



# How we represent you

Feedback must be received by **4pm, Thursday 8 August**.

Every six years, Auckland Council must [review representation arrangements](#) to ensure they are fair and effective and are keeping pace with Auckland's growth. This review includes the Governing Body, and local boards. Our last review was in 2018 for the 2019 local government elections.

## How Auckland Council is currently set up

Tāmaki Makaurau / Auckland is divided into 13 [wards](#), each represented by councillors elected by Aucklanders living in those wards. Currently, there are 20 councillors. The mayor is elected by all voters in Auckland. The mayor and councillors make up the Governing Body which collectively acts in the best interests of all Aucklanders.

We also have 21 [local boards](#) responsible for making decisions specific to the communities in their geographic areas. Each local board consists of five to nine elected members, totalling 149 members across all boards.

## Why do changes need to be made?

Currently, some councillor wards do not meet the requirement that elected representatives must represent a similar number of people (within 10 per cent of the average). *This is called the 'fair representation' rule.* This rule also applies to subdivisions within local boards.

The council is also required to make sure that the election of members provides effective representation of communities of interest. In simple terms, communities of interest are groups of people who feel connected to a place, use the same services, and who have similar issues that require representation at the decision-making table.

## What are we proposing?

Through our representation review, we propose maintaining the current number of wards and councillors, while making adjustments to ward boundaries, especially in the North Shore, Albany, and central Auckland areas. We also propose changes to some local board subdivisions.

More information on the current arrangements and why we are asking for your views on changes can be found in the representation review initial proposal document.

## What happens next

The council will review feedback on the representation review initial proposal, make any necessary changes, and notify the public of the final proposal. Objections or appeals to the final proposal will then be accepted. If none are received, the proposal will be implemented for the 2025 elections.

We strongly encourage you to read the representation review initial proposal document before answering any of the following questions. All material is available at [akhaveyoursay.nz/represent](https://akhaveyoursay.nz/represent).

We encourage you to give feedback online at [akhaveyoursay.nz/represent](https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/represent), or you can:

**Scan and Email your completed form to:**

[representationreview@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:representationreview@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)

**Post your completed form to:**

Auckland Council Representation Review  
Freepost Number 190198  
Private Bag 92300  
Victoria Street West  
Auckland, 1142

**Your details**

**Your name and feedback will be included in public documents. All other personal details will not be made available to the public.**

First name:

Last name:

Email or postal address:

Your local board or suburb:

Are you providing:

☐ Your **personal** feedback

☐ Feedback as the official representative of an **organisation**

Organisation name:

**These questions are optional but will help us understand which groups of the community are engaging with us.**

What gender are you?

☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Another gender:

What age group do you belong to?

☐ Under 15 ☐ 15-17 ☐ 18-24 ☐ 25-34 ☐ 35-44  
☐ 45-54 ☐ 55-64 ☐ 65-74 ☐ 75+

Which ethnic group(s) do you feel you belong to? (Please select as many as apply)

☐ Pākehā/NZ European ☐ Māori ☐ Cook Islands Māori  
☐ Samoan ☐ Tongan ☐ Indian  
☐ Chinese ☐ Southeast Asian ☐ Korean  
☐ Other (please specify):

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☐ People's Panel – to take part in council surveys

You can also visit AK Have Your Say at [akhaveyoursay.nz](http://akhaveyoursay.nz) to find out about or register to receive regular updates on consultation activities happening across Auckland.

**Do you want to speak to your submission at a public hearing?**

☐ No      ☐ Yes      If yes, phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

To arrange a speaking time, you will be contacted by phone or email. Please ensure the contact details you provided are correct.

**Your feedback** (all questions are optional)

## **Representation review initial proposal**

**1. Overall, what is your opinion of the changes outlined in the representation review initial proposal?**

- ☐ Support
- ☐ Do not support
- ☐ Other
- ☐ I don't know

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### *Changes to wards from the 2022 elections*

**2. We are proposing some minor changes to the following ward boundaries.**

For more information, see the [representation review initial proposal](#) for changes to wards from the 2022 elections (pages 4 and 5 of the consultation document).

**Central Auckland wards.**

**Waitematā and Gulf ward**

**Ōrākei ward**

**Maungakiekie-Tāmaki ward**

### Albert-Eden-Puketāpapa ward

- Pukekawa / Auckland Domain and the communities in Parnell, Newmarket and Grafton, currently in the Ōrākei ward and Waitematā Local Board area, will return to the Waitematā and Gulf ward and remain in the Waitematā Local Board area
- parts of Ellerslie and St Johns communities, currently in the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Ward will return to the Ōrākei Ward
- part of a community close to Royal Oak and Onehunga, currently in the Albert-Eden-Puketāpapa Ward will return to the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Ward.

However, the community in Eden Terrace, south of the motorway, which is in the Albert-Eden-Puketāpapa Ward and the Waitematā Local Board area does not change. This avoids central Auckland wards not complying with the fairness of representation rule.

Before the 2019 elections, the Waitematā and Gulf Ward had 44 per cent more people per councillor than average. To address this, the boundary between the Waitematā and Gulf Ward and the Ōrākei Ward was adjusted, which affected other ward boundaries and caused misalignments with local board boundaries in five areas across four wards.

Current population estimates now allow for realigning most of these boundaries to ensure fair representation, except for Eden Terrace. Moving Eden Terrace back to the Waitematā and Gulf Ward would lead to non-compliance with population variation rules.

Maps 1.1 to 1.4 show the proposed changes for the Central Auckland wards.

### 2A. What is your opinion of the proposed changes to the *Central Auckland wards* (maps 1.1 to 1.4)?

- ☐ Support
- ☐ Do not support
- ☐ Other
- ☐ I don't know

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### **North Shore and Albany wards.**

The council proposes to move an area around Bayview currently in the Albany Ward to the North Shore Ward to reduce non-compliance with the fairness of representation rule and move an area to its east from North Shore to Albany Ward to align with minor changes to local board boundaries (5B, 5C and 5D below). With these changes the boundary between the Albany and North Shore wards will fully align with local board boundaries (map 1.5).

