

Start Date	Do you support the introduction of Māori wards in Whanganui District Council?	What are your reasons for the above response?	Do you live in the Whanganui District?	Which age group do you belong to?	Which ethnicity do you identify as? (tick any that apply)	
Response	Open-Ended Response	Response	Response	Response	NZ European	Māori
11-Sep	No	1 person 1 vote, this is a racist idea.	No	40-49		
11-Sep	No	Councillors should be elected on their own merits. There is nothing under the current system preventing a person of Maori heritage from putting their name forward for election. There is a sufficient population of Maori in Whanganui for them to be elected under the general role should they campaign well and get their people to vote. To say that this won't cost more is deceptive, it is another layer of bureaucracy over and above the status quo and will inevitably cost more to run, will those on the Mori role foot the bill for this extra cost or all rate payers? I would be willing to bet all of us. Despite best intentions of some it has been proven time and time again that Maori in leadership roles don't have the best interests of the general public at heart and only care about lining the pockets of a select few, leaving a majority of their people in the poverty they like to blame on colonization. Finally it is against basic human rights to discriminate based on race, having a system where certain people are elected to a position where the decisions they make can have an effect on all those who reside in Whanganui based on race is in itself racist.	Yes	30-39		
10-Sep	Yes	Māori are the original land owners and kaitiaki of this area. They deserve the right to be able to have a voice on how the council treat this land and its people.	Yes	30-39		Māori
10-Sep	Yes	Equity & partnership	Yes	18-29		Māori
10-Sep	No	Undemocratic. Maori can and do stand for election as can every other race. The Treaty is a document signed by Maori and the Crown. It has absolutely nothing to do with the Council.	Yes	50-59	NZ European	
10-Sep	No					
10-Sep	No	Racist. Run for election and be voted in like everyone else. Not that this poll will matter. Majority voted against the H in Wanganui but it still went ahead.	Yes	60 years or over	NZ European	Māori
10-Sep	Yes	Maori councils for Maori purposes	Yes	50-59		Māori
9-Sep	Yes	The introduction of Māori wards is essential. Firstly, it acknowledges and honours He Whakaputanga and Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Secondly, it ensures that māori voices are being heard in spaces that don't often recognise māori wellbeing or concerns. With the potential for one of the most harmful right wing governments being voted in in this years election, we need māori wards more than ever. Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa.	Yes	30-39		Māori
9-Sep	No	They have every opportunity to use their individuality to influence council along with all other citizens	Yes	60 years or over		
9-Sep	No	They should be elected democratically like everyone else.	Yes	60 years or over	NZ European	
9-Sep	Yes	mean	Yes	50-59		
9-Sep	Yes	Te Tiriti o Waitangi. A good treaty partner looks after the other. We have rural Ward's but not Māori Wards unacceptable really.	Yes	50-59		Māori
9-Sep	Yes	Will guarantee a voice for Māori in decision making for our community	Yes	30-39		Māori
9-Sep	No		Yes	40-49	NZ European	Māori
8-Sep	No	I like to elect people in the council, not have them forced on me because of their skin colour. It's divisive, discriminatory and it's identity politics.	Yes	60 years or over	NZ European	
8-Sep	Yes	To have māori voice and representation in council decision making	Yes	40-49		Māori
8-Sep	No	In the first instance Council has been negligent in notifying the general public of this extremely important issue. There should have been numerous paid for "Public Notices" in our various news papers and publications. As a consequence the general public have not been informed and are totally ignorant of the issue. With reference to my non support of the introduction of Maori wards, I find that this is outwardly divisive and would be a regression for our community. To reduce the choice for both Maori and non Maori voters in selecting local government representation, based on race, is both undemocratic and racist.	Yes			

8-Sep	No	In an article in 2022 it appeared that Maori wards were not the preferred option of Whanganui iwi. It was stated"... Whanganui iwi are seeking a different working relationship with council – something that can demonstrate the Treaty partnership more fully than Māori wards ... their wish is to be engaged in consultation at the start of any process." We are all New Zealanders and should be working together in a democratic relationship, regardless of what race we are. I have no problem with iwi being consulted but feel Maori wards are not democratic. We have had Maori councillors before on the Whanganui District Council and they have been well respected but our members of council should be based on what they individually bring to the council table, not on race	No	60 years or	NZ European
6-Sep			Yes		
8-Sep	Yes	We need them and they are great but the community please don't take that away	Yes	50-59	Māori
8-Sep	Yes	It will ensure Māori to have a voice in everything that comes across the council table	Yes	50-59	Māori
8-Sep	No	I feel it contributes towards creating separatism, rather than bringing ALL New Zealanders together.	No	60 years or	NZ European
8-Sep	Yes	The more we know, the better we must do. There's no doubt that Māori have an inequitable voice in local democracy. We don't all start at the start line. This is best explained with the analogy displayed here - https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=4K5fbQ1-zps I am fortunate to have had a head start as Tangata Tiriti and I have had an opportunity to grow a deep appreciation and respect for Te Ao Māori. I grew up on the banks of the Whanganui. To make decisions on this district's future without dedicated Māori voices at the table would only serve to delay the necessary growth required for holistic decision making. I know that Māori Wards are not a perfect solution. They are still prone to the personalities and particular interests of those who hold those seats. However, what they do achieve is a shift in focus for strategic oversight and a greater impetus for elected members to fulfil their obligations as Treaty partners. I know this because I now live outside the district and work for a council which introduced Māori Wards in 2021. There is a plague of misinformation that has consumed the online sphere and beyond. I urge you as decision makers to test your sources and recognise the markers of the anti co governance movement and associated vitriol. It's not a cure all, but introducing Māori Wards will change the way your Council approaches its decision making - with a lens that is more reflective of the people and the environment you serve	No	40-49	NZ European
8-Sep	Yes	Maori need to be included in council decision making.	Yes	60 years or	NZ European Māori
8-Sep	No	I don't believe that voting for only two candidates and the mayor via the Māori Roll is a fair way to bring Māori representation to the council. Being on the Māori Roll means restricted participation in the democratic process. Let's explore other ways to create a more equitable approach. Adopting Māori Wards isn't a step in the right direction; in my opinion, it's a half measure that will stop us from thinking about more creative ways to create equity.	Yes	60 years or	NZ European
8-Sep	No	Everyone should be elected on their own merit, no matter what ethnicity	Yes	60 years or	NZ European
8-Sep	No		Yes	30-39	NZ European Māori
8-Sep	Yes	It is the right if the Maori people to have a voice from their perspective	Yes	60 years or	NZ European
8-Sep	Yes	To have a fair and equitable input to improve outcomes for Māori.	Yes	40-49	Māori
8-Sep	Yes	Equality	Yes	30-39	Māori
8-Sep	Yes	Show Commitment to the partnership of the tiriti and break the cycle. Encourage all cultures in our city to come together as one to discuss important issues concerning our city. So many opportunities to explore with maori input.	Yes	50-59	Māori
8-Sep	No	We are equal, do not support division divided by race	Yes	50-59	NZ European
8-Sep	Yes	Experience on council underlines more diversity is needed	Yes	50-59	NZ European Māori

8-Sep	No	I strongly oppose the establishment of Maori wards in Whanganui for several reasons. Maori wards are undemocratic. They give Maori disproportional representation on council. I believe in "One person, One vote." No matter what a person's creed, colour, religion or beliefs may be. Maori wards are a form of racism. When one race or ethnic group has special privileges over all other people then that is racism. Maori wards are against the Treaty of Waitangi. The Treaty is supposedly New Zealand's founding document. It is not a partnership agreement between Maori and the Crown. There is no "principle of partnership committed to in Te Tiriti o Waitangi." The treaty plainly states that - Article One: "The chiefs of the confederation of united tribes, and the other chiefs who have not joined the confederation, cede to the Queen of England forever the entire sovereignty of their country." Article two: "The Queen of England confirms and guarantees to the chiefs and the tribes and to all the people of New Zealand, the possession of their lands, dwellings and all their property. But the chiefs of the Confederation of the United Tribes and the other chiefs grant to the Queen, the exclusive rights of purchasing such lands as the proprietors thereof may be disposed to sell at such prices as may be agreed upon between them and the person appointed by the Queen to purchase from them. Article three: "In return for the cession of their sovereignty to the Queen, the people of New Zealand shall be protected by the Queen of England and the rights and privileges of British subjects will be granted to them.' There was no partnership agreement. The Chiefs who signed the treaty on behalf of their people ceded sovereignty to the Queen of England and were granted the SAME protection, rights and privileges as all other British subjects. I believe I Honour the Treaty by agreeing that we should all have the same levels of protection, rights and privileges. I believe that by establishing Maori Wards in Whanganui it will create more division and resentment amongst some.	Yes	60 years or over		
8-Sep	No	I believe it adds to further division. Every person is eligible to run for council and vote for their preferred candidate. If a person cannot win their seat against a panel of others then they have not earned their seat. I would much prefer more focus and resources going into supporting people from all backgrounds to run and encouraging a more diverse crowd to vote.	Yes	30-39	NZ European	Māori
8-Sep	Yes	To bring a te ao Māori perspective to decisions, not just for benefit of Māori but for whole community	Yes	60 years or over	NZ European	
8-Sep	No	Racist.	Yes	50-59	NZ European	
8-Sep		To ensure Māori are represented in local government decision making for a fair and effective community representation.	Yes	50-59		Māori
8-Sep	Yes	It could be a good tool for both the Maori and the community to utilize to try and assist Maori who struggle with fitting in with the community and harming it in the process	Yes	40-49	NZ European	
8-Sep	Yes	in recognising the inequities in Whanganui due to Te Tiriti o Waitangi not being honoured through colonisation, it is important that voice for Māori in our community is secured.	Yes	40-49	NZ European	
8-Sep	No	You should be elected onto council by your merits not race	Yes	60 years or over		
8-Sep	No	Race based. Should be elected	Yes	60 years or over	NZ European	
8-Sep	No	Everyone on the council should be voted on by all not just some. If you don't get enough votes you don't get on the council	Yes	60 years or over	NZ European	
8-Sep	No	Are we also going to have Pakeha Wards? Asian Wards? Samoan Wards? When are people going to start to co-exist regardless of the colour of their skin? That's why no, I do not believe we should have Maori Wards in Whanganui District Council	Yes	50-59	NZ European	
8-Sep	No	The Council makes an assumption that is badly awry. Nowhere in the Treaty is there mention of "partnership". Read what Sir Peter Bucks says in his speech celebrating 100 years of the Treaty in 1940, for the truth. The false premise Council relies on is a fiction created by Maori elitists, many now part of a caucus part of the current Govt.	Yes	60 years or over	NZ European	
8-Sep	No	Maori are quite capable of standing for Council on their own merits. They don't need special wards to have a say.	Yes	60 years or over	NZ European	
8-Sep	Yes	Because Māori should have their voice at the table	Yes	60 years or over	NZ European	Māori
8-Sep	No	Currently anyone can get elected if they get the votes, why does this need to change? we are already paying for enough councillors	Yes	50-59		
8-Sep	No	There is no partnership in the treaty. Māori don't need a special voice. They can contribute to decision making without a special ward, just like everyone else. They have the same rights and responsibilities as us all. Apartheid governance is beginning with councils. It will, no doubt progress to government. I say no to Māori wards.	No	60 years or over		
8-Sep	No	We already have plenty of urban and rural Councillors to serve our needs.	Yes	50-59	NZ European	
8-Sep	No	Because it is racist.	Yes	60 years or over	NZ European	
8-Sep	No	I find this very racist. If we had pakeha wards there would be an outcry so I don't see how this is acceptable.	Yes	40-49		
8-Sep	No	Anyone who wants to stand for Council should do so in the usual manner as everyone else.	Yes	60 years or over	NZ European	
8-Sep	Yes	I'd like to see more indigenous/Māori input and influence. I'd also like to know that we'd definitely have Māori input on decisions for Whanganui	Yes	60 years or over		Māori
17-Aug	No		Yes	60 years or over	NZ European	

