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Auckland Council representation review

Written Feedback

Pro forma submissions

August 2024



Representation review initial proposal

I would like to provide feedback on the boundaries for Central Auckland Wards. *(Required)*

☐ I SUPPORT Newmarket and Parnell remaining in the Orakei Ward on the basis that the resident demographic is a shared community of interest.

Name *(Required)*

First

Last

Business *(Required)*

Email *(Required)*

Contact Number *(Required)*

Comments

Please add any further comments here.



To Auckland Council Representation Review,

I am writing as part of the Kaukapakapa community to express our concerns regarding the proposed boundary adjustments that would result in the division of our community. Currently, Kaukapakapa is represented within the Kumeu Subdivision. However, the proposal suggests splitting our community, with one part being represented by 'South Rural' and the other by 'North Rural.' While we understand the necessity of adjusting boundaries to accommodate urban and future development, we believe that this proposal warrants further consideration and consultation.

1. Lack of Notification and Consultation

We feel that the level of notification and consultation has been inadequate. Given the significant impact this proposal would have on our small, close-knit community, we expected more direct and thorough engagement. A simple Facebook notification is not sufficient for a decision of this magnitude. It is imperative that the community's voices be heard and considered, especially when such a fundamental change is being proposed.

2. Research on Proposed Boundary Adjustments

Kaukapakapa is a rural community with the school at its heart. The proposed boundary adjustment cuts through our community, disregarding the shared interests and needs of both sides of the river. It is crucial that both parts of Kaukapakapa are represented by the same representatives, as our families have common concerns and aspirations. The current proposal seems divisive and fails to take into account the community's cohesive nature.

3. Identity and Representation

It is challenging to understand how merging 'North Kaukapakapa' with 'North Rural' provides reasonable representation for our community. As residents, we identify more closely with Helensville and its surrounding areas. For essential services such as local council facilities, we travel to Helensville, which is a mere 10-minute drive, as opposed to the 40+ minutes it takes to reach Wellsford. Our daily lives revolve around Helensville's amenities, including the supermarket, library, medical facilities, schools, and small businesses. Therefore, it would be more appropriate for the entire Kaukapakapa community to join with 'South Rural' rather than being divided.

4. Future Considerations

Kaukapakapa is experiencing population growth, primarily from the Hibiscus Coast and Auckland central region. While we cherish the semi-rural nature of our area, it is important to note that most residents commute to urban areas for work, as viable farms are limited. Being represented by 'North Rural,' a large, under-resourced, and distant community board, may not align with our community's values and development aspirations. We believe that such representation would be disadvantageous for our future growth and cultural expectations.

In conclusion, Kaukapakapa is a unique and vibrant community that should remain whole and united. If it is necessary to separate from the Kumeu Subdivision, we strongly believe that aligning with 'South Rural' would better reflect our community's identity and needs.

Thank you for considering our concerns. We hope for a constructive dialogue to ensure the best possible representation for Kaukapakapa.

Sincerely,

Name:

Email / postal address:

Local board or suburb: