

I hereby give notice that an ordinary meeting of the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board will be held on:

Date: Tuesday, 19 March 2024
Time: 10:00am
Meeting Room: Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Office
Venue: 1-7 The Strand
Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board OPEN AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

Chairperson	Toni van Tonder
Deputy Chairperson	Terence Harpur
Members	Peter Allen
	Gavin Busch
	Melissa Powell
	George Wood, CNZM

(Quorum 3 members)

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Representation project – issues specific to Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

File No.: CP2024/02111

Te take mō te pūrongo Purpose of the report

1. To provide feedback on the representation project issues that are specific to the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

Whakarāpopototanga matua Executive summary

2. The representation project comprises the review of representation arrangements for the 2025 elections, which the council is required to undertake, and the development of a local board reorganisation plan that reduces the number of local boards.
3. A report on both these matters is being presented to all local boards and is on the same agenda as this report. This current report deals only with those matters that are specific to the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board.
4. The Local Electoral Act 2001 was amended in 2023 to provide for minor changes to local board boundaries when a representation review is undertaken. This makes it possible, for example, to adjust boundaries to align with ward boundaries or address anomalies along the border. A boundary change cannot result in more than 2,000 people being transferred.
5. Staff have received requests for a small change to the boundary between the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board and Upper Harbour Local Board that currently splits Saunders Reserve between the two boards. Currently there are two reserve management plans for the reserve because of this split.
6. Aligning the boundary to avoid splitting the reserve requires adjusting a mesh-block. Staff have been communicating with Statistics NZ to get that process underway pending feedback from the board.

Ngā tūtohunga Recommendation/s

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:

- a) support the proposal to align the local board boundary with the boundary to Saunders Reserve and note that this requires adjustment to a meshblock.

Horopaki Context

7. The Local Electoral Act 2001 was amended in 2023 to include the ability to make minor local board boundary changes during a representation review:

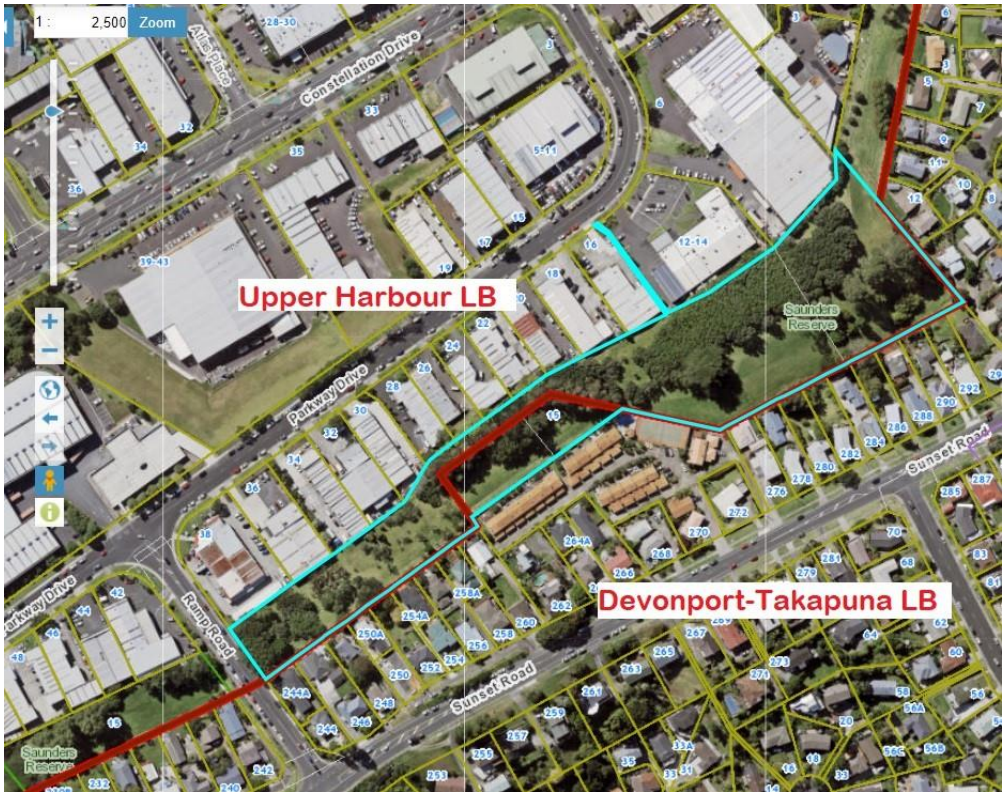
“19JAA Review of local board area boundaries by unitary authority