8-Sep	No	We willingly pay a significant amount of money in the way of rates in the belief they will utilized in a way that is for the betterment of Whanganui as a whole. All ratepayers get a chance to elect the candidates they believe will be the best option to progress the city. Ethnicity should have no favour. Do we want a council that meets the needs of its ratepayers or the needs of factions. Please start running this like a business that succeeds.	Yes	30-39	NZ European	Māori
8-Sep	No	No race for any reason should be given any place in council to decide anything. We are all Newzealanders and all can be represented at voting time ,including Maori .	No	60 years or	NZ European	
8-Sep	Yes	Giving effect to mana whenua, principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, working under principles of Tupua te Kawa, increase the diversity of representation at the Council table.	Yes	50-59		Māori
8-Sep	Yes	Better reflection of the Treaty of Waitangi. More input from the Maori partner.	Yes	60 years or	NZ European	
8-Sep	No	the local iwi already have a say now. no need for a special seat.	Yes		NZ European	Māori
8-Sep	No	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 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 Māori 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 Māori seats. It's 1986 report concluded that separate seats had not helped Māori 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 Māori seats should be abolished." 1993 following a national referendum. MMP adopted. Māori 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 Māori and non Māori. Your personal vote as a Councillor cannot be overturned by public referendum, forever recorded in this country's history. Due to Local Electoral (Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Act 2021, Minister for Local Government Nanaia Mahuta, A public referendum cannot overturn Council imposing Māori Wards. Few submitters will know this. At last election Council were not given the mandate to alter local democracy Māori 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 Māori 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 Māori 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 Māori and non Māori alike. Views like this diminish the contributions of all	Yes			
8-Sep	No	I believe that it unfair and disenfranchising to Maori..in exchange for two seats ,they don't get to choice similar number of candidates who might reflect there interests and leaning as those on general roll	Yes	60 years or	NZ European	
8-Sep	No	Why are they more special than the rest of us	Yes	60 years or	NZ European	
8-Sep	Yes	Māori needs and response to illness differs from pākehā. The generalisation of health care response based on the needs of a pākehā is not effective care for Māori and gaining a better understanding and catering to the specific needs of Māori is necessary.	Yes	18-29	NZ European	Māori
8-Sep	Yes	To ensure the needs of the tangata whenua are acknowledged, meet the needs and our voice valued - we wouldn't be asking this question if colonisation hadn't occurred it would be the other way around and thats why. Plus there is only one view on our council, and that is white because we are only valuable to the council when they need a box ticked.They say at local elections it's the peoples choice about who gets in on council and it's always a white wash. Māori have no voice on council	Yes	40-49		Māori
8-Sep	Yes	I support having more local Māori representation in this forum because they adopt a relational, inclusive and restorative approach to working with all people from a Māori cultural positioning and supporting government agencies to realise their obligations to the Tiriti o Waitangi/the Treaty.	Yes	40-49		Māori

8-Sep	No	Whanganui District Council represents everyone and if not why not. Currently, my understanding is that there are NO wards in the council which should be readjusted. I would like to see a council person made responsible for district and suburban wards. eg Person A is responsible for Whanganui East. Therefore, the hoi poloi can contact that representative with concerns of that area etc. Maori Wards it is suggested represent ALL but in reality are seen as exclusive and divisive.	Yes	60 years or over		
8-Sep	Yes	Being an honorable treaty partner, allowing Maori to be represented in a way that aligns with te ao maori, recognizes the appropriate way for a maori voice to be heard - through mana not popularity.	Yes	30-39	NZ European	Māori
8-Sep	Yes	Because it shows council commitment to their obligations under Te Tiriti o Waitangi and to Hapū/Iwi. The process is, however, flawed and disadvantages Māori as their votes are reduced to 2 as opposed to the general roll who have 10. It also means those on the Māori roll cannot vote for other Māori on the general roll. The process is an unequitable one and whilst everyone agrees there is no further exploration of how this could be changed and an acceptance of the status quo. There has been no real clear articulation of the process councillors use to make their individual decisions, bearing in mind two will lose their positions to make space for Māori. Apart to state they consult with various people, including Hapū. But how does their own personal value set impact on this decision? what is their level of cultural competency (for want of a better word) to inform their personal decisions, and I'm not talking about developing competency in our culture such as Te Reo or tikanga, but their knowledge of what a Te Tiriti partner's obligations are, how do you apply Tupua te Kawa, how can Māori frameworks and models be embedded, and most importantly how can or do they even want to create space for Māori. There are known Councillors who have been blatantly and publicly racist, the history of Whanganui is brutal and divided, built on colonialism with massive land theft and resulting ongoing struggle for Māori to reclaim and reassert their Tino Rangatiratanga. We see this impact in all of the social issues council is focusing on and the WLSNT claims are forthcoming. How does Council address these smoldering issues without Māori in that decision making process? How does the council address the conscious and unconscious bias amongst these 12 Tauwiwi who are about to determine whether or not they will allow space for Māori at the tepu. Space for Māori at the tepu means providing the Māori lens you are all saying you so need to learn. A Māori lens provided by Māori is needed at the council tepu and it is a sad reflection on our society that we are still relying on tauwiwi to "consider" this – for us. How do we engage Rangatahi and Māori interest to even vote? 46% voter turnout reflects an apathetic disengaged community, what percentage of that was Māori? For Māori to engage they need to see relatable tangata on the council, there is nothing currently appealing for our rangatahi or whānau. If the council was wanting to be transformational, they would explore other ward options within this "wider review" and challenge the inequities in the voting process alongside Hapū to actually increase the amount of Māori seats and representation in council. Council talks about changing their approach to engage with Māori and yet this process is status quo. When I refer to Hapū I mean whānau who make up their Hapū. How has council engaged with whānau, this could be done by holding your "community korero" at Marae to elicit the voice of whānau, there has been minimal comms on this kaupapa that would engage Māori - and nothing for Rangatahi. Sometimes those representing Hapū are not actually representing the voice of whānau and their views may disagree based on various political/Iwi factions. How has the council ensured they have captured enough feedback? Council talks about having more "diverse" representation as Whanganui is multicultural, Council needs to start by meeting their obligations to Mana Whenua before any other diversity is sought.	Yes	50-59	NZ European	Māori
8-Sep	Yes	We need to involve the Iwi in the process	Yes	40-49	NZ European	
8-Sep	Yes	equity	Yes	50-59		Māori
8-Sep	No	Every citizen has an equal say at present. We don't want to establish an apartheid state. This will be a recipe for disaster in the future.	Yes	60 years or over	NZ European	
8-Sep	No	If maoris want a seat on want a seat on council they can stand and if they are good enough they will get in.	Yes	60 years or over	NZ European	
8-Sep	Yes	For honoring Te Tiriti o Waitangi. We need representation, we need a voice. My question to you is....why do you need to do a poll for this if you are all about honoring Te Tiriti o Waitangi. This shouldn't be an option. We have wa too any racist people in our community. The people that vote against it perplex me as they never even have anything to do with the Maori wards. All of this makes me so sad. Yes we all have rights yes we are all kiwis but we all don't fit in the same box, we all have different needs and beliefs and as long as no one is getting hurt I don't understand why so many people are frightened of Maori.	Yes	40-49		Māori
8-Sep	Yes	They know how to give our voice for our ppl	Yes	40-49	NZ European	Māori
8-Sep	No	Equal rights of representation for everyone. Māori do not need any extra help with anything, they are just as capable as anyone else is in being elected	Yes	60 years or over		
8-Sep	Yes	Equity and honouring the treaty	Yes	60 years or over		
8-Sep	No	Don't deserve anything based on their race,they aren't even native to New Zealand, just here before the treaty	Yes	40-49		
8-Sep	Yes	Maori representation at present is at the whim of predominantly Pakeha voters, a proportion of whom are racist. Any Maori elected at present becomes a convenient go to person, hardly true representation. Maori wards would solidify Iwi contribution to Whanganui.	Yes	60 years or over	NZ European	
8-Sep	Yes	Equality	Yes	50-59		Māori
8-Sep	No	Because it's a terrible idea	Yes	40-49	NZ European	

