



## LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

### Media Release

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#### **Commission announces decision on representation arrangements for the Bay of Plenty Regional Council**

The Local Government Commission today announced its decision on the Bay of Plenty Regional Council's membership and constituency arrangements for the October 2007 local elections.

After considering 13 appeals and 31 objections against the Council's proposal, the Commission has decided that the Council will comprise 13 councillors elected as follows:

<b>General Constituencies</b>	<b>Councillors</b>
Tauranga	4
Western Bay of Plenty	2
Rotorua	2
Eastern Bay of Plenty	2
<b>Māori Constituencies</b>	<b>Councillors</b>
Mauao	1
Kohi	1
Okurei	1

The Commission's decision differs from the Council's advertised final proposal as follows:

- the number of general constituency councillors will be 10;
- the number of Māori seats remains at three, with existing constituency boundaries;
- the total number of councillors will be 13.

There are also constituency boundary changes for the general constituencies, which are described in the Commission's determination.

**A copy of the Commission's determination is available on the Commission's website at [www.lgc.govt.nz](http://www.lgc.govt.nz)**

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