

2007 Proposed Electorate Boundaries - Key Changes

One Additional Electorate

An additional electorate is proposed in Auckland named **Howick**. The Howick electorate would include Highland Park, Howick, Cockle Bay and Mellons Bay from the existing Pakuranga electorate, Shelley Park and East Tamaki Heights from the existing Clevedon electorate and Botany Downs and Golflands from the existing Manukau East electorate.

Seven Electorates with New Names

- **Papakura** to replace parts of the Clevedon and Manurewa electorates. The Papakura electorate to be centred on Papakura and to include the Ardmore and Redhill parts of the existing Clevedon electorate and Weymouth Road south from the Manurewa electorate.
- **Hunua** to replace parts of the Clevedon and Port Waikato electorates. Hunua to include Pukekohe, Waiuku and an area up to Manukau Heads.
- **Ohariu** to replace Ohariu-Belmont – the Belmont area shifts into the Rimutaka electorate.
- **Selwyn** - comprises a portion of the Waimakariri electorate around Bishopdale, parts of the Banks Peninsula electorate around Oaklands and Halswell and that part of the old Rakaia electorate north of the Rakaia River.
- **Rangitata** to replace parts of the Aoraki and Rakaia electorates. Rangitata to be centred on Ashburton and to include Temuka and Timaru.
- **Waitaki** to replace parts of the Otago and Aoraki electorates. The Waitaki electorate to include Waitaki, Waimate and McKenzie Districts and a portion of the Timaru District.
- **Pare Hauraki-Pare Waikato** to replace Tainui. This electorate to include population from the Tamaki Makaurau electorate from the southern part of Manurewa. It is proposed the people from Ngati Maniapoto from the Tainui electorate join the people of Ngati Raukawa in the Te Tai Hauauru electorate.

The existing electorates of Clevedon, Port Waikato, Rakaia, Aoraki, Otago and Tainui are proposed to be replaced by the above electorates.

Other Key Changes

North Island Electorates

- **Northland** to extend south to include Wellsford.
- **Mt Albert** to receive Pt Chevalier from Auckland Central.

- **Pakuranga** to include Glen Innes, Pt England and Panmure from the Tamaki electorate.
- **Coromandel** to include Te Aroha.
- **Taupo** to shift north to include Cambridge.
- **Taranaki-King Country** to shift north to include Raglan.
- **Napier** to shift north to the boundary with Gisborne City.
- **East Coast** to move west to include the Bay of Plenty Plains and Maketu.
- **Rangitikei** to include Taumaranui.
- **Palmerston North** to become a wholly urban electorate losing parts to the Rangitikei electorate.
- **Wairarapa** to extend north up to Waipawa.

South Island Electorates

- **Invercargill** to expand to include Riverton, Hedgehope and Glencoe.
- **Clutha-Southland** to expand to include Queenstown, Arrowtown and Roxborough.
- **Dunedin North** to extend north to include Palmerston.
- **Wigram** to lose Sydenham and Beckenham to Banks Peninsula and gain Addington and Hoon Hay.

Māori Electorates

Adjustments are proposed to the boundaries of five Māori electorates.

- **Te Tai Hauauru** – it is proposed the people from Ngati Maniapoto from Tainui be included in Te Tai Hauauru - joining the people of Ngati Raukawa.
- **Te Tai Tonga** to move southwards to a line from east to west through the Hutt Valley.
- **Ikaroa-Rawhiti** to extend to the western hills of the Hutt Valley to include Taita and Naenae.
- **Pare Hauraki-Pare Waikato** to replace Tainui. This electorate to include population from the Tamaki Makaurau electorate from the southern part of Manurewa. It is proposed the people from Ngati Maniapoto from the Tainui electorate join the people of Ngati Raukawa in the Te Tai Hauauru electorate.
- **Tamaki Makaurau** – population from the southern part of Manurewa to shift to the new electorate of **Pare Hauraki-Pare Waikato**.