8-Sep	No	All people have the right to represent the whole of the community not just certain ethnic groups.	Yes	60 years or	NZ European
8-Sep	No	I find Maori ward divisive and a economic step backwards for the city.	Yes	50-59	NZ European
8-Sep	Yes		Yes	40-49	Māori
8-Sep	Yes	Because it aligns with the treaty agreements	Yes	18-29	Māori
8-Sep	No	Everybody already has equal voting rights and an equal say	Yes	50-59	NZ European
8-Sep	No	One person one vote.	Yes	60 years or	NZ European
8-Sep	Yes	To honour the Treaty intent and allow for Maaori to be better represented	Yes	50-59	Māori
8-Sep	Yes	If there was an option for unsure, I would have chosen that. But I am leaning more towards yes, downplaying Whanganui's political nuances.	Yes	30-39	NZ European Māori
8-Sep	No	We are all New Zealanders and this is just more racial bias and separation. This is not equality for all the people of this land and makes for division and segregation in society which is NOT ok!	Yes	50-59	NZ European
8-Sep	Yes	It is important for tangata whenua to have a voice in government at all levels.	Yes	50-59	NZ European
8-Sep	Yes		Yes	30-39	Māori
8-Sep	Yes	To help out with rate rise people can't afford it ... Pensioners unemployed Families the struggle is real back there... Disgusting	No	60 years or over	Māori
8-Sep	Yes	So I can sit @ the council table @ the moment there is NO Maori there...	Yes	60 years or over	Māori
8-Sep	Yes	When they walk in the "room" people put on their best behavior. They are well respected in the community 🙏 1 Chronicles 9:23 23 So they and their children had the oversight of the gates of the house of the LORD, namely, the house of the tabernacle, by wards.	Yes	60 years or over	
8-Sep	No		Yes	60 years or	NZ European
8-Sep	Yes	Because Māori should always have a say and be included on council decisions and the treaty should always be honoured. Shared Power and equity needs to be a thing.	Yes	30-39	
8-Sep	Yes	So that iwi, hapu and tangata whenua of Whanganui are included in the kaitiakitanga of whenua me te awa tupua, nga mihi nui.	Yes	30-39	Māori
8-Sep	Yes	Fair representation of Māori people	Yes	40-49	NZ European
8-Sep	Yes	50% of council should be tangata whenua	Yes	40-49	Māori
8-Sep	No	As rate payers we are already overpaying for things. You have staff that are in competent and can respond to messages. You can't fix water leaks that have been reported. I think you need to get your staffing right before you bring on more issues. There is a lot to be addressed in the council. If the staff can't do their jobs, they can't be needed. Clean up the internal mess. As a ratepayer I refuse to have my hard earned money going towards giving the Māoris more. Enough is enough. We don't have to be like others.	Yes	50-59	NZ European
8-Sep	No	There are already people in council supporting these causes and areas.	Yes	60 years or	NZ European
8-Sep	No	All ethnicities should be able, and are able to run for council. Why should people of Maori ethnicity be any different to any other ethnicity running for council. They don't need hand holding and to be 'given' seats... we live in 2023, where everyone no matter your ethnicity can run for a council seat. I believe Maori people are very capable of putting forward a capable candidate or 7 if they wish...and if they prove themselves to be good for the job for the WHOLE district and ALL people, they will be voted in....like any other council member.	Yes	40-49	
8-Sep	No	There is absolutely NO place in democracy for any race based representation.	Yes	40-49	
8-Sep	No				
8-Sep	Yes	They are regional but not specifically whanganui, why not here?			
8-Sep	No	Racist, separatist. What next separate wards for disabled, LGBTQ, idiots, stupid people?	Yes	40-49	
8-Sep	No				
8-Sep	No	Not necessary, people should be on Council by having the right experience not by race only.	Yes	60 years or	NZ European
8-Sep	Yes	A te ao Māori lens in caring for our taiao, awa, whenua... A respectfulness toward each other	Yes	60 years or over	
8-Sep	No		Yes	40-49	
8-Sep	No	It will bring division rather than united voice	Yes	50-59	NZ European
8-Sep	No	Need more police to control Crime	Yes	40-49	NZ European
8-Sep	Yes	Whanganui would greatly benefit from the experience of people who are actually in touch with traditional principles and culture of Aotearoa	Yes	30-39	NZ European
8-Sep	Yes	Māori have been under valued for a long time	Yes	30-39	Māori
8-Sep	No	It's diverse. If there's is Māori wardens will there be pakeha or any other culture wardens??	Yes		
8-Sep	No	We are one people. Anything other than this is racist. People should be judged and voted in on their character, not colour.	Yes	40-49	
8-Sep	Yes	More Māori = partnersip	Yes	40-49	Māori
8-Sep	No	They haven't been voted into council by the public	Yes	40-49	NZ European
8-Sep	Yes	In making sure of greater representation of hapu voice at the summit of discussion and discision. Kaumatua Ngati Pamoana	Yes	60 years or over	Māori

8-Sep	No	It is a system which is race based. It is a form of apartheid. If we were to have just European or Non Maori wards it would be not be lawful.	Yes	50-59	NZ European
8-Sep	Yes		Yes	40-49	NZ European Māori
8-Sep	Yes		Yes	30-39	NZ European Māori
8-Sep	Yes	So we are all inclusive	Yes	50-59	Māori
8-Sep	Yes	True representation shows true democracy. I believe this has potential to support the paradigm shift required under Te Awa Tupua legislation	Yes	30-39	Māori
8-Sep	Yes	Increase equality within our populace for Maori peoples. To aid in the over and under representation that Maori people face in so many sectors of our community	No	30-39	NZ European Māori
8-Sep	Yes	Would love to see Maori voice as part of decision making. Part of honoring the treaty - participation, partnership	Yes	30-39	NZ European
8-Sep	Yes	They can help with community engagement, understanding of Rangatahi so why wouldn't you want to get them evolved.	Yes	40-49	Māori
8-Sep	Yes	So that there is better Māori voice at the council level and the principles under the treaty of waitangi are honoured	Yes	40-49	NZ European
8-Sep	Yes	After the community hui last night, here are my thoughts: IN FAVOUR 1. No current Māori (that I am aware of) on council. This guarantees Māori in decision making. Currently iwi representatives are involved in consultation, but do not have a vote. . 2. Includes non-iwi mandated voices. It shares the voice and the Māori input. Currently its a small number of people who sit in those spaces making decisions that are not inclusive of the Māori they represent. They do not consult with their iwi, hapū, community. They are holding enormous power and keeping doors to those conversations closed. They do need to fulfil their iwi mandated and iwi centred roles, but this makes room for the voice of non-iwi mandated Māori. . . AGAINST 1. If not enough Māori come forward to represent, we could end up with muppets representing us, and that may be worse than before. It is a much smaller population of Māori willing to and wanting to be in council, and some of those who do are hugely over-estimating their value. . 2. If we don't have at least 2 nominees, we lose a seat. . 3. As someone on the Māori roll, I will only have a vote for two seats, and lose my ability to vote for any other. . 4. Small risk a non-Māori will be voted in. . 5. I need to be certain the current iwi voices will still be heard, and that the Māori seat is not taken as an iwi representation. . 6. Changing Roll from Māori to General has a time limit (is it 3 months before voting?) that may be too early for me to consider the candidates in both streams and decide where I want to vote. . Overall, the benefit and risk leans to being in favour of the Māori ward. Good hui last night, was very helpful to think it through.	Yes	50-59	NZ European Māori
8-Sep	Yes	Maori worldviews hold to account long term solutions for people. There is a stronger connection to wellbeing for land and people. As a pakeha, I believe it would only add value.	Yes	30-39	NZ European
8-Sep	Yes	I support Māori being represented and believe this is important for all of us. It brings new ideas and opportunities to local government decision making	Yes	50-59	NZ European
8-Sep	No	It overrides the democratic process, Maori can, have stood and been voted on. I see it creating more separatist systems, not one people, one systems.	Yes	50-59	NZ European
8-Sep	No		Yes	50-59	Māori
8-Sep	Yes	Te Teriti O Waitangi. Maori should have an equal voice and be in partnership with all council decisions. It has never been 50/50.	Yes	50-59	Māori
8-Sep	Yes	We need a maori voice, Not everyone will like it. But lets this council be the change. Whanganui as far as I know has always been divided, you see it in the post from peoples comments. I love this town and as long as Im here I want to see it changed.	Yes	40-49	Māori
8-Sep	No	Divisive. We need unity.	Yes	40-49	NZ European Māori
8-Sep	Yes	Provide equity in our community and true treaty partnership, upholding Tupua Te Kawa and Te Tomokanga ki Te Matapihi. However my preference would be Iwi wards being introduced rather than any Māori or otherwise being included as equitable partners in this space.	Yes	30-39	Māori
8-Sep	No	Pay rates equally so should have equal rights to representation. This is against our one country philosophy.	Yes	50-59	NZ European
8-Sep	No	separatist and creates diversion, not inclusive.	Yes	50-59	NZ European
8-Sep	Yes	Maori wards will be an asset to our community in particular for Maori. Equality.	Yes	50-59	Māori
8-Sep	Yes	Good for representation	Yes	30-39	NZ European
7-Sep	Yes	Maori living in rural areas will have the opportunity to elect someone from their own community to stand on their behalf and be to represent them. Maori rarely have a voice at the Council table and have been reliant on 'goodwill' in the hopes that their interests are fairly represented. Maori are tangata whenua - people of the land - who belong to the land - made from the land - therefore have intimate knowledge, historical & ancestry to the land.	Yes	50-59	Māori
7-Sep	No		Yes	40-49	
7-Sep	Yes	Honouring the Treaty and Maori as the indigenous people of Aotearoa.	Yes	30-39	NZ European Māori
7-Sep	Yes	Because of the way society is structured Whanganui Maori are not fairly represented on this council and also the Treaty of Waitangi needs to be respected and this would help to ensure this will happen.	Yes	60 years or	NZ European

7-Sep	Yes		Yes	40-49	NZ European	
7-Sep	No		No	18-29		
7-Sep	Yes	Give Māori a voice in the Whanganui District Council. Allow us to partake in the decision making that supports each and everyone in our beautiful city. It's a 2 way door, te ao Māori will provide sustainable ways to look after our environment / te taiao. If we work together our community will flourish just watch and see	Yes	60 years or	NZ European	Māori
7-Sep	No	Not democratic	Yes	50-59		Māori
7-Sep	Yes	To honor te tiriti	Yes	30-39		Māori
7-Sep	Yes	Te Tiriti Partnership	Yes	40-49		Māori
7-Sep	No	Creates more racial division	Yes	40-49	NZ European	Māori
7-Sep	Yes		Yes	40-49	NZ European	Māori
7-Sep	No	with the cultural divide at it greatest, surely a united ward for all patients is the ultimate goal. Continuing to alienate the rest of the country's people creating a race divide is ridiculous.	Yes	40-49		
7-Sep	No	Only employed councilors should be making these decisions.	No	60 years or	NZ European	
7-Sep	Yes	So we have someone to represent Māori and our vision for the future	Yes	30-39		Māori
7-Sep	Yes	To improve representativeness	Yes	60 years or	NZ European	
7-Sep	Yes	We are obligated by the treaty to consider the voice of Maori - especially in regards to the principles of kaitiakitanga. Setting aside 2 out of 12 councillor seats for Kaitiaki is not unreasonable.	Yes	40-49	NZ European	
7-Sep	Yes	Māori Voice	Yes	40-49		Māori
7-Sep	Yes	Give maori a right to decision making on issues in Whanganui	Yes	50-59		
7-Sep	Yes	Increased representation of Māori on council. Currently, the argument that Māori can run for general council and have the same chance as anyone else is a weak one, I think this will provide a basis for Māori representation at the table.	Yes	30-39		
7-Sep	Yes	More representation for the first kaitiaki of Whanganui and to share te ao maori perspectives when making decisions for our region.	Yes	40-49	NZ European	
7-Sep	Yes	Because under the principles of Te Tiriti, Maori should be represented (ie not about numbers of voters, but about Maori representation in governance). Maori bring perspectives that assist with how decision-making occurs, with socio-cultural wisdom and with environmental values. For example, NPS-FM and Te Mana o Te Wai requires councils to actively involve mana whenua in any decision-making that impacts water. The best to facilitate opportunities for this is to start with having Maori representatives on council, eg through the ward system. Note, I do not think this initiative (ie the introduction of Maori wards in WDC) should be subject to public vote, such as this. It should not require a majority support from the general population; it should be an necessary outcome of WDC meeting its obligations as local government under the Treaty - ie 2 partners making decisions.	Yes	50-59		
7-Sep	Yes	Yes we should	Yes	30-39	NZ European	Māori
7-Sep	No	equality regardless of race is the only fair system in any democracy. Any race can stand for councils this is the first dangerous step towards apartheid.	Yes	40-49		
7-Sep	No	I think the treaty is already honoured and iwi's are represented. I think Māori wards will cause segregation, and we need to be a town that celebrates and represents all cultures.	Yes	40-49		
7-Sep	Yes	Important to ensure Māori representation and voice on Council.	Yes	30-39		
7-Sep	Yes	Because they should have that definite level of Māori voice and representation at local government level, especially if not many of our local elected councillors are Māori.	Yes	30-39		
7-Sep	Yes	Maori are very grassroots people and i hope will make decisions with aroha and manaakitanga.	Yes	30-39	NZ European	Māori
7-Sep	No	We are one in this country and just causes more division its unnecessary.	Yes	30-39	NZ European	
7-Sep	Yes	Equity, equality	Yes	40-49	NZ European	Māori
7-Sep	No	Current system works fine, people should be elected on their merits- not race, gender, belief or class	Yes	30-39		
7-Sep	Yes	I support the idea that Māori have representation and input into local decisions that impact them and their place in the community. Also, they are of the whenua, people of this area and can be affected by decisions that are made at the council level.	Yes	60 years or	NZ European	Māori
7-Sep	Yes		Yes	40-49	NZ European	
7-Sep	Yes		Yes	40-49		
7-Sep	Yes	Better to have a mix of people around the council table instead of just the same old group all the time.	Yes	40-49		
7-Sep	No	One vote this is the corner stone to democracy. Giving someone special treatment based.on race will not end well.	Yes	40-49	NZ European	
7-Sep	Yes	We need more Māori to have a say in what is happening in our community	Yes	40-49		Māori
7-Sep	Yes	To enable a Māori voice	Yes	50-59		Māori
7-Sep	Yes	Maori voice	Yes	50-59		Māori

7-Sep	Yes	As with the current term there is no maori representation as not enough support through general voting.	Yes	50-59	NZ European
7-Sep	No	Don't need them one person one vote	Yes	40-49	NZ European
7-Sep	Yes	Because Maori voice needs to be heard	Yes	30-39	Māori
7-Sep	No				
7-Sep	No	Past consultations with Whanganui Maori have said the current systems are preferred. We are being pushed into this by the Government. I do not believe this is true representation as how can one individual speak for every member of every hapu	Yes	30-39	
7-Sep	Yes	They have the ability to be interacting more on the ground with all ages. Maori wards are also another way to see what is going on in the community with Rangitahi. Are also respected. Got to be Maori as well, having knowledge of te o Maori is important.	Yes	50-59	NZ European
7-Sep	Yes	I fully support Māori wards. I think many Councillors over the years have not represented me or other Māori at all and have demonstrated incompetence, ignorance and hostility to Māori. That is not representative democracy. I think Māori wards are in addition to the Council having strong partnerships with all the Iwi in our district. I am not from Whanganui and I think Māori wards will represent Māori more generally.	Yes	60 years or over	Māori
7-Sep	No	Preferential treatment based on race. Maori can run for council through the normal process and be elected by the public.	Yes	40-49	Māori
7-Sep	Yes	We need the Māori perspective around the council table. It is lacking at the moment. Māori wards enable more inclusive representation. Māori ward councillors represent all of the region, but will add an important dimension in debate and decision making. Consultation and engagement with iwi and hapu will still need to occur, and having Māori ward councilors does not preclude that.	Yes	60 years or over	NZ European
7-Sep	Yes	My question is why aren't there Maaori Wards?			
7-Sep	No	We live in a democracy where one ethnicity should not have more representation than anyone else	Yes	40-49	NZ European
7-Sep	Yes	It makes sense to have both Maori and pakeha at the table. Its that what the treaty talks about? How are we honoring Te Tiriti o Waitangi when we aren't working together?	Yes	18-29	
7-Sep	Yes	Having a co-governed board at the council would help to ensure Maori voice is heard and is also ideal as part of co-governance moving forward.	Yes	18-29	NZ European Māori
7-Sep	Yes	why not??	Yes	18-29	Māori
7-Sep	Yes	because we should be working together with Mana whenua	Yes	18-29	NZ European Māori
7-Sep	No	In my opinion this is a continuation of racial division evident in today's society - We should be focusing on 1 Country ,1 people - racial segregation has to stop ! Many of today's maori have much European blood in their veins also - maori also came to N.Z from another land - we ALL came here - 1 people - 1 land - EQUALITY - for ALL !	Yes	50-59	NZ European
7-Sep	Yes	Improved Māori representation	Yes	30-39	NZ European Māori
7-Sep	Yes	Co-governance!!	Yes	40-49	NZ European Māori
7-Sep	No	*Undemocratic,democracy, one person one vote for the person to represent the voter. *the Treaty of Waitangi made us one people, nowhere does it state that the TOW is about "them" and "us"...one people, one nation...the Treaty is not a partnership between Maori and the Crown, as misinterpreted by some...Treaty of Waitangi, which, according to Article three, regards all citizens equally as subjects, also to note that a citizen of New Zealand cannot at the same time be both a subject and a partner of the state. *Who pays the salary of the people representing Maori...I do not want my rates contributing to the salary of people not representing me or my interests or any future descendants. Rates are horrendous enough in this District. We should talking of ways to lower rates in this district, not look for ways to increase them.... *there is no evidence that this is a step strongly desired by Maori roll voters, because sufficient opportunities for all citizens are available to contribute to decision-making processes, and because Maori wards set up elsewhere have not increased participation by Maori voters. Because of my ancestors at birth, I am eligible to enroll on either electoral roll, I am of Maori descent, but I do not belong to a local iwi, so does the Maori representative have my best interests or only the local iwi's interest's at the core of their decision making process??...another reason as a person eligible for both electoral rolls that I do not support the introduction of Maori Wards. * Race based politics are not seen as progressive and the next National government will repeal the legislation. so not even worth discussion...put your energy and my money into working on lowering my rates instead thanks!	Yes	50-59	NZ European Māori
7-Sep	No	Undemocratic			
7-Sep	No	As it stands now Maori appear to be consulted on everything anyway. If they want a voice why can't they stand for council like everyone else. This is yet another way of dividing this country.	Yes	60 years or over	
7-Sep	Yes	Māori need a voice at the decision-making tables.	Yes	40-49	Māori
7-Sep	Yes	Its a good starting point	Yes	60 years or over	Māori

7-Sep	Yes	The population of Whanganui is characterised by a large percentage of Māori at 27 percent of our population (compared to the New Zealand average of 15.7 percent). Current elected members and many council staff do not understand what equity is, let alone how it can be reached for Māori. Without having an actual voice, they will continue to be told by misinformed and egotistical self interested people on what is "right" for Māori. Tripe was quoted recently in the paper stating "iwi is not at the table"...iwi should be at the table of every single thing council does, both operational and governance. If the white privileged can't do that, the only way is to make it happen and give them their voice.	Yes	30-39		
7-Sep	Yes	Whakatauki ana piki ake o te Tiriti o Waitangi, ko te kowhiri he mana. Ko te raruraru o te punaha hauora tau iwi, kei whea te Oranga mo the iwi Maori....	Yes	30-39	NZ European	Māori
7-Sep	Yes	We definitely need Māori representations	No	60 years or over		Māori
7-Sep	No	We do not need them...we are being adequately served by the current set-up, to me it is another form of division in the community under the guise of the Treaty of Waitangi.	Yes	60 years or over	NZ European	
7-Sep	Yes	It's time has arrived	No	60 years or over	NZ European	Māori
7-Sep	No	The concept is antidemocratic and perpetuates and extends racial divides.	Yes	30-39	NZ European	
7-Sep	Yes	I support ONLY if local Maori support this. Its pointless as a Pakeha to make a decision for Maori if its not actually what THEY want should local Iwi consider their voice is heard and input consistently sound so they dont need wards. Please listen to THEM not me.	Yes	60 years or over		
7-Sep	Yes	Equality of enabling a voice for a key part of the community that is often underrepresented or absent in important decision making that affects the district.	Yes	40-49	NZ European	
7-Sep	Yes	Equity	Yes	30-39		Māori
7-Sep	Yes	To be a voice for our Maori representation	No	30-39		Māori
7-Sep	Yes	The council needs a lot of help when it comes to serving its Maaori constituency. Current attitudes and workstreams coming out of WDC prove this. The Maaori wards are just one way of working towards this.	Yes	18-29		Māori
7-Sep	Yes	Maori need a voice at the table - They are underrepresented, and their issues are not recognized under the current model.	Yes	60 years or over		Māori
7-Sep	Yes	To help bring balance to power.	Yes	50-59		Māori
7-Sep	Yes	To better deal with the tangata whaiora meeting there needs better	Yes	40-49		Māori
7-Sep	Yes	Better representation Māori	Yes	50-59	NZ European	Māori
6-Sep	Yes	Iwi voice should be front and centre	Yes	60 years or over		
6-Sep	Yes	we desperately need Maori representation here	Yes	60 years or over		
6-Sep	No	The plan to have a seperat				
5-Sep	Yes	Provides a voice for Maori at Council to honour the principle of partnership committed to in Te Tiriti o Waitangi because they guarantee that Māori will be represented at the council.	Yes	40-49	NZ European	Māori
5-Sep	Yes	Maori need representation in all forms of governance including local authorities Maori representation at the table will invite more Maori in our community to be interested and therefore participate in local authorities As a body that acknowledge Te Tiriti o Waitangi, this should one way in which partners can sit at the table	No	60 years or over		Māori
4-Sep	Yes	I would rather there were elected Maori representation on council , but i have voted for well-qualified people in past elections for both council and DHB but still no representation	Yes	60 years or over	NZ European	
4-Sep	No	Not democratic. Another layer of bureaucracy. Increased costs to suffering rates payers. Other cultures also matter.	Yes	60 years or over	NZ European	
4-Sep	Yes	Equity for Māori	Yes	40-49		Māori
4-Sep	Yes		Yes	50-59		Māori
3-Sep	Yes		Yes	18-29		Māori
3-Sep	Yes	We are tangata whenua!!	Yes	18-29		Māori
3-Sep	Yes	Why do we not have one. We are Te Tiriti partners so this should have been done a long time ago.	Yes	30-39	NZ European	Māori
3-Sep	Yes	Because the Treaty outlines it	Yes	30-39		Māori
2-Sep	Yes	I support any initiative that supports stronger Maori presence and voice in local government	Yes	60 years or over	NZ European	
2-Sep	Yes	So that Maori have a voice to make decisions for the community	Yes	50-59		Māori
1-Sep	Yes	Need maori representation on the council and have some voice. Part of treaty relationship	Yes	40-49		Māori
1-Sep	Yes	Th				
31-Aug	Yes	To enable Local Maori 2 seats at the Governance table to effect positive change along with our community	Yes	50-59		Māori
31-Aug	Yes	It is one way that enables the Council to fulfil its requirements to involve Māori in local decision-making, and to honour the provision of partnership inherent in Te Tiriti o Waitangi. It provides Māori the opportunity to decide how they want to be represented	Yes	30-39		Māori
31-Aug	Yes	To				

