
From: Jeff Knight
Sent: Friday, 12 July 2019 12:12 p.m.
To:
Subject: Fwd: Proposal to Amend LG Boundary - Hull Road - Waiuku

Hi

As per phone conversation.

Regards

Jeff Knight

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From: Donald Riezebos <
To: '
Date: 12 July 2019 at 10:05
Subject: Proposal to Amend LG Boundary - Hull Road - Waiuku

Hi Jeff

Your e-mail concerning a possible boundary alteration affecting 91 Hull Road has been referred to me for reply. I apologise for how this has been dealt with in the past.

Below is information which I hope is of help to you.

There are two processes in the Local Government Act that could be used to deal with this proposal:

1. A request to the Minister of Local Government to alter the boundary under clause 5, Schedule 2 of the Local Government Act 2002 by notice in the New Zealand Gazette
2. An application to the Local Government Commission under Schedule 3 of the Local Government Act

The first of these options, under Schedule 2, is dependent on there being no electors on the part of the property to be transferred from one district to another – either on the residential roll or the ratepayer roll. Under this option the process would probably involve assessing the information you have already provided, seeking the views of the affected councils, and providing the Minister with a recommendation.

The second option, under Schedule 3, is a reasonably lengthy process with several steps in it and two phases of consultation. It was designed for much larger proposals, although it could deal with the issue you raise if necessary.

To me, using Schedule 2 option would seem to be the preferable option. It is less onerous for all parties involved. As noted above, however, its use is dependent on there being no electors on the electoral roll for the area to be transferred. I have sought advice from the Waikato District Council's electoral officer about this.

A further issue to note is that a change to a local government boundary requires a change to meshblock boundaries. Meshblocks are small geographic areas used for the collection of census data and the allocation of electors to electoral areas (for both Parliamentary and local government elections). Agreement would be required from Statistics New Zealand for a change to the meshblock boundary. I do not anticipate they would decline approval in this case but I will discuss that with them.

A particular issue here is that the local government boundary at Hull Road is also the boundary of Parliamentary electorates (both General electorates and Maori electorates). The boundaries of Parliamentary electorates must also conform with meshblocks. Electorate boundaries may only change after a review of all electorate boundaries by the Representation Commission. This occurs after each census. The results of the 2018 census are expected to be announced in September this year and the Representation Commission's review will commence shortly after that. New Parliamentary boundaries would be in place for the 2020 Parliamentary election. The consequence of all this is that any proposal to change the boundary at Hull Road would need to coincide, to some degree, with the Representation Commission's review. As this is coming up it should not be too much of a problem.

Subject to the electoral officer confirming no electors would be moved as a result of the boundary change, I'll assume that you'd prefer that option1 (Schedule 2) be used. I will pass on the necessary information to the Department of Internal Affairs officers who will be dealing with this matter.

After my discussions with the electoral officer and Statistics NZ the next likely step is seeking the views of the councils.

If you have any queries about this matter please contact me.

Regards

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