### **2B. What is your opinion of the proposed changes to the *North Shore and Albany wards* (map 1.5)?**

- ☐ Support
- ☐ Do not support
- ☐ Other
- ☐ I don't know

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### ***Changes to local board representation from the 2022 elections***

### **3. We are proposing changes to subdivisions in two local board areas to better represent those communities.**

**For more information, see the [representation review initial proposal](#) for changes to local board subdivisions from the 2022 elections (pages 6 and 7 of the consultation document).**

#### **Rodney Local Board:**

The Warkworth and Kumeū subdivisions have been reduced in size to match urban and future development zones around these centres. The Dairy Flat subdivision stays the same as it currently is.

The rest of the Rodney Local Board area has two rural subdivisions – a North Rural subdivision and South Rural subdivision. The Wellsford subdivision will become part of the new North subdivision.

### **3A. What is your opinion of the proposed changes to the *Rodney Local Board* subdivisions (map 2.1 and 2.2)?**

- ☐ Support
- ☐ Do not support
- ☐ Other
- ☐ I don't know

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**Howick Local Board:**

To ensure fair representation the Botany subdivision will be split into a smaller Botany subdivision with two members and a new Flat Bush subdivision with three members. The total number of members on the Howick Local Board will increase from nine to eleven.

**3B. What is your opinion of the proposed changes to the *Howick Local Board* subdivisions (map 3)?**

- ☐ Support
- ☐ Do not support
- ☐ Other
- ☐ I don't know

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## *Non-complying subdivisions*

We propose minor noncompliance with the ‘*fair representation*’ rule for certain local boards to avoid splitting established communities.

These local boards include Hibiscus and Bays, Maungakiekie-Tāmakai, Ōtāra-Papatoetoe, and Franklin local boards.

Achieving compliance would require significant geographic changes, which could disrupt community ties and create impractical boundaries, especially in areas divided by natural or infrastructural barriers.

**For more information, see the [representation review initial proposal](#) for non-complying local board subdivisions (pages 7 and 8 of the consultation document).**

### **4. Do you have any feedback on the proposal to maintain some subdivision arrangements that are currently not compliant with the rule for fairness of representation?**

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## *Local board boundaries*

### **5. We are proposing some small changes to local board boundaries.**

We propose minor changes to local board boundaries across the Devonport-Takapuna, Upper Harbour, Kaipātiki, Puketāpapa and Maungakiekie-Tāmaki local boards to better align community areas and reserves.

**For more information, see the [representation review initial proposal](#) for minor changes to local board boundaries (page 8 of the consultation document).**

### **5A. We are proposing that Saunders Reserve, currently split across Devonport-Takapuna and Upper Harbour Local Boards, will be fully in the Upper Harbour Local Board (map 4.1). What is your opinion of this proposal?**

- ☐ Support
- ☐ Do not support
- ☐ Other
- ☐ I don't know

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**5B. We are proposing to move part of Kereru Reserve, currently split across Kaipātiki and Upper Harbour Local Boards, to the Upper Harbour Local Board (map 4.1). What is your opinion of this proposal?**

- ☐ Support
- ☐ Do not support
- ☐ Other
- ☐ I don't know

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**5C. We are proposing to shift the section of the Upper Harbour / Kaipātiki boundary that lies between Caribbean Drive and Albany Highway southwards, so it follows a road boundary (map 4.1). What is your opinion of this proposal?**

- ☐ Support
- ☐ Do not support
- ☐ Other
- ☐ I don't know

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**5D. We are proposing to align Bayview, currently split across Upper Harbour and Kaipātiki Local Boards, to the Kaipātiki Local Board (map 4.1). What is your opinion of this proposal?**

- ☐ Support
- ☐ Do not support
- ☐ Other
- ☐ I don't know

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**5E. We are proposing to align Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga), currently split across Puketāpapa and Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Boards, to the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board (map 4.2). What is your opinion of this proposal?**

- ☐ Support
- ☐ Do not support
- ☐ Other
- ☐ I don't know

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**6. Do you have any other feedback about how you and your community can be better represented through local boards and the governing body?**

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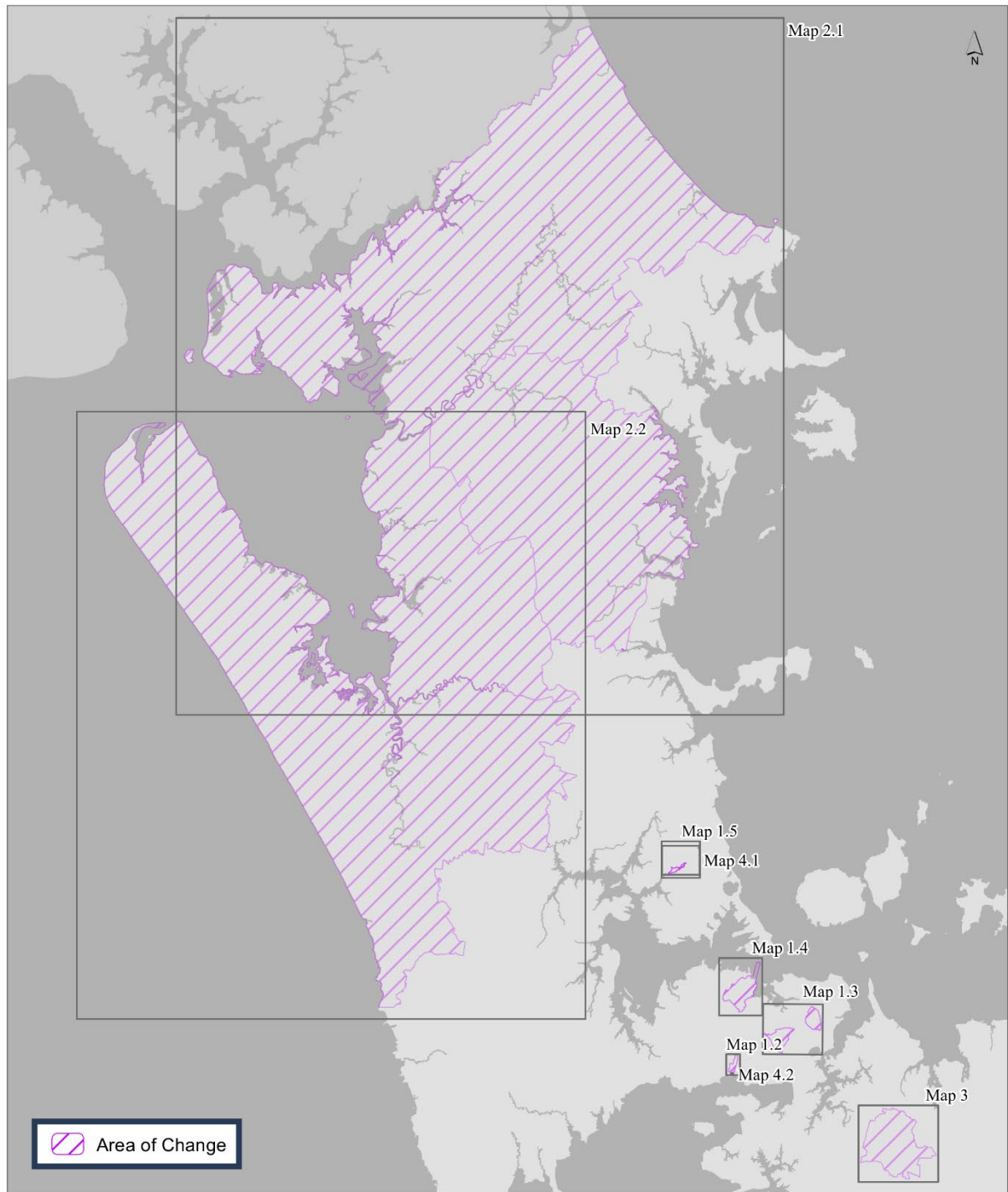
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## Representation review initial proposal maps

