

I object to the proposal to break the Panmure Community from Mt Wellington. At present both are in Tamaki Maungakiekie.

My reasons are:

1. Other surrounding electorates e.g. Tamaki, Epsom, Maungakiekie, Mangere, Manurewa, Botany and Pakuranga,- retain their identity and sense of cohesion under the changes, but Panmure, along with Glen Innes, Point England, parts of Mount Wellington and Otahuhu, will lose theirs.

2. The boundary change appears entirely arbitrary and follows no logical administrative pattern.

Panmure now sits within the Central Auckland Council and historically has always sat within that electoral boundary. From 1848, Panmure became central to the political administration of the local area through different highway districts. This proposed change ignores all of this area's history.

3. Voters in Panmure and Glen Innes will definitely feel disconnected from the larger Manukau East electoral area and possibly view future election campaigns will be centred on South Auckland issues.

4. 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.

5. The Tamaki Regeneration process foresees a significant population increase in Panmure, Glen Innes and Point England in coming decades. This is likely to force a reversal of this proposal by the Electoral Commission in years to come, which would then make this an unnecessary change to make at this point of time.

6. Our community has gone through an amazing amount of upheaval/change in the last couple of years and is unfair to disconnect and push us away from our Mountain/River (Maungakiekie/Tamaki).

Most of our Maori families have moved or been removed out of this area, due to the high prices of the new housing subdivision or not securing social housing, and will eventually fill with other ethnicities that would fall under General Roles?

7. Panmure has a long history and no connection to the Manukau East electorate. we will become a forgotten community in the Manukau Electorate.

Suggest/Solution/Alternatives

1. If there is to be an amalgamation of districts,
Leave the proposed sectioning of Panmure and Glen Innes as it is, under the Central Auckland City Council banner, and/or align it with the Mt Wellington area - which is a closer district - and quite removed from others currently aligned with Manukau, Mt Roskill is closer to Manukau/Mangere than either Panmure and Glen Innes.
2. 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?
It would be roughly equal in size to either Tamaki or Epsom, and would follow entirely natural boundaries.
3. "Leave as is" due to the massive development within this area, with housing more people, we can become a new electorate? called "Maungarei"
As mentioned in Reason *6, We foresees a significant population increase in Mt Wellington, Panmure, Glen Innes and Point England in coming decades. Increased people numbers as properties are going up, not out.