

Leanne Hamilton

From: Anashuya Fletcher [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, 10 September 2023 9:23 pm
To: MaoriWards
Subject: Establishment of Maori wards

Kia ora!

I am not tangata whenua. In general, I am supportive of a Maori ward for the following reasons:

- A Maori ward can strengthen inclusion of iwi Maori voices in decision making at the highest levels of the Council.
- Maori wards help to honour the Treaty of Waitangi in our local context.
- Maori wards will assist in getting a better representation of our community at the Council table and, therefore, promote democracy.

I would like to know what consultation has been done specifically with those who are eligible to be on the Maori electoral roll as this decision will impact them the most; making their views on this issue the most important.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

Kind regards
Anashuya Fletcher

Leanne Hamilton

From: P.H Hewson [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 8 September 2023 11:30 am
To: MaoriWards

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Unless there a overwhelming postive response from Maori themselves ..In my opinion it seems a lot is given away, almost a disenfranchisement for two seats on council.that said I favour a transference to a co governance model

Leanne Hamilton

From: Karen Williams [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 8 September 2023 1:33 pm
To: !Councillors
Subject: Submission for your consideration - Maori Wards

September, 8th 2023

Dear Councillors and Mayor

Few in our community recognize the personal cost to yourselves, the unique challenges this election term brings. But I do. Thank you.

Many believe the outcome is predetermined, consultation purely an exercise and hasty at that.

I share this concern, particularly with regard to Councillors who openly hold views that an individual's race should be the determining factor in selection for leadership. In my opinion an archaic viewpoint which evolved (egalitarian) societies do not hold.

Apologies for my lengthy submission but it is a sad day when New Zealanders must provide sufficient inarguable reasons to retain racial equality for all citizens.

October 24th 2023, 13 people - without public mandate & support - can impose democratic change which cannot be overturned by community majority.

I oppose the introduction of Maori wards - which blatantly denies the right to full seat representation for all citizens - both in Whanganui and throughout New Zealand for the following reasons:-

Te Ara <https://www.teara.govt.nz>

Online dictionary established 2001 NZ Government's Ministry for Culture and Heritage

"The Royal Commission on the Electoral System, established 1985, gave considerable thought to the future of the Maori seats. It's 1986 report concluded that separate seats had not helped Maori and that they would achieve better representation through a proportional party-list system. The commission therefore recommended that if it's favored mixed member proportional (MMP) system was adopted, the Maori seats should be abolished."

1993 following a national referendum. MMP adopted.

Maori seats retained through lobby groups.

At each election different campaigns promise to remove seats. 2023 is no exception.

The public are NOT informed

I have canvassed throughout Whanganui District, both rural and city, people from all walks of life. Despite the best efforts of our Democracy Officer few people, other than Iwi, are aware Council are asking for submissions. You saw my letter to the Chronicle.

With referendum denied, unless unquestionable data proves otherwise, Council members must assume that voters expectation is for elected Councillors to honor and retain the status quo ensuring Whanganui citizens retain their individual, equal right, to vote for ALL 12 seats and Mayor.

Of the few informed most stated submissions were in their experience pointless, consultation token. Disillusioned.

Announcements, predominantly online, have excluded too many of our foundation members who over decades have paid for and maintain our infrastructure.
However targeted groups, Iwi, Hapu, Kaumatua Kaunihera, etc are fully informed.

Democratic rights of the individual

It is ironic that Councillors in exercising their own democratic power will remove the right of others. Forever changing the rights of every member in this community both Maori and non Maori.

Your personal vote as a Councillor cannot be overturned by public referendum, forever recorded in this country's history.

Due to Local Electoral (Maori Wards and Maori Constituencies) Amendment Act 2021, Minister for Local Government Nanaia Mahuta,

A public referendum cannot overturn Council imposing Maori Wards. Few submitters will know this.

At last election Council were not given the mandate to alter local democracy

Maori Wards were not on the table. Therefore Councillors and Mayor have not been given the mandate to alter local democracy.