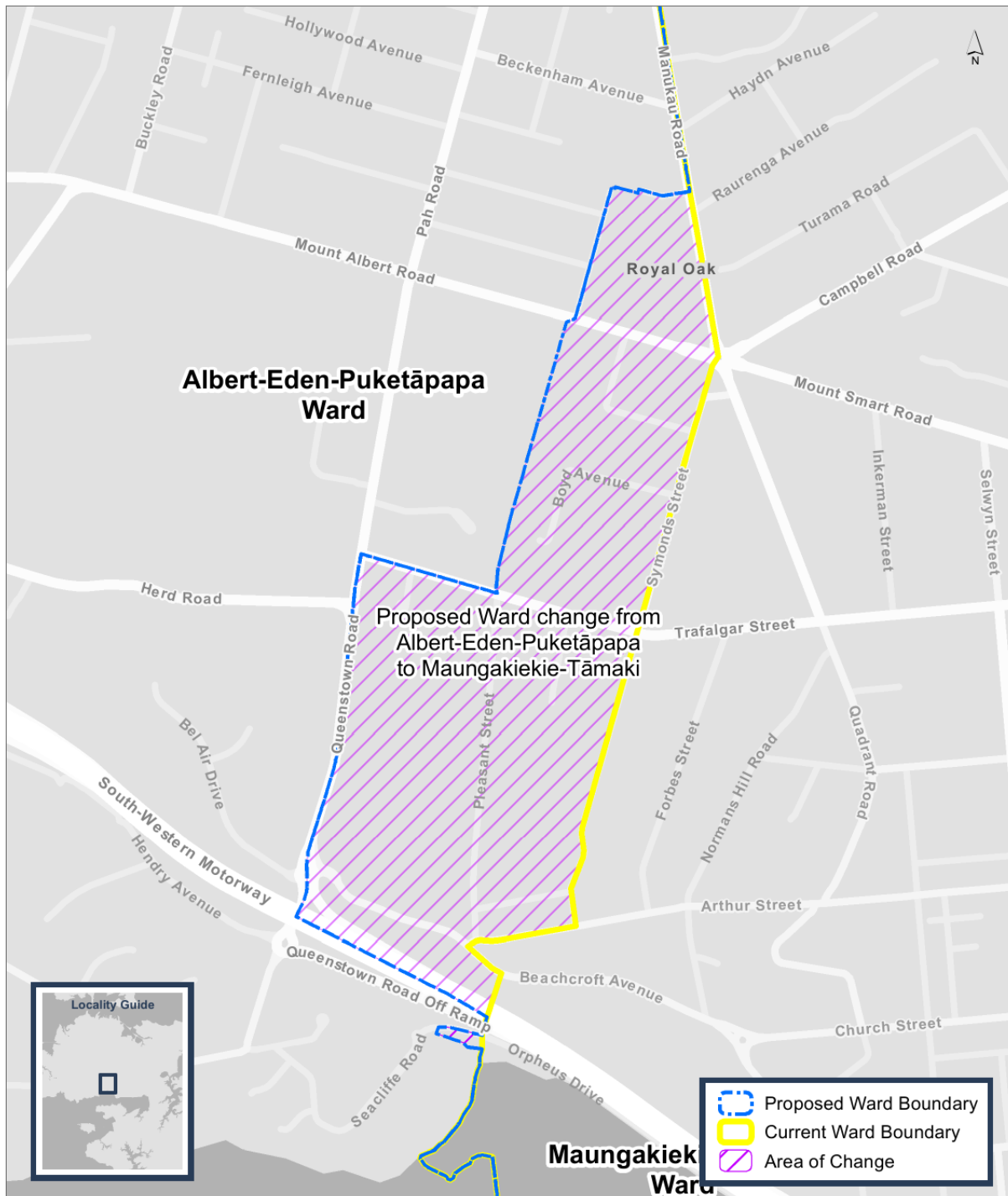
The maps related to the representation review initial proposal are as below. An interactive map viewer of the proposed changes is available at [akhaveyoursay.nz/represent](http://akhaveyoursay.nz/represent).

| Proposed changes                           | Map ID | Map title                                                 |
|--------------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Ward and local board boundary changes      | 1.1    | Representation review initial proposal – overview         |
| Central Auckland wards                     | 1.2    | Albert-Eden-Puketāpapa / Maungakiekie -Tāmaki (Royal Oak) |
|                                            | 1.3    | Maungakiekie -Tāmaki / Ōrākei (St Johns & Ellerslie)      |
|                                            | 1.4    | Ōrākei / Waitemata and Gulf (Parnell, Grafton, Newmarket) |
| North Shore wards                          | 1.5    | Albany / North Shore (Bayview)                            |
| Rodney Local Board                         | 2.1    | North Rural / Wellsford / Warkworth / Kumeu               |
|                                            | 2.2    | South Rural / Kumeu                                       |
| Howick Local Board                         | 3      | Botany / Flat Bush                                        |
| Minor local board boundary changes (North) | 4.1    | Kaipātiki / Upper Harbour (Kereru Reserve & Sunset Rd)    |
|                                            |        | Devonport-Takapuna / Upper Harbour (Saunders Reserve)     |
|                                            |        | Upper Harbour / Kaipātiki (Bayview)                       |
| Minor local board boundary changes (South) | 4.2    | Taumanu Reserve                                           |