30-Aug	Yes	It is the common theme and is best for our future generations.	Yes	40-49		Māori
30-Aug	Yes	There needs to be Māori voice at the table for us to move forward	Yes	40-49		Māori
30-Aug	Yes	Perhaps have a general ward for Maori as tangata whenua and a tangata tiriti ward for all others.	Yes	50-59	NZ European	Māori
30-Aug	No	It will undermine our mana as mana whenua, mana tu mana ora	Yes	40-49		Māori
30-Aug	No	1. It is 'Co-Governance' 2. It is an apartheid / separatist & therefore Racist policy. 3. It is divisive. 4. It is immoral. 5. The Treaty, as translated by Henry Littleward immediately after signing, made no provision for 'partnership, co-governance, separate representation'. Sovereignty was ceded, meaning that Māori gave up complete control to the Crown. As each Chief signed the Treaty, Hobson confirmed verbally, that 'we are now one people'. Modern politicians and activists have 'reinterpreted' the meaning to such an extent that it bears little resemblance to the actual Treaty and understanding of it as signed. No other ethnicity living in New Zealand is extended privileges based upon race except Māori. We were and should remain 'one people, with equal rights and opportunities, and equal opportunity for representation via the ballot. Every other culture in NZ, accept that it is wrong to expect additional representation (governance power) via racially based special privilege, and Māori Wards is just that. There is no 'principle of partnership', no 'co-governance' provision, no separatist or special privileges, etc., in the Treaty. Māori ceded Sovereignty for protection by the British. The original intention of the treaty was for all people of Nee Zealand to be one people. There was to be no division based upon race, everyone would be equal. The creation of Māori Wards is a clear breach of the Treaty, that serves private tribal companies, tribal representatives, & many politicians, academics, bureaucrats with misguided and ill-informed knowledge of our history, who no longer wish New Zealand to be one. This is a promotion of apartheid, separatism, and racial division through a clear breach of the Treaty. Simple put, it is also immoral at so many levels.	Yes	60 years or over		Māori
29-Aug	Yes	Restores the mana of our civic institutions	Yes	30-39	NZ European	
29-Aug	No	As an ethnic minority but non-Maori, I don't see any reasons why one particular race should be treated separately. It just further stigmatised instead of doing any good. Don't we trust our doctors and nurses to treat all patients equally based on their needs. We must not let whanganui going the opposite way of a free and just city. There are many ways to promote equality in society, but not to segregate!!	Yes	40-49		
29-Aug	No	Unelected people on the payroll of Council. It is high time New Zealand woke up. The Treaty is totally irrelevant in these times, NZ is a multi cultural country, not a pander to the Maori minority. Only elected citizens should serve on Council.	Yes	60 years or over	NZ European	
29-Aug	Yes	It's a no brainer. Honouring the treaty is important. Matauranga has a place at the decision making table.	Yes	50-59		Māori
29-Aug	No	I believe every councillor should be elected on their merits, no matter what race or creed.	Yes	60 years or over	NZ European	
29-Aug	No	Maori have the same opportunity to get in Council etc the regular way as any other culture. This would encourage separatism and racism.	Yes	30-39	NZ European	
29-Aug	Yes					
29-Aug	No	It is divisive and undemocratic	Yes	40-49	NZ European	Māori
29-Aug	No	Absolutely not. This is so divisive. Human beings make should be making professional decisions as human beings, irrespective of race or culture. Where does the madness end? Shall we have English wards, or perhaps Pasifika wards? Absolute nonsense.	Yes	40-49		
29-Aug	Yes	I think it is important for the tangata whenua to be actively involved in decision making in our council	Yes	40-49		
29-Aug	No	We are all equal	Yes	60 years or over	NZ European	
29-Aug	Yes	To give equity. Mana whenua are a crucial voice. It is working well elsewhere. Unfortunately, here in Whanganui the voice that are constantly heard are the same ones who don't offer a balanced view.	Yes	50-59		Māori
29-Aug	Yes	to enable a tangata whenua voice	Yes	60 years or over		Māori
29-Aug	Yes	Its part of the treaty	Yes	40-49		Māori
29-Aug	No	Councillors should be elected on merit not race and on ability to serve effectively	Yes	60 years or over	NZ European	
28-Aug	Yes	More Māori representation More Māori voices	Yes	60 years or over		Māori
28-Aug	Yes	More Māori representation in council is good for everyone and it also goes a small way to addressing embedded imbalances of power	Yes	40-49	NZ European	Māori
28-Aug	No		Yes	30-39	NZ European	
28-Aug	No		Yes	30-39	NZ European	
28-Aug	No		Yes	50-59	NZ European	Māori
28-Aug	Yes	The sooner the better so everyone in Whanganui is fairly represented.	Yes	60 years or over	NZ European	Māori
28-Aug	No	I think within the current environment of Te Whatu Ora in Whanganui, there is so much more room for improvement of the current facility. The organisation are not as open to even supporting the health of Māori let alone creating an entire ward for Māori. It feeds into the politics of the establishment that are still alive and well and are not being dealt with.	Yes	18-29	NZ European	Māori
28-Aug	No	I believe Maori already have representation and that this would create inequities	Yes	60 years or over	NZ European	
28-Aug	Yes	Māori engagement within the community is important, this will help Māori have a say within local government and decision making.	Yes	40-49		Māori

27-Aug	Yes	We have a significant proportion of Maori residents in our community. None have been elected. Inclusion of their voice will be good for everyone	Yes	60 years or	NZ European
27-Aug	Yes	We have a high proportion of Māori residents; with few/no Māori candidates for local council succeeding in gaining a seat since I have lived here (2010). We need representative council leadership.	Yes	60 years or	NZ European
27-Aug	No	Should be a democratic system where people on council are elected by the people not extra people just given seats when obviously they are not elected because people dont want them. Why should rate payers bear even more costs we hv the highest rates in the country already	Yes	50-59	
26-Aug	Yes	I would prefer if election candidates weren't divided by race, however I am supportive. Our community deserves a maori viewpoint around the table.	Yes	30-39	
26-Aug	No	We are all New Zealanders. Stop the division and favoritism of one race over another.	No	50-59	NZ European
26-Aug	No	We are multicultural, democratic country and no one race should have preference over any other races/people. Religion/culture has no part in council or government as the ACT party has as a policy.	Yes	60 years or	NZ European
25-Aug	Yes	Justice	Yes	60 years or	NZ European
23-Aug	No	No way. divides the community, makes people feel they are not equal. Creates tension between those who identify as Maori and those who don't.	Yes	60 years or over	
23-Aug	Yes	Better representation	Yes	60 years or	NZ European
23-Aug	Yes	Fair representation	Yes	60 years or	NZ European
23-Aug	Yes	He mokopuna ahau nō te awa tupua.	No	50-59	Māori
22-Aug	Yes	Maori need a voice in decision-making	Yes	60 years or	NZ European
22-Aug	No		Yes	40-49	NZ European Māori
22-Aug	No	Existing system favours best candidate, regardless of ethnicity.	Yes	60 years or	NZ European
22-Aug	No	Our community should be as one, not divided. If a maori candidate wants to stand for council there is no reason they cannot do so under the current system	Yes	60 years or	NZ European Māori
21-Aug	No	I believe that the Council consults with Iwi	Yes	60 years or	NZ European
21-Aug	Yes	They are the people of the land. Democracy suppresses the Māori voice. Racism is rife and politics enables the racists and bigots to maintain the power of decision making and control. This tool will empower Māori to have a say in their welfare, wellness and wellbeing.	Yes	60 years or over	Māori
21-Aug	No	We should only be represented by people who have been actively voted onto council. It is racism in any other form	Yes	60 years or	NZ European
21-Aug	No	We need to move forward as one	Yes	40-49	NZ European
21-Aug	Yes	Voice	Yes	40-49	Māori
21-Aug	No	This creates complications and divisions in our community. It also risks damaging the democratic basis of one person one vote. Maori can be and should be elected " on merit " the same as persons from any and all racial groupings. The Treaty of Waitangi did not promise any particular representative Partnership , it said that all persons would be treated equally.	Yes	60 years or	NZ European
20-Aug	Yes	Feed back from a maori point of view is always a plus.	Yes	50-59	Māori
20-Aug	No	Its more division	Yes	40-49	NZ European Māori
20-Aug	No	Creates more division	Yes	50-59	NZ European Māori
20-Aug	Yes	I think it would make it inclusive, diverse, and more ideas and solutions around the table	Yes	50-59	NZ European
20-Aug	Yes	Māori wards will ensure representation for Māori on the council where currently there is none, to ensure that issues that relate more specifically to Māori can be addressed, rather than lumped under general issues. A Māori-ward councillor will also bring their own perspectives, which could include wider whānau- or hapū-centric approaches to community projects and wellbeing, and will hopefully add to the positive impacts of the council's work on Māori communities. The connections and knowledge of this councillor in relation to marae will also assist the council and wider community. I fully support the introduction of Māori wards in Whanganui District Council.	Yes	18-29	NZ European
20-Aug	No	The establishment of Māori wards are one way for councils to honour the principle of partnership committed to in Te Tiriti o Waitangi. I oppose this idea as there is no where in the Treaty of Waitangi that states NZ is to be co-governed or is there a partnership and I believe it is another way that will eventually lead to losing more of our rights and freedoms whether it be local government or national government. Try reading Sir Apirana Ngata's book on the treaty Even though the Treaty is clear that Maori ceded sovereignty to the Queen - and that it is constitutionally impossible for a partnership to exist between the sovereign and the governed - the 'Treaty partnership' fabrication has flourished under Labour.	Yes		
19-Aug	Yes	Honoring Te Tiriti o Waitangi covenant which joined two sovereign nations and give tauwi a legal right to be in Aotearoa New Zealand.	Yes	60 years or over	Māori
19-Aug	No	I think it fair for all to be elected by the people of Wanganui, irrespective of race, religion etc. Maori have just as much right to go for those seats on council....do it the same way that everyone else does and get voted in on your merits and values.	Yes	40-49	NZ European