On that basis **Councillors who vote October 24th to implement Maori Wards will be expressing their personal view - not that of this community.**

Mayor Andrew Tripe campaigned to protect and retain local democracy. That expectation must be honored.

Co governance was discussed with many elected councillors pledging to uphold democratic selection rejecting race determined appointments or systems.

Councillors who mistakenly believe that Maori are not elected to Council due to racism reflect their own unsubstantiated personal bias

This view is insulting to past and current Councillors and Mayors, elected without the benefit of Wards. Both Maori and non Maori alike.

Views like this diminish the contributions of all Maori Parliamentarians, Acting Prime minister James Carroll (1909 & 1911), Ralph Love, Sir Apirana Ngata, Moko Tepania, Tory Whanau amongst many Maori elected who have worked and strived for their communities.

People of profile and calibre, in respect of race, are elected to lead communities, demonstrated by history.

Mostly it *is* a slur on this community. Offensive to people like myself. At each election I have chosen Maori candidates - not because of race - but because of confidence in that candidate's suitability.

Finally, look to your own voting papers at the last election and determine what your own selections were based on.

It is of concern that Councillors who hold views about racism might seek to appease their conscience by voting in support of Maori Wards unaware they are acting in a paternalistic manner.

Paternalistic because Maori Wards manipulate outcomes by reducing competition and full democratic right of Maori roll voters from representation of 12 seats down to only 2, with corresponding reduced candidate choice.

Councillors who believe Maori will never be elected without Maori Ward manipulating voting outcomes should look to history.

1893 suffrage

1919 Women can run for Parliament- many believed women would not be elected.

1933 Elizabeth McCombs - first

1949 Iriaka Ratana - first

2023 women make up 61% of Parliament, Party leaders, Governor General,

Descendants of Maori who prefer representation - only by their own race - must stand. Maori who demand same race representation - need to exercise their vote

It is as simple as that. We do not hobble horses in races so why should Maori lose 10 seat representation to reduce competition for candidates?

Data reflects that Maori descendants have (historically) poor voting rates. **Our aim should be to increase engagement not limit selection further.**

To say that Maori residents have no voice here in Whanganui is false

Councillors believing that by taking 12 seats leaving 2 they are giving a voice to Maori should acknowledge these voices

Te Awa Tupua a world first and of national significance - Te Pou Tupua, Gerard Albert

Our district recently boasted nationally of Te Puwaha collusion

Nga Tangata Tiaki O Whanganui

Tupoho

Kaumatua Kaunihera

Maori Women's Welfare League

Tamaupoko (TCLT)

Whanganui Land Settlement Trust

Pahia Turia until recently a leading figure at Whanganui & Partners

Harete Hipango, Tariana Turia, Adrian Ruruwhe, amongst many

Ratana church members

Other groups of equal significance

And Individuals who, like myself, have full access to a dedicated Council team

I have every confidence that this Council strives to enhance and improve cohesion and dialogue with ALL members of this community including Maori who whakapapa to this District. All are served equally by each one of the elected Councillors without regard to race, sex, age, religion etc.

Central government initiative not community initiative

Maori Wards are a central government party policy delivered by LGNZ and the LG Commission, a statutory body.

Not community initiated.

Policy not law. Therefore not compulsory. We have our systems in place.

Hasty timeframe suggests central government majority party are utilizing local government to implement and embed a political party policy 'interpretation' of Te Tiriti - not universally held or agreed to.

LGNZ (without consultation of members) were signatory to a HOA with Nanaia Mahuta to not oppose 3 Waters - now mandated against overwhelming opposition (800,000 in opposition). Along with other breaches of democracy.

No public referendum offered or allowed with few aware of the 2021 Act amendment - **Outrage is guaranteed - Intensified by it being subsequent to the event.**

It is imprudent, bordering on destructive, for 13 people to impose race based seats given the lack of community knowledge, lack of expected referendum and limited time frame for consultation.

Councillors will lose public trust.