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## Representation review initial proposal overview



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### Ward boundary changes

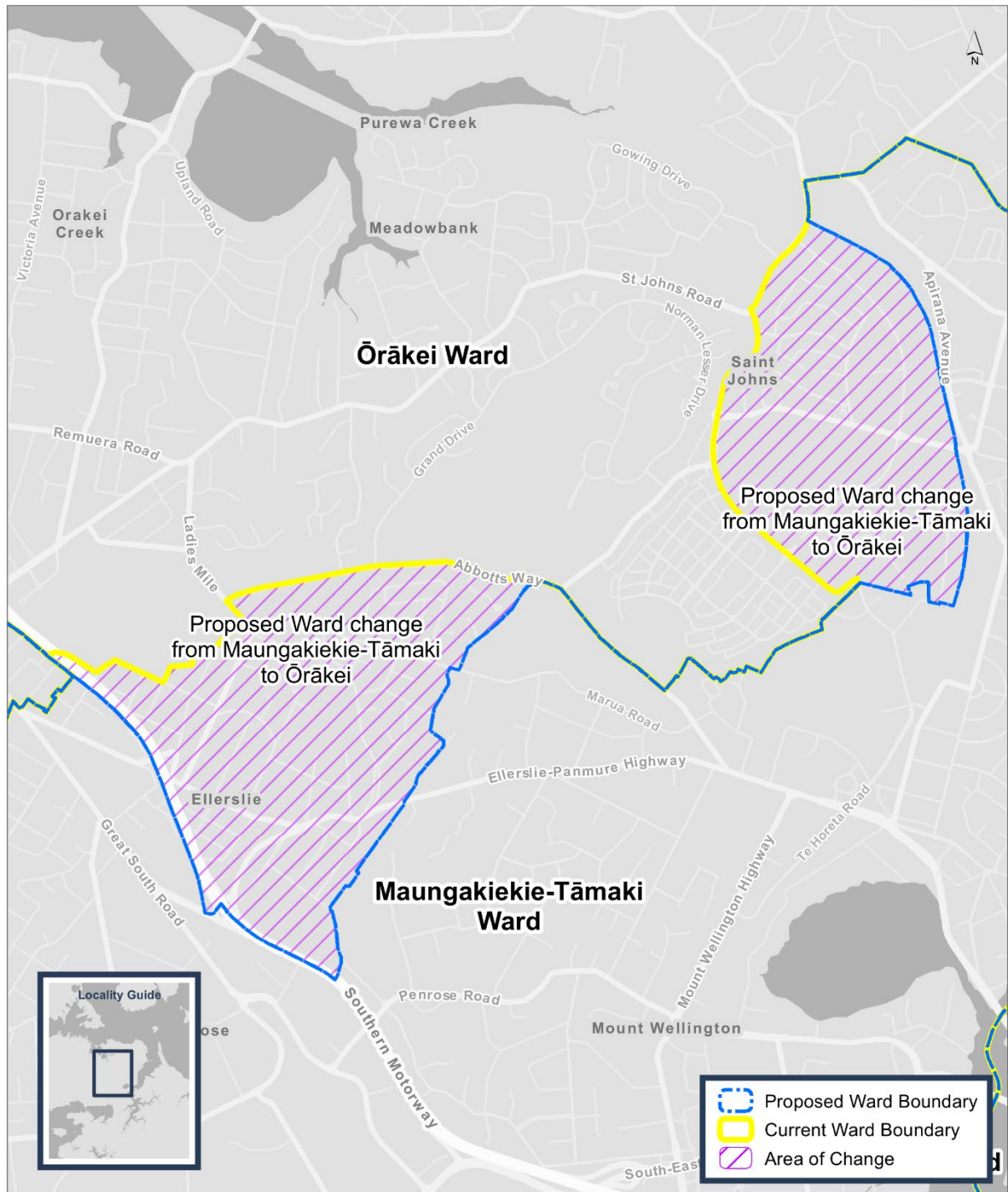
Albert-Eden-Puketāpapa /  
Maungakiekie-Tāmaki (Royal Oak)

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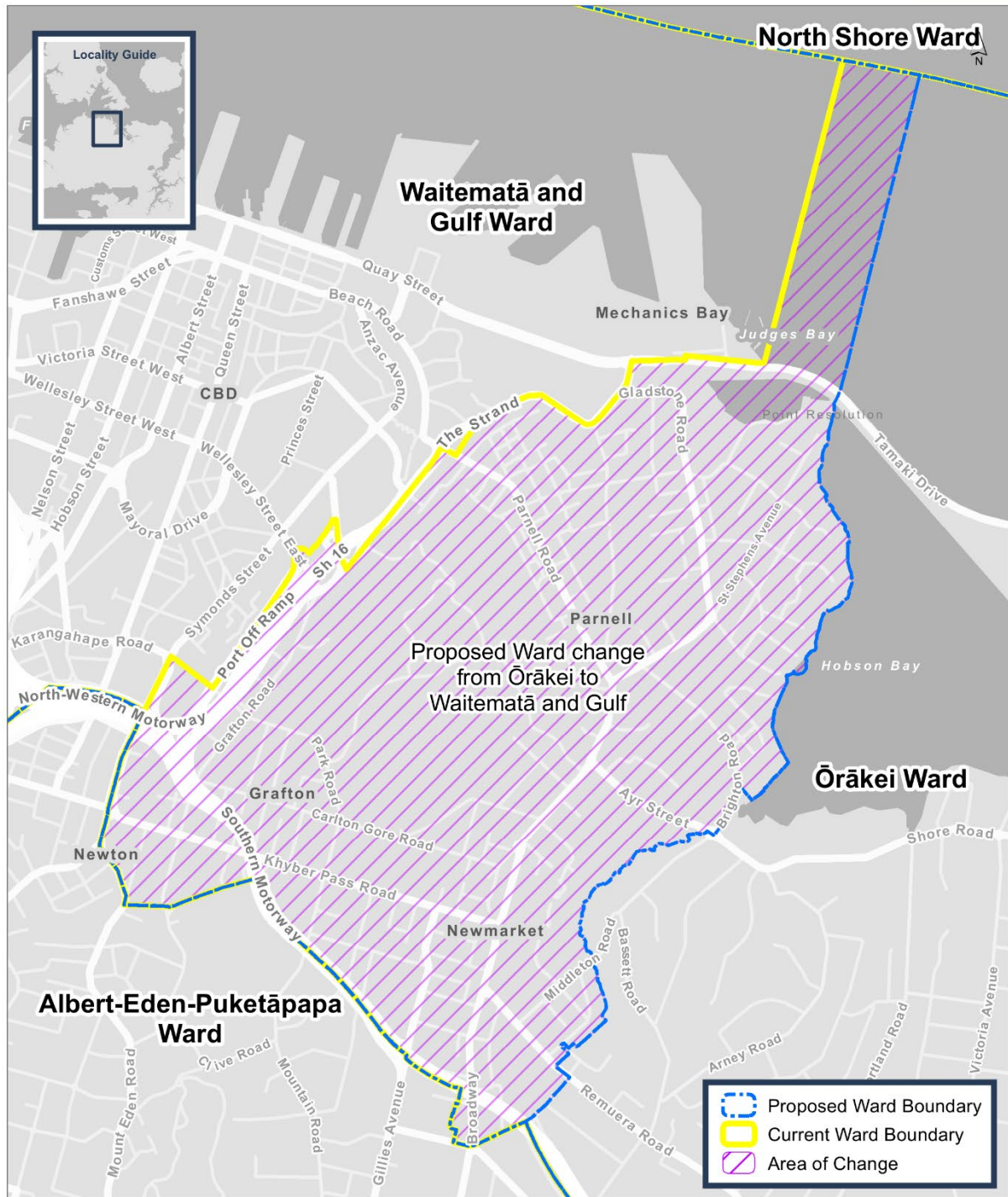
Maungakiekie-Tāmaki / Ōrākei  
(Ellerslie & St Johns)