2007 Representation Commission Proposed Boundaries Questions and Answers

1. What was the process for making decisions on the proposed boundaries?

Under the Electoral Act, the boundaries of the general and Māori electorates must be reviewed after each population census and Māori Electoral Option. Statistics New Zealand calculates the average population size for electorates following the census. The Representation Commission uses these electoral populations to review and redraw electorate boundaries.

2. How many people need to be in each new electorate?

The number of people in each electorate must be +/-5 percent of the required average population size (or quota) of each electorate.

The average size (or quota) for each electorate (+/-5 percent) must be:

- 57,243 people for North Island general electorates
- 57,562 people for South Island general electorates
- 59,583 people for Māori electorates.

3. What other criteria apply to deciding on the proposed boundaries?

To arrive at the required electoral population, the Representation Commission uses the following criteria to decide each of the electorate boundaries:

- existing electorate boundaries
- community of interest
- communications facilities – including links such as roads and telephone services
- topographical features – such as mountains and rivers
- projected variations in electoral populations – particularly large regional changes expected within five years.

In respect of Māori electorates, the Representation Commission uses the above criteria and also takes into account tribal affiliations when deciding the electorate boundaries.

4. Why is this number of changes needed?

Boundaries had to be moved to ensure the number of people living in each electorate was within +/-5 percent of the electoral population figures.

Thirty of the existing General electorates and three of the existing Māori electorates are outside the permitted range of population and require change. The Commission has had to make changes to all but eight of the electorates within the permitted range of population to balance the electorates outside the range.

5. Why have eight electorate boundaries remained the same?

The number of people living, or expected to live in the Whangarei, North Shore, Northcote, Tauranga, Kaikoura, Ilam, Te Tai Tokerau and Waiariki electorates is within the population quota, so no changes were needed.

6. Why is the new electorate in Auckland?

Increased population and a general eastwards shift of electorate boundaries in Auckland means an additional electorate in the south-east of Auckland is needed.

7. 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.

8. How do people have their say?

Anyone can make an objection to the proposed boundaries. There is also an opportunity to make a counter-objection. Objections must be received by 5pm Tuesday 5 June 2007. People can download an objection form from www.elections.org.nz or write in and make an objection. The Commission will release a summary of objections on 14 June. Counter objections must be received by 5pm June 28 2007. A counter objection form will be made available with the summary of objections.

9. Where will the summary of objections be available?

The summary of objections will be available online at www.elections.org.nz, libraries, Registrar of Electors' offices, council offices or council service centres, Te Puni Kōkiri regional offices, Māori Land Court offices and Runanga offices from 14 June.

10. When and where are the hearings?

The public hearings will run from 16 to 27 July 2007. The venues and detailed timings will be finalised once the objections and counter objections have been analysed.

11. When will the boundaries be finalised?

Final electorate boundaries will be released on 26 September 2007.

12. Where can people view the proposed boundaries?

The maps are available online at www.elections.org.nz or hard copies can be viewed at libraries, Registrar of Electors' offices, Council offices or a Council service centres, Te Puni Kōkiri regional offices, Māori Land Court offices and Runanga offices.

13. Can I get copies of the proposed new electorate maps?

Printed copies of the maps can be purchased from Terralink. Contact Terralink on 04 527 7019 or visit www.maps.co.nz/products.asp and order them online.

14. When will the new electorate boundaries be used?

The electorate boundaries will be used for the next two general elections. If a by-election is held before the next general election the existing boundaries will be used.

15. Who is on the Representation Commission?

The 2007 Representation Commission members are:

Chairperson	Judge Bernard Kendall
Ex-officio Members	
Chairperson Local Government Commission	Sue Piper

Chief Electoral Officer
Deputy Government Statistician
Surveyor General
Government representative
Opposition representative

Robert Peden
Cathryn Ashley-Jones
Don Grant
Hon David Caygill
Hon Roger Sowry

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

Ex-officio Member
Chief Executive of Te Puni Kōkiri
Government Māori representative
Opposition Māori representative

Leith Comer
Whetu Wereta
John McEnteer

16. What are the key dates for the 2007 Representation Commission?

3 May 2007	Proposed boundaries released
3 May - 5 June 2007	Objections (public submissions) on proposed boundaries received
14 June 2007	Representation Commission releases summary of objections received
14 - 28 June 2007	Counter objections received
6 July - 27 July 2007	Public hearings of objections and counter-objections
26 September 2007	Final electoral boundaries published

Is your electorate changing?