Due diligence, education and comprehensive consultation seeking community support prior to the next elections will retain community harmony not intensify existing public distrust of government due to mandates and other perceived breaches of democracy.

Distrust and disillusionment will increase lack of engagement

46% at last election. Data supp01is Maori voter turnout is extremely poor.

Wards are tangible evidence of racial division. As are the two flags which have been (recently) flown daily outside Council.

Should Council impose Wards, then incoming government remove, there will be unnecessary community conflict, disharmony, resentment, loss of faith in local government. Rifts which may take years to heal.

Amongst Maori roll voters there is confusion that it is similar to Te Tai Hauauru. General roll are mostly oblivious.

Successful election of candidates to Council is based on

Candidate having an existing voting base & support - family, friends, associates

High public profile - social, business, cultural, religious & group affiliations

Election time enhanced voter familiarity

Personal promotion, cost, billboards, online etc

Known & past performance

Perceived suitability & competence - public meetings, newspaper, etc

Ratepayer vested interest

Religious and ethnic association - Ratana, Iwi, community mana, community affiliations

Data shows poor Maori descendant voter turn out

Apathy - Do not attribute more to any apathy you may have observed than what it is - not inter-generational grief, it is simply people getting on with their lives, concerned about cost of living etc - assured others have the helm,

Disinterest - also expressed in general population by 46% turnout last election

Tribal love - Te ao Maori is a traditional whakapapa lineage system, Ariki and Rangitira rule with majority living as noa Maori within a class system

Youthful population- Statistics show those descended from Maori have a higher percentage of youthful population - ineligible to vote

Eligible youth - often less engaged

Disheartened - shared by general population expressed by poor voter turnout and Council engagement
Many not enrolled - youthful, transient, tenant, etc
Poor Voter confidence reflected in low vaccine rates amongst Maori reported by government resulting in lockdowns, business mandates, resignations and dismissals, etc. increased distrust.

Maori roll is a subset not inclusive of all Maori descendants

As in my own family, many prefer the general roll because it offers increased choice.

Smaller subsets created by Maori Ward seats include

Iwi affiliation

Hapu affiliation

Local and outside Maori descendency

Lobby groups

Political party affiliations

Religious affiliation e.g. Ratana

Partial loyalty or full loyalty to affiliations will impact on voter selections risking lobby rather than true representation

Conflicts and differences in tikanga reflect there is no one "Maori lens" just as there is no one "pakeha lens"

Maori Wards introduce race based inequity and inequality of representation

Just as I do not speak for my own demographic neither does one Maori representative speak for all Maori. To believe otherwise is naive bordering on racism

Maori on the Maori roll - reduced from 12 seats - to only 2 (loss of 10)

Non Maori on general roll - reduced from 12 seats - to only 8/10 (loss of 2/4)

Maori descendants on general roll from 12 seats - to only 8/10 (loss of 2/4)

Both Maori and non Maori on general roll condemned to NEVER have right to vote for Maori (unless candidate standing on general roll)

Maori roll condemned to never vote for non Maori on general roll - law does not allow (despite personal preference and confidence)

History shows we are regressing not progressing

1893 NZ women first in the world to vote. Maori women can only vote for Maori seats. Men only.

Laws 1893 and 1896 completed almost full separation of Maori and European election systems

1893 to 1919 James Carroll (Maori) held a general seat/ 1909 & 1911 acting Prime Minister NZ

1919 women able to run for Parliament - 3 candidates stood, Ellen Melville placed 2nd out of 5 in Grey Lynn

1933 first woman in parliament Elizabeth Mc Combs

1949 First Maori woman, Iriaka Ratana, elected to Parliament

1967 Maori able to stand in general election

1993 MMP chosen in general referendum.

2023 Maori Wards= Maori women on the Maori roll can only vote for Maori

In just 130 years our women return to Maori only selection possibly **men only unless women stand.**

Maori women will no longer have full representation of 12 seats. Nor will Maori men.

Council would be reintroducing an archaic election system embedding a race based roll system into local government.