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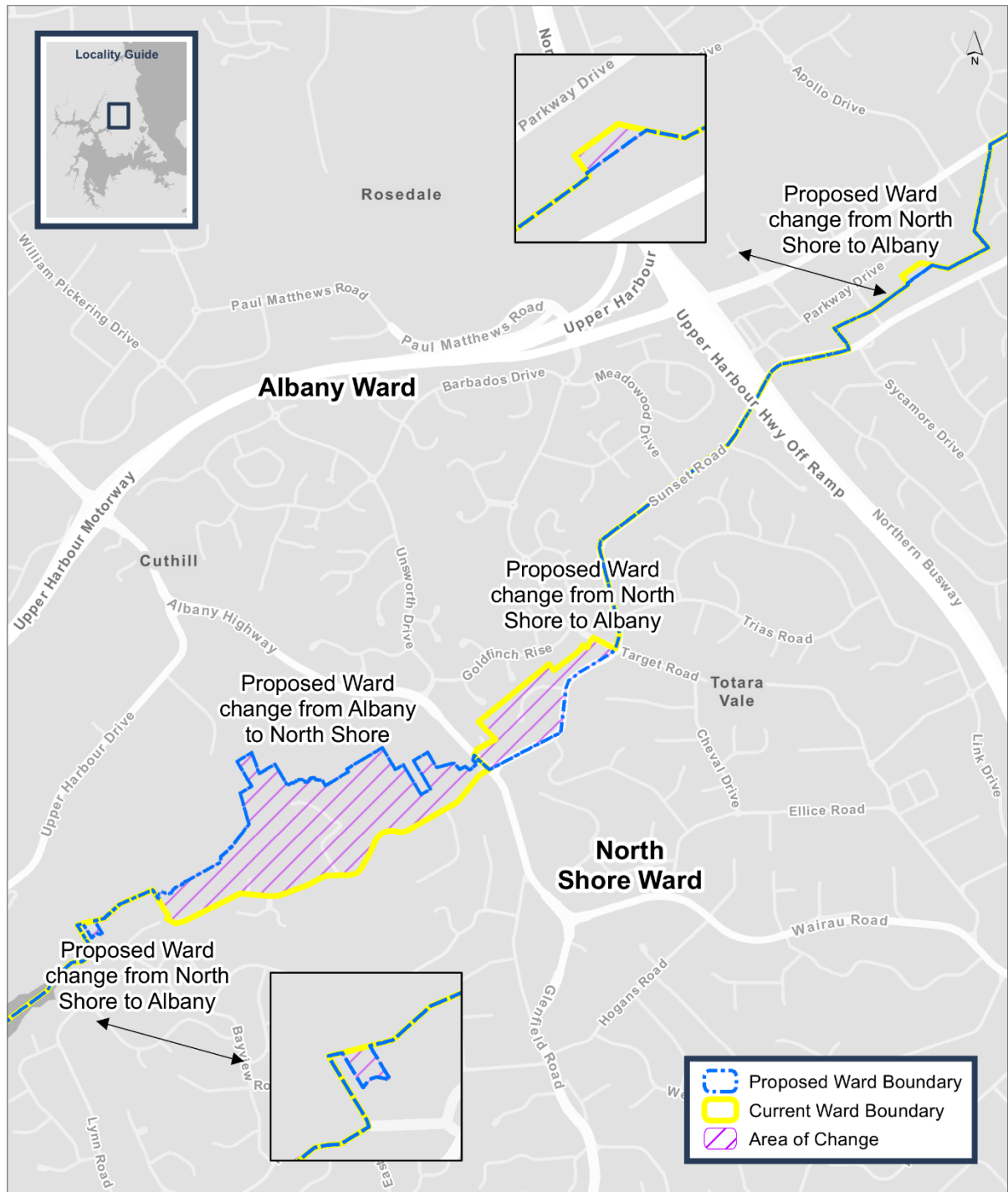
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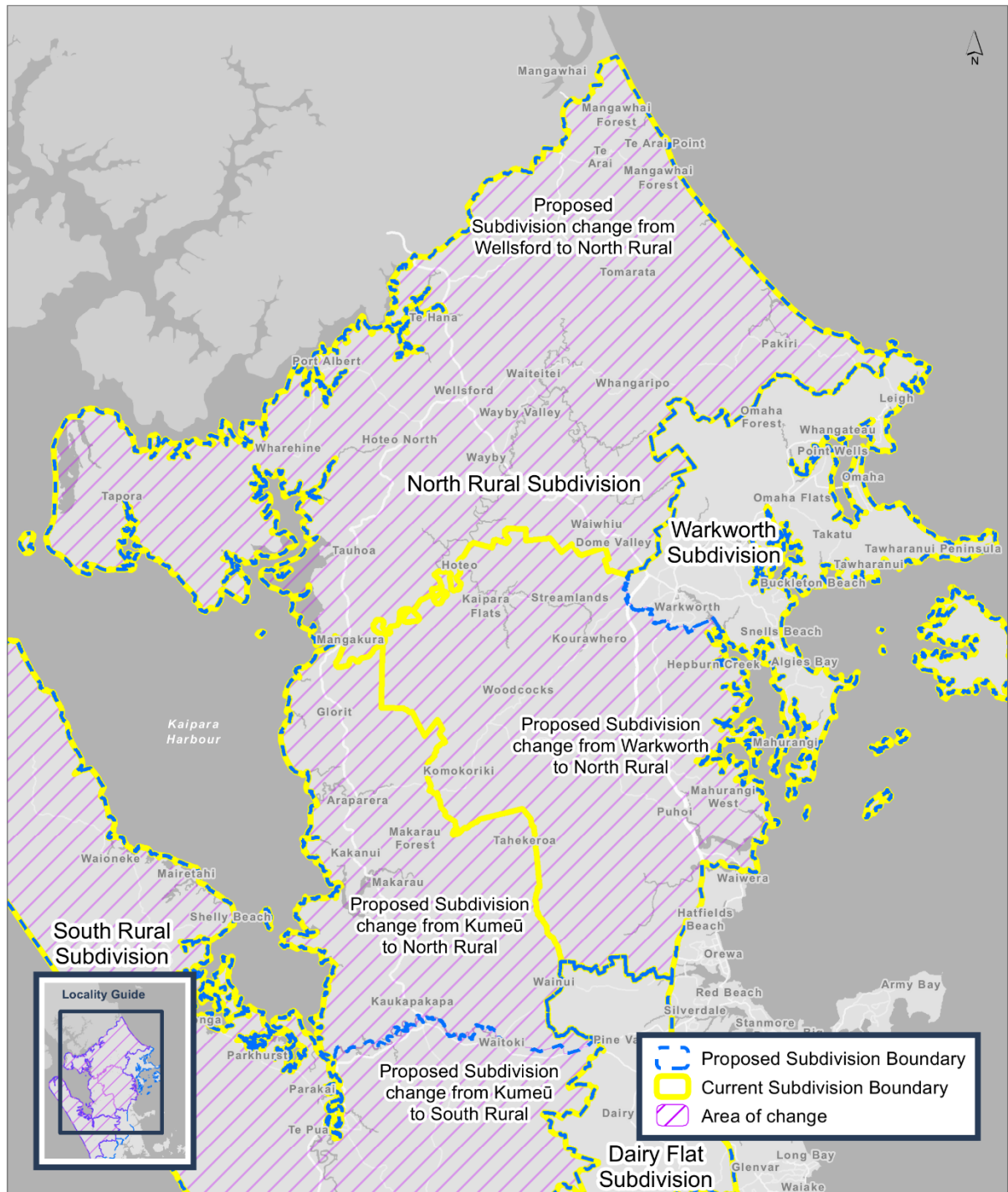
Albany / North Shore (Bayview)  
North Shore / Albany (Saunders Reserve,  
Kereru Reserve & Sunset Rd)