The electorate you live in, or its name, could be about to change.

Proposed new electorate boundaries for the next two general elections have been released.

To check out the changes go to:

- www.elections.org.nz
- your local library
- your local Registrar of Electors office
- Council offices or a Council service centre
- Te Puni Kōkiri regional offices
- Maori Land Court offices
- Runanga offices

You have until 5 June 2007 to have your say on the changes.

The new electorate boundaries will be finalised by the end of September and used in next year's general election.

Want to know more? Visit www.elections.org.nz or Freephone 0800 36 76 56.

Kei te whakarere kēngia tō rohe pōti?

**Tērā pea kei te whakarere
kēngia te rohe pōti kei reira koe
e noho ana, tōna ingoa rānei.**

Kua pānuitia ngā takiwā hōu kei te whakaarotia mō ngā rohe pōti mō ngā pōtitanga whānui e rua e whai ake nei.

Ki te āta titiro he aha ngā whakarerekētanga nei, haere:

- ki www.elections.org.nz
- ki te whare pukapuka o tō rohe
- ki te tari o Te Pouroki Kaipōti o tō rohe
 - ki ngā tari o te Kaunihera, tētahi pūtahi ratonga a te Kaunihera rānei
 - ki ngā tari ā-rohe a Te Puni Kōkiri
- ki ngā tari a Te Kōti Whenua Māori
 - ki ngā tari rūnanga

**Whakaputaina ō whakaaro mō ngā
whakarere kētanga mā te 5 o Pipiri 2007.**

Mā te mutunga o Mahuru ngā takiwā hōu mō ngā rohe pōti e whakaotia ai, ā, a te pōtitanga whānui o te tau e tū mai nei e uru mai ai.

Kei te hiahia koe i ētahi atu whakamārama?
Me toro i te pae tukutuku www.elections.org.nz,
waea i te waea kore utu 0800 36 76 56 rānei.

HOW TO MAKE AN OBJECTION

Any individual or organisation can make an objection to the proposed electoral boundaries. If you would like to make an objection, you will need to do this by 5.00 pm Tuesday 5 June 2007.

It's important to read through the reasons that are given for the proposed boundaries before making your objection. Check a copy of the report and the proposed boundary maps or visit the elections website <http://www.elections.govt.nz>.

Key things to consider when making your objection

Electorates must have a certain number of people in them. The limits for the number of people in each electorate are:

	<i>quota</i>	<i>+/- 5%</i>
North Island general electorates	57,243	2,862
South Island general electorates	57,562	2,878
Maori electorates	59,583	2,979

The electoral boundaries are set using criteria that are outlined in the Electoral Act. These criteria are listed below. Your objection to the proposed boundaries should also be based on these criteria.

- Existing boundaries – where these currently are located.
- Community of interest – this includes factors such as tribal affiliations for Maori electorates.
- Facilities of communications – this includes access to communications links such as roads and telephone services.
- Topographical features – this includes factors such as where mountains and rivers are located.
- Projected variations in electoral populations – this includes anticipated changes such as large increases or decreases in the size of the population between one set of boundaries and the next.

Remember to make sure you send your objection in time for it to reach the Commission by 5.00pm, Tuesday 5 June 2007.

OBJECTION FORM

Full name

Address
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Telephone number Day Night

Electorate your objection relates to

Your objection
(Attach additional pages
if required)
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Reasons for your objection
(Attach additional pages
if required)
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Suggested changes to the proposal to address the issue outlined in your objection
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Do you want to present your objection in person?

- Yes
- No

Checklist

Have you:

- included your name, address and telephone number
- filled in all of the sections in the objection form
- outlined your reasons for your objection based on the criteria that is used to set the boundaries.

Once you have completed your objection form, post, fax or email this to:

Representation Commission
PO Box 3220
Wellington
Fax: (04) 495 0031
Email: representation.commission@justice.govt.nz