- (1) *A unitary authority may, when it passes a resolution under section 19H, determine by that resolution not only the matters referred to in that section but also new proposed boundaries of local board areas in the district of the unitary authority.*

- (2) *In determining new proposed boundaries of local board areas, the unitary authority must ensure that—*
- (a) *the population affected by the new proposed boundaries will not exceed the population transfer limit prescribed by regulations made under this Act; and*
 - (b) *the boundaries of the local board areas will—*
 - (i) *enable democratic local decision making by, and on behalf of, communities of interest throughout the district; and*
 - (ii) *enable equitable provision to be made for the current and future well-being of all communities of interest within the affected area; and*
 - (c) *the boundaries of local board areas coincide with boundaries of the current statistical meshblock areas determined by Statistics New Zealand and used for parliamentary electoral purposes; and*
 - (d) *so far as is practicable, local board area boundaries coincide with ward boundaries.”*
8. The limits to the affected population as currently described in regulations are 2.5% of the population of the affected local board with the smaller population or 2,000 people, whichever is the lower. The proposal to align the boundary which currently splits the Saunders Reserve does not involve the transfer of people.

Tātaritanga me ngā tohutohu
Analysis and advice

9. The following map demonstrates the current local board boundary. The boundary is red. The extent of the reserve is outlined in green. To align the boundary with reserve outline a mesh-block needs to be adjusted. Boundaries must align with mesh-blocks. The current mesh-block is shown in the second map.





10. Staff do not see any reason why this should not be done and have made contact with Statistics NZ to commence the process pending feedback from the board.
11. In terms of the requirements of section 19JAA quoted above, aligning the boundary so that all of Saunders Reserve is in the one local board area will enhance democratic decision-making. Having it split between two boards confuses democratic decision-making.

Tauākī whakaaweawe āhuarangi **Climate impact statement**

12. The issues in this report do not impact on climate.

Ngā whakaaweawe me ngā tirohanga a te rōpū Kaunihera **Council group impacts and views**

13. There is no significant impact on the council group. There may be a small beneficial impact by simplifying the management of Saunders Reserves if it relates to only one local board.

Ngā whakaaweawe ā-rohe me ngā tirohanga a te poari ā-rohe **Local impacts and local board views**

14. This report provides an opportunity for the board to feedback its views to the Joint Governance Working Party and Governing Body.

Tauākī whakaaweawe Māori **Māori impact statement**

15. This boundary adjustment does not impact Māori differently to other parts of the community.

Ngā ritenga ā-pūtea **Financial implications**

16. There will be costs associated with LINZ producing official maps of boundary changes. For the 2019 review this was around \$12,000 total for all changes. These costs will be met from the representation review project.

Ngā raru tūpono me ngā whakamaurutanga
Risks and mitigations

17. A minor change to boundaries is implemented as part of a representation review. This process includes the risk of appeals that are decided by the Local Government Commission on receiving submissions.

Ngā koringa ā-muri
Next steps

18. The board’s feedback will be reported to the Joint Governance Working Party then the Governing Body

Ngā tāpirihanga
Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

Ngā kaihaina
Signatories

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Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board held in the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Office, 1-7 The Strand, Takapuna on Tuesday, 19 March 2024 at 10:00 am.

TE HUNGA KUA TAE MAI | PRESENT

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Resolution number DT/2024/26

MOVED by Chairperson T van Tonder, seconded by Member G Wood:

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