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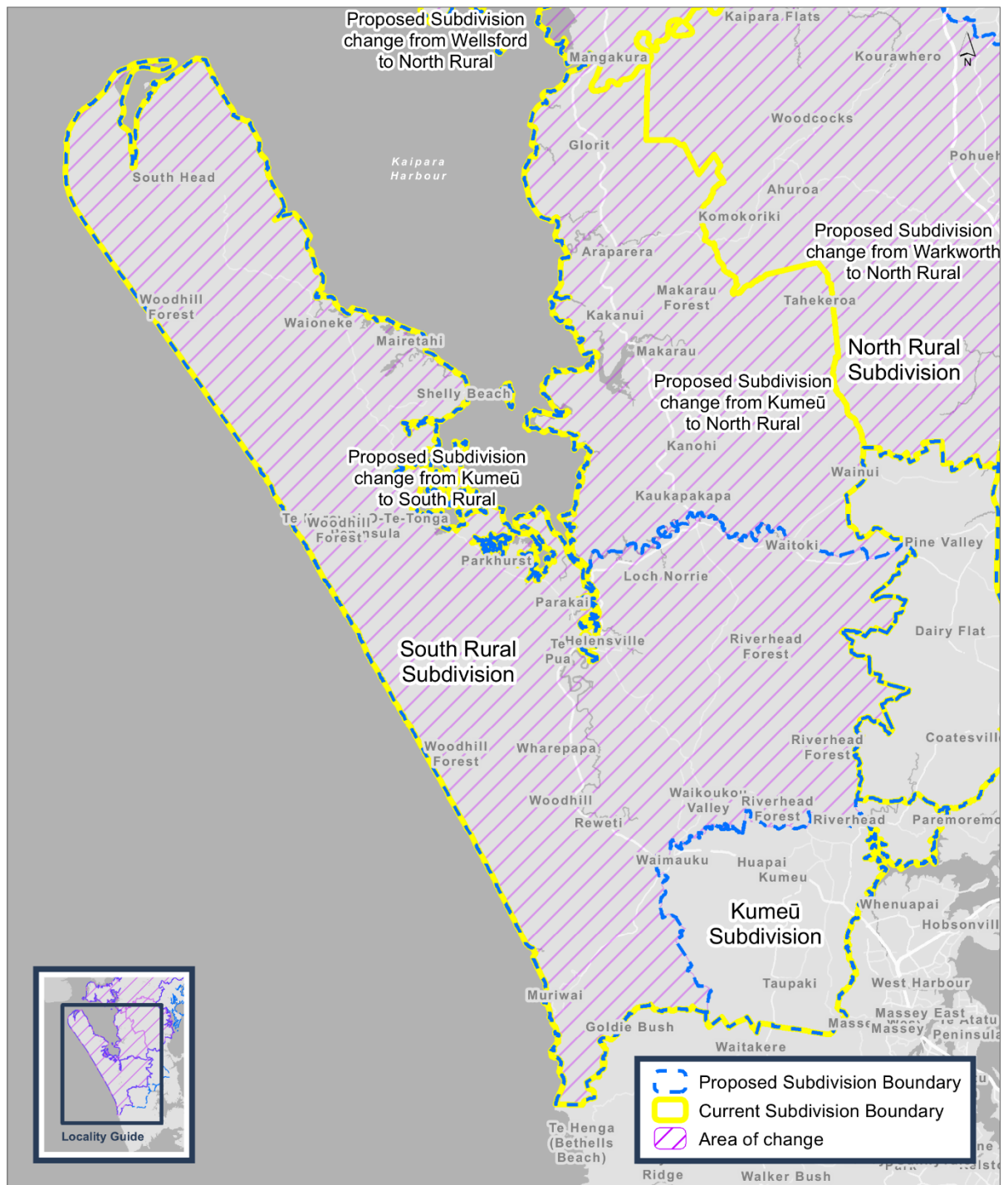