Under the current democratic system Maori women, regardless of roll selection, have the right to vote for all 12 seats.

That right must remain.

Individuals should not have to choose between rolls, 2 or 8/10 seats

2023 Maori women must have full representation at local government level. As must Maori men.

Maori Wards at local government are Labour Party undeclared policy

2021 Te Mana O Te Wai (Iwi only consultation) in place dictates to Taumata Arowai, water entities now under co governance

2021 Local Amendment Act by Nanaia Mahuta stops public referendum overturning Maori Wards,

2021 June LGNZ - without consultation - signed HoA with Nanaia Mahuta to not oppose 3 Waters.

2021 July Cabinet Papers #1 , # 2 and #3 "Protecting Maori/ Iwi Rights & Interests in Freshwater Delivery services" written by Nanaia Mahuta

2021 September All Councils & Mayors receive attached email x3 Cabinet papers by Nanaia Mahuta sent by a member of public

2021 October 3W (4 days before questions closed) Mandated. New RMA reform, local government review underway.

2023 Local Government reform delivered by LGNZ. 3 Water legislation passed, RMA.

2023 Government policy of Maori Wards at local government level in action

2023 Polls indicate a change of government pledged to remove Maori Wards

Whanganui District no longer own or have control of our water infrastructure.

Regardless of which roll, citizens will have unelected others at the table

Unelected responsible for debts incurred which ratepayers must pay, infrastructure and finances, long term plans which impact on everyone.

How can New Zealanders equal in law sharing same rights and duties (Article 3) be denied by law a public referendum by those who claim ownership of freshwater using their 'interpretation' of (Article 2) to substantiate their claims?

See (attached) Cabinet Paper #3 June 2021 "Protecting Maori/ Iwi Rights and Interests in Freshwater Delivery Services, Nanaia Mahuta (ex Minister Local Government)

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x!(JJ

I view denial of a referendum on Maori Wards as a breach of Article 3 the same rights and duties of citizenship= all citizens equal in law

Lobby groups, Intertribal rivalry and conflict over economic interests will not diminish with the introduction of Maori Wards

Denial of referendum is based on a false view that Pakeha majority are racist and would intentionally deny Maori descendants governance

Progress including suffrage, blended families, increased education are reflected in our laws, our schools, our homes.

The majority of homes in NZ share descendancy and whakapapa to multiple races.

Amongst Maori there is rejection of Maori wards. They too are denied voice.

Democracy and equal rights under one law are in the bill of rights. The alternative is we return to tribal rule. Or employ a dual system of governance and economics suggested in He Puapua.

Council would be well advised to

- 1. Retain local democracy status quo**
- 2. Ensure racial equality by guaranteeing individual voters full rights and access to all 12 seats and Mayor representation - in perpetuity**
- 3. Encourage public trust in Councillors & Mayor - retain local government by the community for the community**

- 4. Increase education and promote full understanding with determined measurable outcomes prior to next election**
- 5. Better utilize community networking systems**
- 6. Increase community engagement with Council**
- 7. Improve consultation methods and responses**

It is morally wrong to tolerate racism, irrespective of how well meaning it is. I hope that my beliefs are shared by you too.

Finally, I hope our community leaders will lead the way to ensure community harmony, tolerance, love, kotahitanga and whanaungatanga by retaining equality for every individual against external pressure which is based on vested political and economic interest.

I welcome that my submission be shared with other Councils considering Maori Wards.

Thank you for your consideration and patience in reading this lengthy document.

Karen Kiriwai M Williams (nee McKay)

Whanganui

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Leanne Hamilton

From: Frances Lavin [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 6 September 2023 12:29 pm
To: MaoriWards
Subject: Submission on Maori wards

We reject the idea of having separate Maori representation on our council.

To say that Maori are not already represented through the democratic system is not correct. We already have separate Maori seats in government and that is enough.

To say that successful Maori ward councillors represent Maori and also the whole community when they have only obtained their seat at the council table through the Maori roll, thereby denying the majority of voters a say, is not democracy. All candidates should be voted for by all voters who wish to exercise their democratic right to select those who represent them.