19-Aug	Yes	Historically the composition of our council has not represented the composition of our community. White men have been over represented and Māori have been consistently under represented. Māori wards are a way of ensuring that we are meeting our obligations to Te Tiriti o Waitangi ensuring rangatiratanga. I fully support wards as a way of ensuring that the important voices of Māori people are heard around the table.	Yes	40-49	NZ European
19-Aug	No	To make decisions on how we spend our rates and how we improve our city Maori need to be voted on like any other councillor. Democracy is the word.	Yes	60 years or over	NZ European
19-Aug	Yes	Majorities should respect minorities and democracy doesn't automatically deliver that. A Maori voice on Council is highly desirable.	Yes	60 years or over	
19-Aug	No	I believe we live in a democracy and therefore should be voted in.	Yes	50-59	NZ European
19-Aug	Yes	To enable a Maori voice.	Yes	60 years or over	Māori
19-Aug	Yes		Yes	40-49	
18-Aug	Yes	Partnership	No	50-59	Māori
18-Aug	Yes	Mā te Māori, mō te Māori	Yes	40-49	Māori
18-Aug	Yes	It's the right thing to do	Yes	18-29	Māori
18-Aug	Yes	Better representation for Māori in areas Māori aren't always adequately represented	Yes	18-29	NZ European Māori
18-Aug	No		Yes	60 years or over	NZ European
18-Aug	No	There is no need for a race based appointment of more councillors as if Maori want a say in Council operations, then they already have the same rights and opportunity already available to every ratepayer by way of standing for council , calling at council offices or speaking with elected councillors.	Yes	60 years or over	NZ European
18-Aug	Yes	Maori are not represented sufficiently at WDC	Yes	60 years or over	NZ European
18-Aug	No	I believe that under the present system ANYONE can stand for Council and those elected will have the skills and attributes that the voters deem necessary - irrespective of their age or ethnicity- to represent the people and achieve the best outcomes for all members of the community. This is fair and democratic.	Yes	60 years or over	NZ European
18-Aug	Yes	Essential to ensure the greatest possibility for Maori voices and worldview to be heard and acknowledged within council decision making and community representation	Yes	30-39	NZ European
17-Aug	Yes	I would like Maori to have a voice at the Council table. It has been a longtime coming . Nga mihi ki a koutou	Yes	60 years or over	NZ European Māori
17-Aug	Yes		Yes	60 years or over	NZ European
17-Aug	Yes	Democratic logic	Yes	60 years or over	NZ European
17-Aug	Yes	In theory. Do we not already have an avenue for local Iwi to have their input to council?	Yes	60 years or over	Māori
17-Aug	Yes	I believe it will provide a better way for Maori to contribute without a sense that they are being ignored or made to feel that their contributions to our town and region aren't respected or wanted.	Yes	50-59	NZ European Māori
17-Aug	Yes	Be great for maoris to take some responsibility of our city. Also we could have a white/european/pakeha ward	Yes	30-39	NZ European
17-Aug	Yes	To encourage Maori participation and involvement in Council decisions	Yes	60 years or over	NZ European Māori
17-Aug	No	Should be voted on like everyone else.	Yes	60 years or over	NZ European
16-Aug	Yes	Māori should have representation at the table	Yes	40-49	NZ European
16-Aug	No	If anyone is interested in serving Whanganui they can stand for the council. If Maori are allowed an additional say, what about wards for Pacifica, Chinese, Indian, and so on, citizens.	Yes	50-59	
16-Aug	Yes	For Maori to represent our needs & differences in our culture/religion	Yes	40-49	Māori
16-Aug	Yes	I believe that the makeup of the elected members should represent true partnership and the assurance of rangatiratanga as envisioned by those that signed Te Tiriti o Waitangi here in May 1840. Whilst a few Maori ward seats are insufficient - it is a step towards this in the mean time.	Yes	50-59	Māori
15-Aug	No				
15-Aug	No	racist racist racist	Yes	60 years or over	NZ European
15-Aug	Yes	Because Whanganui doesn't vote for Māori people anymore. The last person was Rangī Wills and he wasn't promoting Māori inclusion.	Yes	50-59	NZ European
15-Aug	No	Maori can run for election just like any other nationality. It's always worked in the past so why change now. If Maori are given a privileged position then so should every other race of New Zealander.	Yes	60 years or over	
14-Aug	Yes	Maori representation at council is vital in the transition to full acceptance of Te tiriti o Waitangi	Yes	60 years or over	NZ European Māori
14-Aug	Yes	To give a voice for us the tangata whenua in order for understanding why we are unique in the way we do things and also our thinking.	Yes	60 years or over	Māori
14-Aug	Yes	So Maori have a voice as there are some tikanga that should be followed but it is not.	Yes	40-49	Māori
14-Aug	No	bast on race	Yes	60 years or over	NZ European

14-Aug	Yes	Because there aren't any maori voices at the table because whanganui is racist. We had some good candidates at the last election and because they ran on maori kaupapa they didn't get in. Racist.	Yes	50-59	NZ European
14-Aug	Yes	This is the best way to ensure that Maori viewpoints are able to be put forward in a manner that is public and non threatening. At present non mainstream views often do not get heard and if they do it is often accompanied by a stream of negative media coverage initiated by the ones who currently hold the power.	Yes	60 years or	NZ European Māori
14-Aug	No	In very recent years we have been told numerous times that the WDC has a good and successful working relationship with local Maori and is always open to their involvement. There are already enough people (Maori and non Maori) on our council. We don't need more. Whoever has expertise in areas should be standing on their own merits at the time of elections. We all have a stake in a successfully run district council and its responsibilities to the ratepayers who fund it.	Yes		
14-Aug	Yes	Absolutely. Whanganui has and continues to have low representation of Māori on council, despite Māori making up roughly 25% of the population of the city (according to 2018 census). Why then are Māori candidates not being elected? I think this is a complex but necessary question to ask, both for us as an electorate and for our councillors. Are you as councillors comfortable in the fact that you are representing and addressing the needs of our Māori community? Are you fully aware of the issues and matters important to our Māori people - again, 25% of our electorate? The last attempt to instate Māori wards in Whanganui was a fiasco, not properly reaching out to iwi and hapū, along with farcical standing orders preventing a vote at the 11th hour. I hope the council has reflected on how poorly this was managed and how in this instance they failed a significant portion of our population by placing such little importance on the matter. You couldn't get a clearer example of why we NEED Māori representation on our council than this incident. One thing to me at least is clear, for democracy's sake, we need to take action to engage with our Māori voters. Māori wards are not perfect, but they will start the ball rolling. They may well be the impetus that many of our citizens to begin to engage or reengage with local politics, and that can only be a positive thing.	Yes	30-39	NZ European
14-Aug	Yes	Because it's about time we Māori have a say	Yes	40-49	Māori
14-Aug	Yes	It should be that way always	Yes	30-39	Māori
14-Aug	Yes	Putting a brown face @ the council table!!!	Yes	60 years or over	Māori
14-Aug	No		Yes	40-49	NZ European
13-Aug	Yes	Mana Whenua over any Māori or non Māori. Needs to be written in that people are required to be endorsed by one of our several Whanganui Iwi	Yes	30-39	Māori
13-Aug	No	It is not democratic. There are no pure blooded Māori left.	Yes	60 years or	NZ European
13-Aug	Yes	Maori are statistically shown to be disadvantaged across all areas of society. Maori wards will help Maori to have a say and represent themselves.	Yes	60 years or	NZ European
13-Aug	No	I think all councillors should be democratically elected to their position on the Council.	Yes	60 years or	NZ European
13-Aug	Yes	- Good dialogue and engagement with tangata whenua is essential in the management of te taiao/natural resources over which council has much authority and influence. - Strengthens the treaty relationship. - Will help to build stronger understanding and respect between Maori and Tau Iwi. - To strengthen our community.	Yes	60 years or over	Māori
12-Aug	No	Personally I don't think its necessary, Wanganui is or should be one community (so should the whole of NZ be)	Yes	60 years or over	
12-Aug	No	They are undemocratic, have shades as apartheid as was in South Africa. No un elected persons should be fostered on the public. It will be a case of the tail wagging the dog. All People should stand for election and put their case forward for public scrutiny	Yes	50-59	
12-Aug	Yes		Yes	30-39	NZ European Māori
12-Aug	No	People have enough trouble with English. No and no again. It all costs money	Yes	50-59	NZ European
12-Aug	Yes	to help address the disparity of representation in Whanganui	Yes	50-59	NZ European
11-Aug	No	No need	Yes	30-39	
11-Aug	No	We elect people. The treaty never ever said Maori should be treated differently either way. All equal under the crown.	Yes	50-59	
11-Aug	No		Yes	50-59	NZ European
11-Aug	No	I believe the Council currently consults with Maori and their opinions and thoughts are already taken into consideration.	Yes	60 years or	NZ European
10-Aug	No	This is well meaning segregation, and it will undermine racial harmony. As a wahine Maori I want to be able to vote for the best candidates for Council. This is usually some Maori and some Pakeha/non Maori people. I don't want to only be able to vote for people of one group or the other.	Yes	18-29	NZ European Māori
10-Aug	Yes	We have a responsibility under Te Tiriti O Waitangi and it is in my mind a human rights issue if our tangata whenua do not have a voice in their land - they should be welcomed to speak and contribute to their own needs and issues as well as being a contributing voice to wider community. Governing bodies ought to represent the community they serve	Yes	60 years or	NZ European
10-Aug	No	Race based	Yes	40-49	NZ European