## Subdivision boundary changes

North Rural / Wellsford / Warkworth / Kumeū

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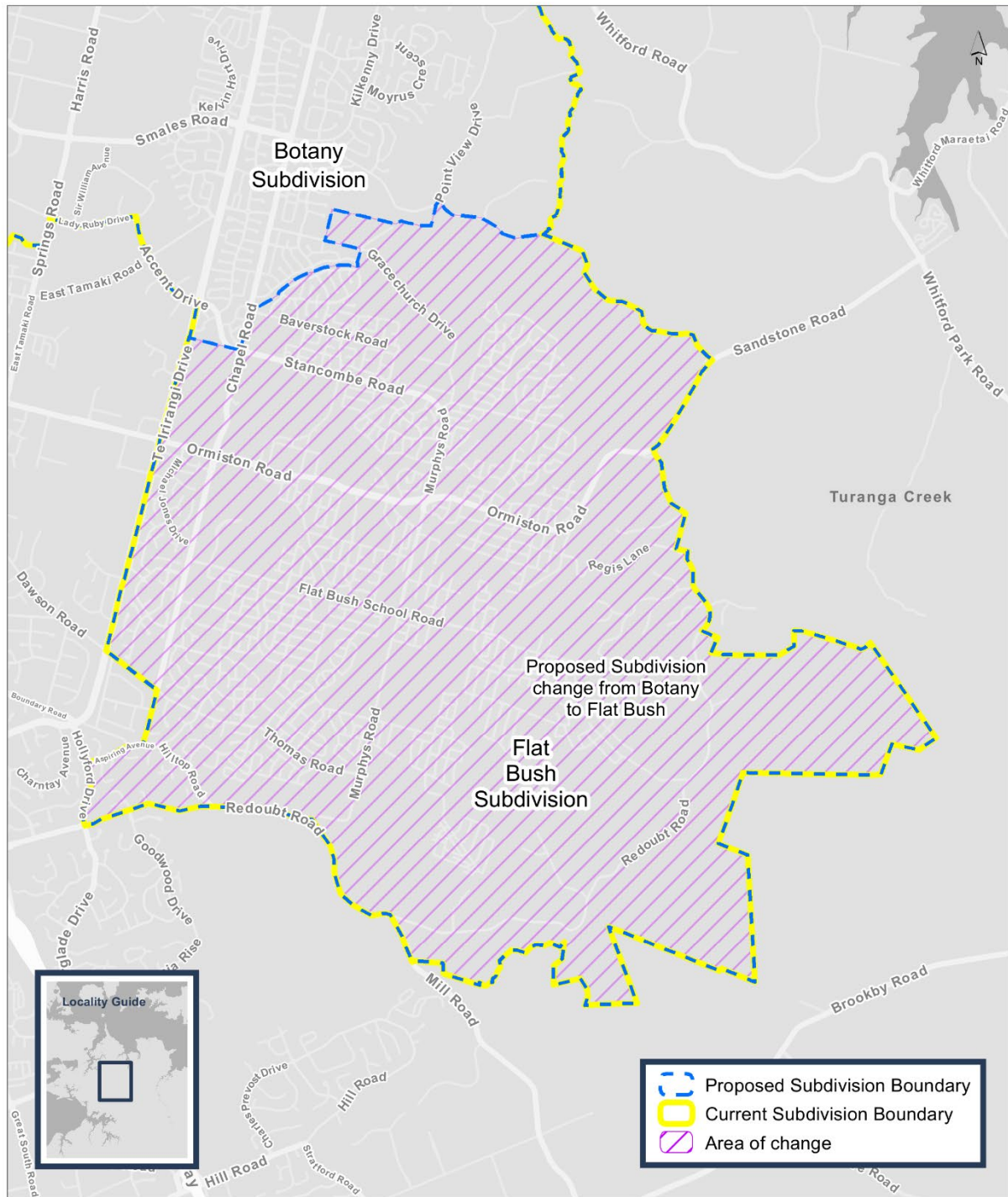
South Rural / Kumeū