How can they represent the whole community when part of the community has been denied their right to vote them in? The Maori roll represents about 5% of the eligible voters in NZ. We would be then in the position of councillors being elected by a very small minority indeed. This is not representative democracy.

Brian and Frances Lavin

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The Mayor and Councillors, Wanganui District Council,
101 Guyton St, Wanganui 4500

6th September 2023

Re : Maori Ward Survey - online

Your Worship and Councillors,

With respect, you have a 'Survey' on the introduction of a Maori Ward?

Your mandate comes from the current N.Z. Government whose tenure expires on the 14th October 2023

Minister Mahuta denies us the right of petition or referendum.

You just sent a Rates bill to all Ratepayers so it would have been an easy and legitimate survey?

Instead, you have posted a 'robot tree', which allows multiple votes and infringes on our rights!

When Mayor Laws sought to reduce the number of Councillors from 12 to 9,

I appeared before the N.Z. Government Commission to challenge such reduction, on behalf of the Ratepayer's Assn, and was successful in retaining the status quo!

No Maori Ward was in the debate nor approved.

Any Maori Ward would need to reduce the number of Councillors proportionately.

My ancestors settled in Fordell in the 1860's. The Aramoho Light Horse and the

Kai Iwi Cavalry. World War 1 saw them at Gallipoli and Passchendaele.

World War 2, the Philippines, El Alamein, Casino, Japan and the White Sea.

Without their sacrifice, you would be speaking a different language. They would not have expected their descendants to be ethnically discriminated against.

You will have no ma11date!

Sincerely,
K.L Crafar

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Leanne Hamilton

From: Ian Brougham [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 4 September 2023 3:40 pm
To: MaoriWards
Subject: New maori wards

New maori wards,

Establishing maori is a means for councils to uphold the principle of partnership outline in Te Tiriti of Waitangi ensuring holistic representation at the council.

If you are going to put Maori wards on council without them been voted on like everyone else, then that is undemocratic and discriminates against all other New Zealand citizens based on race.

Dr Ranginui Walker past Head of Maori Studies at the Auckland University stated in the "1986 New Zealand Year Book", page 18, The traditions are quite clear on one point, whenever crew disembarked there were already tangata whenua) prior inhabitants) living in New Zealand:.

This is also confirmed by the attached letters from Crown Law, Ministers of the Crown and the Executive Council,, that the New Zealand Government does not have a definition of the indigenous people of New Zealand.

Attorney General, Sir Geoffrey Palmer introduced the "Five Principles for Crown Action on the Treaty of Waitangi" in 1986 to make it easier for the Waitangi Tribunal to settle claims. While it appeared in our Law, they were not made public until 3 years later. The Principles were based on both Freeman's compiled English version of the the Treaty of Waitangi and the Tiriti o Waitangi that had only one Principle, "He iwi tahi tatou- We are now one people".

The Principles were to help settle claims between the Crown and Maori without any consideration to non-Maori, except to pay the settlements or give up valuable public assets. Maori were never the first people to al Tive here in New Zealand, They came after the Pungapunga, Turehu, Patupaiarehe, Ngati Hotu., Waitaha

These were the true indigenous people. Tangata Whenua.the true meaning is (The ancient ones, or the people before us).

The spoken Language was Maori, the written language wasEnglish.

By Ian Brougham
Wanganui

Leanne Hamilton

From: Jill R [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 14 August 2023 1:06 pm
To: MaoriWards
Subject: Comments on your current survey

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I was not happy with your questionnaire and some of the personal details requested after responding to this survey. I do not like being pigeonholed or think that you require these details to gauge responses positively or negatively to proposed Maori Wards.

Where I live, my age, my ethnicity, should be irrelevant. 11 vote in Whanganui and that should be sufficient information.

