# **Final proposal for a**

# **Wairarapa District Council**

# **Petition for a poll can now be organised**

Affected electors may request a poll, under clause 24(1) of Schedule 3 of the Local Government Act 2002, to determine whether or not the final proposal is to proceed to become a reorganisation scheme.

To request a poll, 10 per cent of electors (residents and non-resident ratepayers) in any one of the existing territorial authority districts in the affected area must sign a petition. The affected area is South Wairarapa, Carterton and Masterton districts.

The petition must be received by the Local Government Commission no later than 11 October 2017.

The petition must be in the form as prescribed in regulations. Each person who signs this petition must state, against his or her signature, their name and the detailed address in relation to which he or she is an affected elector; that is their residential address, or the address for which they pay rates in the district.

If a poll is called, the area for voting in the poll will be all of the Wairarapa (including the areas encompassed by South Wairarapa, Carterton and Masterton districts).

The cost of the poll is estimated at $100,000. This cost would be met by the existing three district councils, and allocated between them on the basis of the number of electors on the electoral roll in each district.

If you wish to organise a petition, please contact the Local Government Commission for guidance on the legal requirements at [info@lgc.govt.nz](mailto:info@lgc.govt.nz)

**To the Local Government Commission**

Organiser of the petition: [full name]

1. **This petition demands a poll to determine whether or not the final proposal issued on 19 July 2017 by the Local Government Commission as indicated below should proceed and become a reorganisation scheme.**

The main features of the proposal are:

* establishment of a new Wairarapa District Council, combining the existing South Wairarapa, Carterton and Masterton districts and dissolving the existing three district councils
* maintaining Greater Wellington Regional Council as the regional council for the Wairarapa
* the Wairarapa District Council would have a mayor elected at large, 12 councillors elected by voters from each of seven wards
* five community boards, for Featherston, Greytown, Martinborough, Carterton and Masterton wards with 21 elected members in total

1. **Following are the names, addresses and signatures of affected electors who demand a poll.**

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**3. Contact details**

Address for service of organiser of petition

Telephone:

Email:

Address:

Contact person: [name and designation if applicable]

**Local Government (Prescribed Form for Petition to Require Poll to Determine Whether or Not Final Proposal for Local Government Reorganisation Scheme to Proceed) Regulations**

**General notes**

1. Under clause 24(1) of Schedule 3 of the Local Government Act 2002, if a final proposal has been issued under clause 21(1)(a) or (b) of that schedule, affected electors may demand a poll to determine whether or not the final proposal is to proceed and become a reorganisation scheme.
2. A poll may be demanded under clause 24(2) of that schedule by a petition of 10% or more of affected electors enrolled in the district of a territorial authority.

3 Under clause 24(7) of that schedule, a petition may not be started before a final proposal is issued.

**Note to persons signing petition**

1 Each person who signs this petition must state, against his or her signature, the person’s name and the address in relation to which he or she qualifies as an affected elector in sufficient detail to enable the person to be identified as an elector. If a person qualifies as a residential elector, the address in respect of which the person is registered is in an affected area must be stated. If a person qualifies as a ratepayer elector, the address in respect of a rating unit in an affected area must be stated.

2 Each person who signs this petition must be an affected elector, as defined in Schedule 3 of the Local Government Act 2002 (*see* below).

3 In Schedule 3 of the Local Government Act 2002, **affected elector** means—

(a) a person who is a residential elector (within the meaning of section 23 of the Local Electoral Act 2001), if the address in respect of which the person is registered is in an affected area:

(b) a person who is a ratepayer elector (within the meaning of section 24 of the Local Electoral Act 2001), if the person is qualified as a ratepayer elector in respect of a rating unit in an affected area.

**Note to organiser of petition**

A petition to require a poll must be received by the Local Government Commission not later than the close of the 60th working day after the first publication of the notice under clause 22(1)(a) of Schedule 3 of the Local Government Act 2002.

*Please have this information available with the petition.*