10-Aug	No	The general council should have Māori represented on them, should there be any Māori candidates willing to stand. There should not be a separate ward, especially as the Maori ward is supposed to represent the whole community. Stop the separate pakeha and Māori avenues of thinking. Embrace the melting pot approach, as our community is a melting pot of peoples	Yes	50-59		Māori
10-Aug	No	Whanganui is a multi cultural city. It's not Maori vs everyone else. If people want Maori representation on the council there is nothing stopping them from voting for them in elections. This is how a democracy is supposed to work. Having people on the council who weren't voted by the majority will only generate further divide in the community	Yes	30-39	NZ European	
10-Aug	Yes	That is what te tiriti o waitangi guarantees	Yes	40-49		Māori
10-Aug	No	.	No			
10-Aug	No	It's simply not necessary and the principals of the TOW are seriously blurred and subject to individuals interpretation. Will the yes/no result be enabled in a democratic way or be ignored like the H debate?	No	60 years or over		
10-Aug	Yes	A positive and timely thing to do	Yes	60 years or	NZ European	
10-Aug	Yes	We as a people feel that we can't voice our opinions to the wider community and are regularly held back and not listened to and our needs are not met	Yes	40-49		Māori
10-Aug	No	I can see no reason for race based elections when you can see we already have many Maori mayors and councilors elected under existing general voting eg. Wellington and Rotorua are good examples	Yes	60 years or	NZ European	
10-Aug	No	One person, one vote, with no race basis of any form across the electorate.	Yes	60 years or	NZ European	
10-Aug	No	we just be one nation/people - now some demographics are feeling like a minority and penalized for being of a certain ethnicity	Yes	40-49	NZ European	
10-Aug	No	This is the path to apartheid	Yes	50-59	NZ European	
10-Aug	No	As the Government representatives have constantly said. "We are one". Maori have the same opportunity to stand for Council as everyone else.	Yes	60 years or	NZ European	
10-Aug	No	The Council should not be involved with identity politics. You should be voted in on your merits as a person and what you stand for, not because of a percentage of your blood linking you to a certain race. We have a number of cultures in Whanganui - Indian, Asian, Muslim to name a few. Preferential "wards" is not ok if it is just for one group of people.	Yes	40-49	NZ European	
10-Aug	Yes	We need more maori in wards	No	40-49		Māori
10-Aug	Yes	Te tiriti, inclusion	Yes	30-39	NZ European	Māori
9-Aug	Yes		Yes	30-39	NZ European	
9-Aug	Yes	Yes as long the representative can be involved in the co design & governance of the council strategy.	Yes	40-49		Māori
9-Aug	Yes	Because there is no Māori representation on the current council.	Yes	40-49		Māori
9-Aug	No	We have so many cultures who share and contribute to our city who all deserve to be represented. It shouldn't be a sole Maori ward at all.	Yes	50-59	NZ European	Māori
9-Aug	Yes	We need it	Yes	50-59		Māori
9-Aug	No	This is racist and infers that Maori cannot succeed without 'special' help	Yes	60 years or	NZ European	
9-Aug	No	As a kaumatua I am insulted that you think I can not achieve representation on my own merits. To have a maori ward is racist and infers we are of inferior intellect and need special treatment.	Yes	60 years or	NZ European	Māori
9-Aug	Yes	Te Tiriti should be upheld. If it is then the town will be better off. The towns that do have them haven't collapsed and nor will we.	Yes	40-49	NZ European	Māori
9-Aug	Yes	I absolutely agree with introducing a Māori ward into the Whanganui District Council because personally, I feel as if they are able to relate and/or make the connection to the Māori and Non-Māori communities on more of a personal level. Being able to understand certain situations only comes with personally relating to such situations	Yes	18-29		Māori
9-Aug	No	What happened to being equal. A minority is ruling the country, ignore that stupid Tiriti its open to constant abuse	Yes	60 years or	NZ European	
9-Aug	Yes	So that iwi have a say in different kaupapa, to respect the tiriti o waitangi	Yes	18-29		Māori
9-Aug	No	By establishing Maori wards the council would be approving apartheid. What's next Indian or Asian Wards? Doing this is by race is wrong/.	Yes	60 years or over		
9-Aug	Yes	Because I'm Māori and our voices deserve to be heard.	Yes	18-29		Māori
9-Aug	Yes	Maori are the indigenous people of the land and thus rightfully deserve representation in council.	Yes	30-39	NZ European	Māori
9-Aug	No	I don't consider it necessary. Maori have the ability to vote for people just like the rest of us.	Yes	40-49		
9-Aug	No	If Maori want representation on Council they should run the same as everyone else does. There is no need for two systems.	Yes	60 years or	NZ European	
9-Aug	Yes	Progress	Yes	60 years or over		
9-Aug	No	We have 12 elected councilors. Why are they being exempted from democratic voting.? Why would they only be voted in on separate Maori Electoral role if they are to represent all ratepayers, because they don't represent all ratepayers.	Yes	60 years or	NZ European	
9-Aug	No	They are not necessary. They undermine our present democratic system. The Treaty of Waitangi is not a partnership agreement.	Yes	60 years or over		
9-Aug	No		Yes	40-49	NZ European	

9-Aug	No	People should be elected democratically to council, not given a place in council to be paid by ratepayers based on skin color or ethnicity .	Yes	60 years or	NZ European
9-Aug	No	Why should they be seperate? One system for all please.	Yes	50-59	NZ European Māori
9-Aug	No	this council says its committed to cost saving and seem to be coming up with more money wasteing schemes. they have enough representation on the council now without filling council up with more staff or people . these maori wards should be funded with their treaty settalment money and not over rated rate payers.	Yes	60 years or	NZ European
9-Aug	Yes	We have a large maori population and are underrepresented	Yes	40-49	Māori
9-Aug	Yes	Maori are tangata whenua! Creating groups that have decision making power without the people of the land at the table is just insulting...	Yes	40-49	NZ European Māori
9-Aug	Yes	So that we can contribute, we want to be part of the decisions that are made, By Māori for Māori.	No	60 years or over	Māori
9-Aug	No	This should be decided by Iwi if they are of the view they want to be represented through the current structure.			
9-Aug	No	I am opposed to the view that Maori ought to have separate representation on ANY elected body. The late Rangi Wills was a superb advocate for the Maori view. Nuff said!!	Yes	60 years or	NZ European
9-Aug	Yes	The voice of tangata whenua concerning the management of resources needs to be heard and particularly where decisions are being made			
9-Aug	No	The Council more than adequately services the needs of all citizens Maori and Pakeha.Appointed Maori individual for a specific ward could lead to suggestions of racism in Council.	Yes	60 years or	NZ European
9-Aug	No	Giving in to racist pressure by Maori. If Maori wish to stand for Council AND subsequently get elected, then they have earned that right. Otherwise, absolutely not.	Yes	60 years or	NZ European
9-Aug	Yes	Having witnessed nepotism within Te Runanga o Tupoho , I welcome Maori wards .	Yes	40-49	Māori
9-Aug	No	To appoint someone to a position based purely on their ethnicity is nothing but pure racist. It does not say anywhere in the treaty that there is any sort of obligation or "partnership" requiring separate Maori representation. If Maori want representation on council then go through the already established democratic system, of one person one vote regardless of what race you represent.	Yes	60 years or over	
9-Aug	No	We are all one people and do not have an apartheid system	Yes	60 years or	NZ European
9-Aug	No	Maori have had the opportunity to elect Maori candidates in the past and decided not to. 25% of the population should not have 100% of the say	Yes	60 years or	NZ European
9-Aug	Yes	It gives Māori a guaranteed voice in their rohe. We have already seen dedicated Māori wards being adopted by councils around the country to great success.	Yes	40-49	Māori
9-Aug	No	It is RASCIST! Let me propose a citizen's 'referendum' please at minimum? To quote Article 2 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of which New Zealand is a signatory? "Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration,without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status".	Yes	60 years or over	
9-Aug	No	In accordance with New Zealand being one people and the worldwide chant of all persons being equal, would introducing Maori wards not be singling out a particular race and therefore being racist towards them? Why not have Pakeha wards - people that are purely of European descent? Do they not have the same right of representation?	Yes	18-29	NZ European Māori
9-Aug	No	Maori wards are racist. There seems to be no real benefits and it is a is just a loud insistent minority who this fair representation equals a separatist state! If a Maori respresitive wants to get into local council it should be through the standard candidatcy process where persons are selected on the basis of public popularity and skill set for the position.	Yes	30-39	Māori
9-Aug	No	Maori are already well represented in W(h)anganui.	Yes	40-49	NZ European
9-Aug	No	They have every right to stand for council normally. Do not not see the need to have seperate ward. RACIST	Yes	60 years or	NZ European
9-Aug	No	It is racist to give preference to one on the basis of race. The democratic system is intended to allow equal OPPORTUNITY for any candidate based on their suitability to the role. That suitability is focused on their character and achievements (things we each have control over). Setting up any position (as specially in leadership) that excludes people based on an arbitrary characteristic that they have no control over, such as gender, ethnicity or even hair colour is discriminatory. Please do not continue to push race based politics which divide communities!	Yes	30-39	
9-Aug	Yes	It ensures that Maori views, customs and culture is represented on EVERY council.	Yes	30-39	NZ European
9-Aug	No	I think it further contributes to the racial disharmony that has developed over the last 40 years	Yes	50-59	NZ European
9-Aug	Yes		Yes	18-29	NZ European

9-Aug	No	Here we go again, another bid for "wokeness". The idea of having Maori representation is not the issue, it is the way you go around it. Why should there be designated seats, when these could be filled with people (Maori or non-maori) that could do a better job and have a much more positive impact. The people that have the seats in council should be those that have done the work and will make a difference - which may well be a Māori representation. It is the easy way out just giving these seats up, however I do not think that this has the best of heart for the Public. All seats should be filled with individuals (regardless of the race, gender, etc) to those that will have the best impact on the community. Therefore NO I do not support this.	Yes	18-29		Māori
9-Aug	Yes	A minority group who may have a different prospective than the majority will usually have no representation in our current voting system.	Yes	60 years or	NZ European	
9-Aug	No	We are trying to be one, this will further tear us apart.	Yes	50-59		Māori
9-Aug	No	Racist, I am fat, can we have representation too!	Yes	40-49	NZ European	
9-Aug	No		Yes	18-29		Māori
9-Aug	No		Yes	18-29		Māori
9-Aug	No	This will just further contribute to the division of NZ.	Yes	40-49	NZ European	
9-Aug	No	One person one vote - we cannot have two seperate classes in a democratic country.	Yes	40-49	NZ European	
8-Aug	Yes	Te Tiriti	Yes	40-49	NZ European	
8-Aug	Yes	Tinorangatiranga	Yes	50-59	NZ European	
8-Aug	No		Yes	60 years or	NZ European	
8-Aug	No	Wanganui has a lot more cultures in it than just Maori. And what would this achieve. Just a wast if tax payers money. How about you asked the Maori company if thay would like to pay for Maori words.	Yes			
8-Aug	No	We are all new Zealanders, and this sort of things causes divide.	Yes	40-49	NZ European	
8-Aug	No	Right people for the job, not race based people for the job.	Yes	40-49		
8-Aug	No	In New Zealand, we have a democratic society where being elected to the council is considered an honourable and privileged achievement, regardless of one's race.			NZ European	
8-Aug	No	Elections should be a democratic choice of all the people for all the people to choose and benefit. This undermines democracy and pushes for positive discrimination. We are one New Zealand Aotearoa. Maori candidates should be scrutinised as rigorously as all other candidates by all	Yes	40-49	NZ European	
8-Aug	No	Equality. All people have a chance to be elected as individuals, and all councillors discuss/vote on all issues. No need to segregate by race.	Yes	60 years or	NZ European	
8-Aug	Yes	Māori need greater representation around the Council table and they need to have a greater say in how things are done in Whanganui as they make up about 25% of Whanganui's population. Māori also bring a different view to the running of an organisation which I believe is more wholistic and about all the people rather than about the self and your own interests. Plus when Pākehā dominate as a population demographic it is very difficult for Māori to get the votes, it really isn't fair. So many Pākehā just won't open their eyes to the value of Māori representation not just for Māori but for all of us. We need more demographic diversity in the council. I would like to add that I can't see why I as a Pākehā and not on the Māori electoral roll cannot vote for a Māori for the Māori Ward. If I think they are a good candidate and I want them to represent me as well then why can't I vote for them?	Yes	60 years or	NZ European	
8-Aug	Yes	I think it is important Maori have representation within local government as this is definitely needed in WHANGANUI as maori are whanau orientated not just maori whanau and not enough is being done for the people especially since covid hot and now inflation. I think it will allow a fairer input into what the community needs.	Yes	50-59		Māori
8-Aug	No		Yes	30-39	NZ European	
8-Aug	Yes		Yes	40-49		Māori
8-Aug	Yes	Te Tiriti o Waitangi allows for representation on any decision making, that impacts Maori. 1 seat though should not be seen as Councils engagement with Iwi...this is not a tick box type of solution	Yes	50-59		Māori
8-Aug	No	We are all residents of Wanganui with equal rights. So unless voted in by residents, no one person, should have any say on how our beautiful city is looked after.	Yes	60 years or over		
8-Aug	No	We are all have one vote for councilors not race based Councilors chosen on there merits	Yes	60 years or	NZ European	
8-Aug	No	If you are to have Maori wards, you will need other ethnic specific wards as well to aquire equality of opportunity for all.	Yes	40-49		Māori
8-Aug	No	Maori don't need special wards to be represented in council. They have the skills and abilities needed to be elected already	Yes	30-39	NZ European	
8-Aug	Yes	I think that it is important for tangata whenua to have a separate platform to make changes, give feedback, give ideas from an indigenous way of thinking and support councilors who may not have any knowledge around tangata whenua or te ao māori.	Yes	30-39	NZ European	Māori
8-Aug	No	Māori can run for Council like everyone else - no need to single them out.	Yes	60 years or	NZ European	
8-Aug	Yes	We need a better representation in our local government. Maōri way of thinking and doing things needs to become well known facts within our community so other groups of people will get a better understanding. I had no idea the difference until recently.	Yes	40-49	NZ European	Māori