Concerned voter,
Jill

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From: robyn westwood [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, 12 August 2023 6:56 pm
To: MaoriWards
Subject: NO to Maori Ward

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Personally I don't think its necessary, Wanganui is or should be one community (so should the whole of NZ be)
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Leanne Hamilton

From: Gary Moles [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 9 August 2023 2:07 pm
To: MaoriWards
Subject: Maori wards

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I am in favour of the establishment of two Maori wards on the Whanganui District Council with the following provisos:

1. There be no increase in the total number of elected councillors. This is covered in the explanatory notes but has to be enshrined legally.
2. There be noun-elected Maori representatives on any Council committee especially with voting rights.
3. The cmTent practice of meeting 8 (?) times a year with each of the two main iwi is to cease

G J Moles
Castleliff.

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Leanne Hamilton

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 9 August 2023 11:51 am
To: MaoriWards
Subject: Maori Ward Survey .

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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To whom it concerns,

Re your request for points of view on maori ward seats on the council , I am totally against them.
Every one is entitled to sit/stand for council & why should a minority have "more "rights than others.

[REDACTED]

Many of times & the minority can take what they like from it for their own benefit.

With these extra seats, who is paying for them? We as rete payers are already struggling to pay this years rate.
Get some sense & speak to the silent majority, not the selected few.

D S Ockey

Disgruntled Rate Payer

[REDACTED]

Leanne Hamilton

From: Ann on hamonica [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 9 August 2023 11:40 am
To: MaoriWards
Subject: Maori Wards

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I am not in favour of Maori Wards, I firmly believe in one person one vote.
It would be a retrograde step like going back to one land owner one vote.
I believe Maori Wards would be like appartite is that what we want????

Regards

Dave

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From: Grant Huwyler [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 30 August 2023 11:28 am
To: MaoriWards; Pahia Turia; Pahia Turia (pahia.s.turia@gmail.com)
Subject: Re: Maori ward engagement

Kia ora Leanne,

Te Ruunanga o Ngaa Wairiki - Ngaati Apa supports Maori Wards.

Ngaamihi
Grant Huwyler
Group CEO

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From: MaoriWards <MaoriWards@whanganui.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2023 10:52:56 AM
To: Grant Huwyler [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Subject: Maori ward engagement

Kia ora

We're getting in touch seeking feedback from Te Runanga o Nga Wairiki Ngati Apa on the topic of Maori wards.

The establishment of Maori wards for local election is governed by the Local Electoral Act 2011 as part of a representation review. A representation review looks at how many councillors there should be for our council, the boundaries of the area each represents, and the names of those areas. The legislation requires a representation review is carried out every six years.

The first part of the representation review is for the council to consult with Maori and the community, to gauge if there is support for Maori wards at the next local election in 2025.

After receiving and reviewing the community's feedback, the council will decide whether to adopt Maori wards or not at a council meeting on **24 October 2023**.

We are keen to hear from our Maori community.

How you can help

- Visit our website and complete the survey: [link](#)
- Email your feedback or questions to: maoriwards@whanganui.govt.nz
- Share this with your networks and encourage them to have a say

Individual feedback is available through email and the survey linked above. ***Should your iwi wish to provide comment as a group, please email maoriwards@whanganui.govt.nz.***

If you have a group that would like to meet to discuss this further, please email maoriwards@whanganui.govt.nz with a date and time and we will do our best to attend.

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Leanne Hamilton

From: Hayden |Cuzzybrews <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 7 September 2023 8:02 am
To: MaoriWards; novena.mcguckin@tetumupaeroa.co.nz
Subject: Re: Maori ward engagement

Thanks for the reminder. Here is our feedback:

The Maori population is 26% of Whanganui city

The electoral turn out for the whole of Whanganui was 46 percent

Maori voter turn out is historically low across the country

If the majority of Maori in Whanganui voted it has the power to decide the election

Our view is that strong representation on Maori seats would have a significant effect on voter turn out it would also make decision by the council more in line with how our people think

District and regional council have significant powers and their decisions are arguably more impactful on things we care about

Our view is that Patutokotoko should support Maori seats but we recognise this is a significant change and requires more than a feedback email type of engagement process. Our advice is to contact Maori Ward councillors currently in place throughout the country to come and speak to hapu and iwi to better understand how they fulfil their role and give greater voice to hapu, iwi and Maori in within our democratic system.

