Cathryn Ashley-Jones
Surveyor General	Don Grant
Government representative	Hon David Caygill
Opposition representative	Hon Roger Sowry

When considering Māori electorate boundaries, the Commission included the following additional members:

Ex-officio Member	
Chief Executive of Te Puni Kōkiri	Leith Comer
Government Māori representative	Whetu Wereta
Opposition Māori representative	John McEnteer

**6. When does the Commission review boundaries again?**

The electorate boundaries are scheduled to be reviewed again in 2012.