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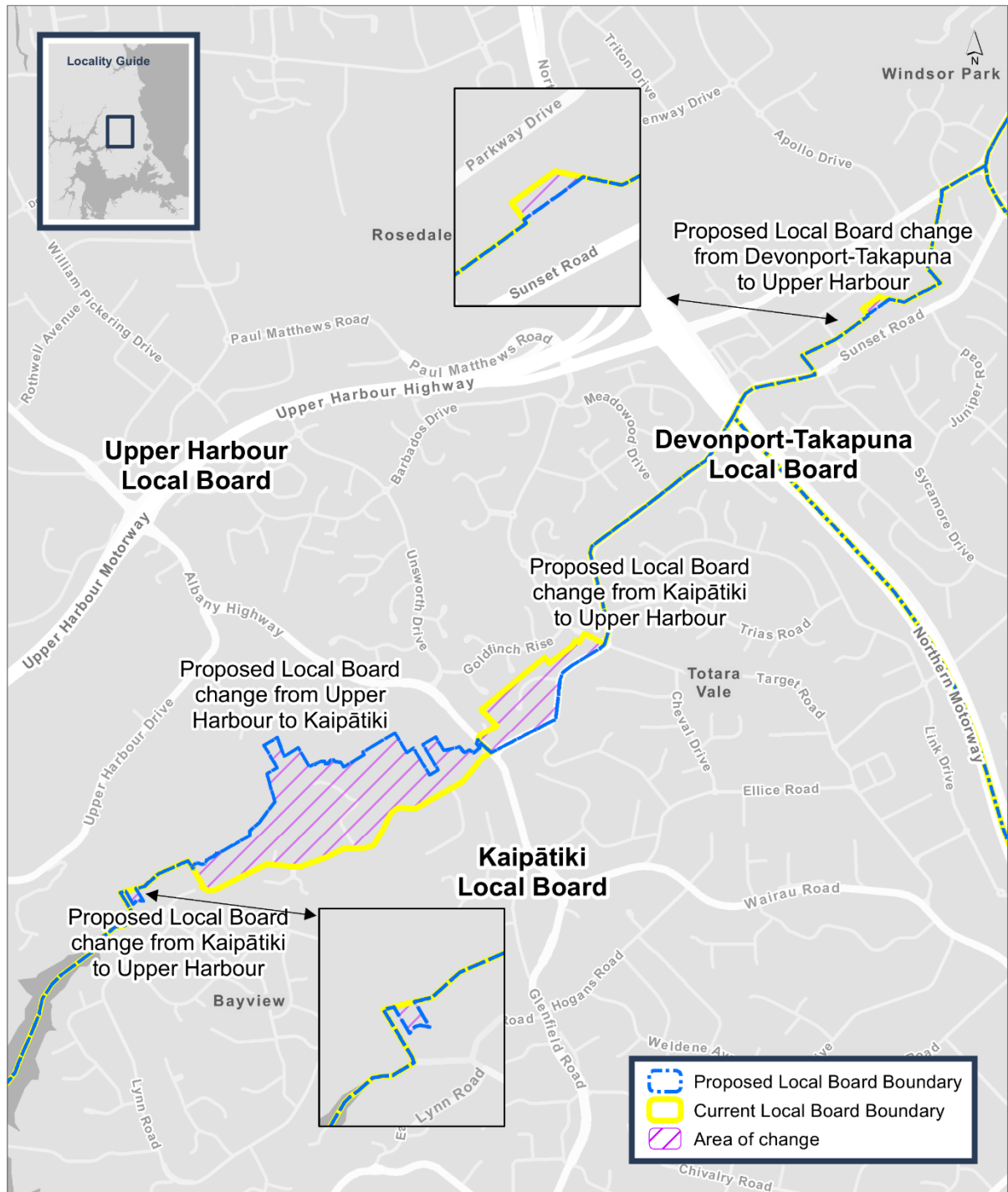
Botany / Flat Bush

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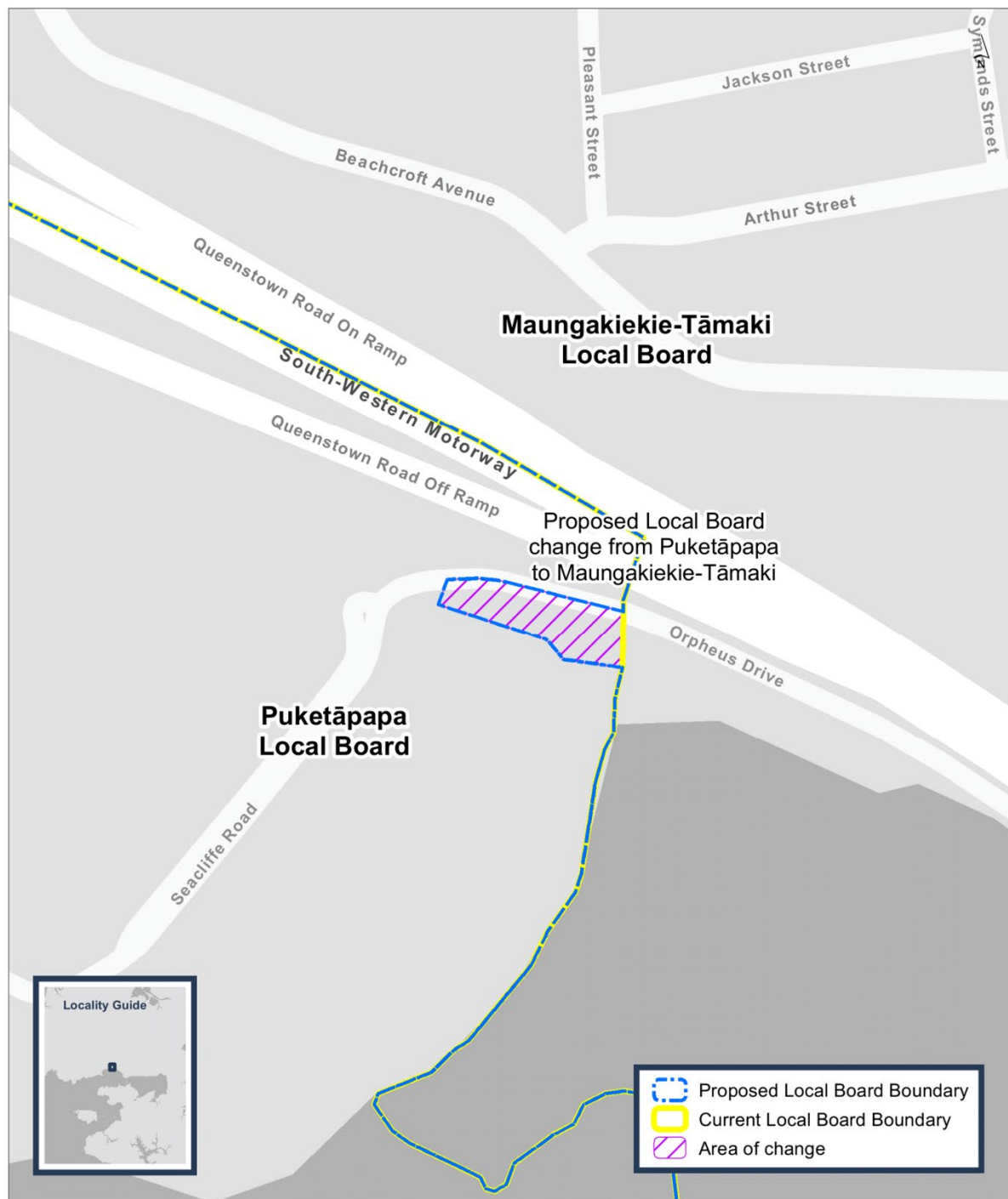
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### Local Board boundary changes

Kaipātiki / Upper Harbour (Kereru Reserve & Sunset Rd)  
Devonport-Takapuna / Upper Harbour (Saunders Reserve)  
Upper Harbour / Kaipātiki (Bayview)

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### Local Board boundary changes

**Puketāpapa / Maungakiekie-Tāmaki  
(Taumanu Reserve)**

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