There is a current debate that the risk of Maori wards is it takes out the need for hapu and iwi. This is not the case from our perspective but there needs to be an educational aspect leading into the decision.

Hope this helps!

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Whanganui District Council
101 Guyton Street, Whanganui 4500

Dr Meri Haami & Tumanako Haami
Ngati Hine-korako
Hapu representatives

Email: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Re: Maori ward engagement

Tena koutau katoa,

He uri o Te Awa Tupua. Ko Ngati Hine-korako te hapu. Ka nui te mihi mote korero o nga Maori wards.

Our names are Meri Haami and Tumanako Haami and we are the hapu representatives for Ngati Hine-korako serving on both Te Runanga o Tamaupoko and Te Runanga o Te Awa Tupua.

We are writing this letter in support of the establishment of Maori wards within the Whanganui District Council. We distributed the panui to our hapu including the survey, and we also received some feedback stating that hapu are in support of the establishing Maori wards. Hapu are concerned and want a Maori and specifically, Whanganui Iwi voice to be present at Council that ensures the health and well-being of our people are sustained.

For any further patai or korero, please do not hesitate to contact either Tumanako or myself.

On behalf of the Ngati Hine-korako representatives, nga mihi nui ki a koutau,



Dr Meri Haami

Leanne Hamilton

From: Rawiri Tinirau [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 11 September 2023 9:11 am
To: MaoriWards
Subject: Re: Maori ward engagement

Morena Leanne

At our Ngati Hine and Ngati Ruaka hapu hui yesterday, we agreed to support the introduction of Maori wards in the Whanganui District Council.

Nga mihi
Rawiri

From: MaoriWards <MaoriWards@whanganui.govt.nz>
Date: Thursday, 7 September 2023 at 10:15 AM
To: Rawiri Tinirau <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Maori ward engagement

Kia ora Rawiri

Thank you for your reply.

I look forward to receiving your hapu feedback on Monday.

Nga mihi
Leanne

From: Rawiri Tinirau [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 7 September 2023 7:56 am
To: MaoriWards <MaoriWards@whanganui.govt.nz>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Maori ward engagement

Kia ora Leanne

Our hapu hui is on Sunday- can we please get our hapu thoughts to you on Monday please?

Nga mihi
Rawiri

On 7/09/2023, at 7:53 AM, MaoriWards <MaoriWards@whanganui.govt.nz> wrote:

Kia ora

This is a courtesy email for those who may not yet had their say. Feedback closes apopo and I encourage you and your whanau to provide your whakaaro if you haven't already done so.

Nga mihi



Te Kaahui o Rauru

Maaori Wards
Whanganui District Council
Whanganui4500

By email transmission - maoriwards@whanganui.govt.nz

Teena koe,

Establishment of Maaori Wards in Whanganui District

As part of the representation review currently being undertaken by the Whanganui District Council under the Local Electoral Act 2011, Te Kaahui o Rauru Trust, the post settlement governance entity of Ngaa Rauru Kiihahi iwi were asked for their opinion on the establishment of Maaori wards at the next local election in 2025.

This letter is to confirm that at the Te Kaahui o Rauru Trust hui held 3 September 2023 this proposal of establishing Maaori wards for local election in the Whanganui district was discussed and Te Kaahui o Rauru Trust **support** this proposal. Having experienced the benefits of Maaori wards across the other local territorial areas the Ngaa Rauru Kiihahi rohe encompasses, we believe establishment will have positive outcomes for not just iwi Maaori in Whanganui, but the rest of our community.

We have encouraged our whaanau residing in the Whanganui district to have their say on this issue and look forward to hearing a positive result from the October council meeting.

If you require any further information, please advise.

Naaku noa, naa

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