8-Aug	No	Shouldn't be any wards/roles based on ethnicity. Where does end, Chinese seats, British seats, South African seats. All residents of NZ aren't we? Seats should be allocated by democratic vote and not split up by race/ethnicity. Plain and simple	Yes	40-49		
8-Aug	No	Why do we need them, they should get their on there own merits	Yes	50-59	NZ European	
8-Aug	No	Not required	Yes	30-39	NZ European	Māori
8-Aug	Yes	Maori must have a voice at the council to represent and speak for their own iwi, hapu and environment on all issues. The council is dominated by a pākeha world view and over represented by cis white men.	Yes	50-59	NZ European	
8-Aug	No	As having these based on race is divisive	Yes	40-49	NZ European	
8-Aug	Yes	I believe it will lead to better balanced representation	Yes	60 years or	NZ European	
8-Aug	No	Just seems like more segregation having Maori vote for Maori wards, and others on the general.	Yes	30-39	NZ European	
8-Aug	No	Racist deal.	No	60 years or over		
8-Aug	Yes	Because the indigenous view at the council is important and many whanau from Whanganui don't trust their iwi leaders.	Yes	30-39		Māori
8-Aug	Yes	It should be Maori asking if a general ward is needed. Tangata whenua	Yes	60 years or	NZ European	Māori
8-Aug	No	One person 1 vote	Yes	60 years or	NZ European	
8-Aug	Yes	For maori to have a voice within the council.	Yes	40-49		Māori
8-Aug	Yes	I believe having Māori wards will give a Māori perspective with decisions made in council and offer a better perspective for the entirety of Aotearoa/New Zealand and encourage more diversity and help encourage other ethnic groups to be involved with council's developments	Yes	30-39		Māori
8-Aug	Yes	To provide improved representation to Maori. Help address historical inequity and imbalances..council has historically been a pakeha institution. Doing this will improve decision making, as more people in our district will be represented at the table....finally it aligns with the Treaty, any step that goes towards fulfilling partnership is a good step.	Yes	40-49	NZ European	
8-Aug	No	I don't believe that race based appointments to the WDC would benefit the community at all. Every person can opt for council through the current fair voting system.	Yes	60 years or	NZ European	
8-Aug	Yes	Kia whakamana i ngā matapono o te tiriti.	Yes	40-49		Māori
8-Aug	No	Absolutely NOT 😊 and I don't have to give my reasons	Yes	60 years or	NZ European	
8-Aug	No	SHOULD BE VOTED IN BY RATEPAYERS.	No	60 years or	NZ European	
8-Aug	No	Our country is turning to shite, with too much Maori speech, signs etc being introduced. We are an English speaking country and it needs to stay that way		60 years or	NZ European	
8-Aug	Yes	Because it is the native tongue of Aotearoa & to speak the tongue is to honour the land	Yes	30-39	NZ European	
8-Aug	No		Yes	60 years or	NZ European	
8-Aug	Yes	Yes in manner where they need to be sitting at the Council table with the others. That is representing Te Titiri O Waitangi.	Yes	40-49		Māori
8-Aug	No	They can stand and be elected like the rest of us. Makes for more race division.	Yes	60 years or	NZ European	
8-Aug	No	I believe it's a racist system, and could have people elected who would potentially never have any interest in the views of the wider community. That is to say, if someone was never in my electorate they would never be my problem. It creates a problem that would have to be solved in the future, and can be resolved better by never implementing it in the first place.	Yes	40-49	NZ European	
8-Aug	No		Yes			
8-Aug	No	Race should have nothing to do with decision making. All should be treated the same	Yes	30-39	NZ European	
8-Aug	No	I oppose rules based on race. We need unity rather than division.	Yes	60 years or	NZ European	
8-Aug	No	Because any councilor that can't advocate for all of Whanganui regardless of race shouldn't have stood. We don't have women only wardens. Or elderly only wardens. Or any other race specific or needs specific wardens .	Yes	40-49		
8-Aug	No	Because it's racist. People should be treated the same regardless of their ethnic background. If a Maori candidate's ideas are good for everyone then they will be voted in the same way every other New Zealander is. No special racial appointments.	Yes	30-39		
8-Aug	No	Kei Whanganui te ture o Te Awa Tupua. Kei kōra he kōrero me te mana o te iwi kaingā. Ko ngā ture Māori wahanga he kaupapa mo ngā tangata kāore rātou he uri o te rohe nei.	Yes	60 years or over		Māori
8-Aug	Yes	to best represent Maori needs on council	Yes	50-59		Māori
8-Aug	No	Because the Te Tiriti o Waitangi is already fulfilled with everyone having a vote and Maori can be active in influencing/marketing to voters or councillors by working together in their tribes and making submissions like this.				
8-Aug	No	Democracy is still in play here in NZ	Yes	50-59		
8-Aug	No	5,196 of those on the Maori roll, would be disadvantaged in local government elections. Voting on 24% of local governance vs being able to have a say on 100%.	Yes	30-39	NZ European	

8-Aug	No	If Maori, or anyone for that matter, wish to serve the district, they are more than capable of running at local elections. We should not create roles solely based on race, out of misplaced "white guilt", to give Maori a chance to air grievances, push their separatist agenda and milk the taxpayer for years to come.	Yes	30-39	NZ European
8-Aug	No	All people of New Zealand should be treated equal, when one ethnic group gets preference it divides a nation	Yes	60 years or over	NZ European
8-Aug	No	We the rate payers vote on our councilors.	Yes	60 years or over	NZ European
8-Aug	No	No	Yes	18-29	NZ European
8-Aug	Yes	To have a fair and equitable distribution of voices and knowledge within the council decision making machine	Yes	30-39	NZ European
8-Aug	Yes	I would love to see more Māori representation on our council, it is severley lacking. Hopefully this would encourage more Māori candidates too	Yes	40-49	NZ European
8-Aug	No		Yes	40-49	NZ European
8-Aug	Yes	Because I believe that Māori representation should be at the table and it currently is not as an elected democratic voice	Yes	30-39	Māori
8-Aug	Yes	It will ensure more diverse views & reflect the community make up	Yes	60 years or over	Māori
8-Aug	Yes	It is past time to honour our commitments to Te Tiriti.	Yes	40-49	
8-Aug	No	Maori need to put up more candidates for Council in general and they should be voted on by the public based on suitability. Also Council are already liaising with iwi on decisions early.	Yes	50-59	NZ European
8-Aug	Yes	If that is what the iwi want. They should decide if it will help their voice or not.	Yes	40-49	NZ European
8-Aug	Yes	Improved representation for Maori people in general - in addition to iwi and hapu.	Yes	40-49	
8-Aug	No	Anyone can stand for Council elections including Maori, Pacific Islanders and other ethnic groups. Names are put forward for the public to vote. As I see it if you are committed to representing your town/city you will already be campaigning. If there is a reason why you do not get elected it is because the public do not democratically want you in Council. There is no need for extra councillors receiving extra salaries to sit on Council and not providing input to promote the area they represent. It seems like a free pass to hold up the due process.	Yes	60 years or over	
8-Aug	Yes	Bringing in Māori Wards brings us closer to honouring what was signed in Te Tiriti (although we still have such a long way to go!)	Yes	30-39	NZ European
8-Aug	Yes	Honoring the Treaty and having fair representation on council for Maori to have a say on policy	Yes	60 years or over	NZ European
8-Aug	Yes	I think there needs to be more representation.	Yes	30-39	NZ European
8-Aug	No	any move by council to create positions based on race just helps to foster more racism and only allowing people on the Maori roll to vote for candidates makes it even worse	Yes	60 years or over	
8-Aug	Yes	Equity, giving Māori a more equitable voice on council	Yes	30-39	NZ European Māori
8-Aug	Yes		Yes	18-29	
8-Aug	No	Each voter should be able to vote for their preferred elected members. Having separate Maori wards would remove this right.	Yes	50-59	
8-Aug	Yes	So māori are fairly represented and have a say on their own Lands	Yes	30-39	NZ European
8-Aug	Yes	I would like to see more diversity on the council.	Yes	40-49	NZ European
8-Aug	No	If someone wants to stand for Council they have opportunities every three years to do so. Why not first trying encouraging Iwi to stand as they have done in the past (Rangi Wills) and been successful in winning a seat. If you have Maori seats you discriminate against people like me who might want to vote for the person, because they would be a good addition to the Council table, but can't, because I am not iwi.	Yes	50-59	NZ European
8-Aug	No	One system for all, don't seperate due to race etc	Yes	50-59	NZ European Māori
8-Aug	Yes	Mana whenua as well as māori have different experiences of our city than tauwiwi. Currently no one sitting on our council is able to represent these experiences. Decision made at council continue to be at odds with the values and practices of mana whenua.	Yes	30-39	NZ European Māori
7-Aug	Yes	Currently and for as long as I can remember there are no Māori represented on our council in Whanganui.	Yes	30-39	Māori
7-Aug	No	Don't think we need to bring race into it. You are voted in by the community regardless of colour.	Yes	18-29	Māori
7-Aug	Yes	It would be beneficial for Whanganui District Council to work alongside the mana whenua of Whanganui. Set a precedent - for the better of Whanganui now and for future generations.	Yes	50-59	Māori
31-Jul	Yes	Its the right move.			