



## LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

### Determination

**of the membership and basis of election for the  
general election of the Far North District Council to be  
held on 9 October 2004**

#### BACKGROUND

- 1 The Far North District Council (“the Council”) undertook a review of the membership and basis of election of the Council and of community boards under sections 19H and 19J of the Local Electoral Act 2001 (“the Act”). On 7 August 2003 the Council resolved the initial proposed electoral arrangements to apply for the general election of the Council to be held in October 2004.
- 2 The Council elected at the 2001 general election comprises 10 members and the Mayor. The 10 members were elected as follows:

Northern Ward	3 members
Western Ward	3 members
Eastern Ward	4 members.
- 3 Elections were held for six community boards in the District at the 2001 general election. Each community board has six elected members and one appointed member. The boards are:
  - Northern Community Board
  - Hokianga Community Board
  - Kaikohe Community Board
  - Whangaroa Community Board
  - Kerikeri-Paihia Community Board
  - Kawakawa Community Board.
- 4 Following its review, the Council proposed the following electoral arrangements as its initial proposal:

### *Council*

The Council would comprise the Mayor, and 10 members elected from four wards as follows:

Northern Ward	3 members
Western Ward	3 members
Eastern Ward	2 members
Southern Ward	2 members.

### *Communities*

The six existing community boards would be abolished.

Four new community boards would be constituted, each having six elected members. No members of the Council would be appointed to the community boards.

The area of each community board would be subdivided for electoral purposes. The subdivisions and their proposed memberships are detailed in the following table:

<b>Community Board</b>	<b>Subdivision</b>	<b>Number of members</b>
Northern	Kaitaia	4
	Doubtless Bay	1
	North Cape	1
Western	Hokianga North	1
	Hokianga South	2
	Kaikohe Township	1
	Kaikohe Rural	2
Eastern	Whangaroa	2
	Bay of Islands North	4
Southern	Bay of Islands South	4
	Kawakawa-Moerewa	2

- 5 The Council received 64 submissions to its initial proposal. The submissions covered a range of issues including:
- The Council's proposal is supported
  - The current electoral arrangements should be retained
  - The Council should have 11 members, with a fourth councillor for the Northern Ward
  - The District should have three wards and 3 community boards - the Council should have 10 members, with four members elected to the Northern Ward and three members elected to each of the other two wards

- The Council should have a mixed system of election, with two-thirds elected by wards and one-third at large
- There should be ten councillors elected from ten wards
- The Council should comprise six members elected at large
- The existing ward structure should be retained, but the number of members increased to 12
- A councillor should be appointed to each community board
- Alternative wards and boundaries should be considered
- Alternative community board memberships should be considered
- Subdivisions of communities are supported
- Alternative subdivisions and their boundaries should be considered.

6 Following consideration of the submissions, the Council amended its initial proposal as its final proposal. The final proposal was as follows:

*Council*

The Council would comprise the Mayor, and 13 members elected from four wards as follows:

Northern Ward	4 members
Western Ward	3 members
Eastern Ward	3 members
Southern Ward	3 members.

*Communities*

The six existing community boards would be abolished. No new community boards would be constituted.

7 A total of 402 appeals and objections were received against the Council's final proposal. The subject matter of the appeals and objections included the following:

- The existing electoral arrangements should be retained
- Community boards should be retained
- Community boards should be retained and the membership of the Council reduced to seven members plus the Mayor
- The Council's initial proposal should be implemented
- Community boards should be retained with each community electing seven community board members by way of subdivisions
- Community boards should be retained and there should be fewer councillors
- The Council should have eight members, with two councillors elected from each of four wards; community boards should be retained and divided into subdivisions
- The number of councillors should not be increased
- If there are to be no community boards the number of wards should be increased

- There should be nine wards, with the existing Northern Ward divided into three
- Only slight modifications should be made to the existing electoral arrangements.

## Hearing

- 8 The Commission, on receiving advice of the appeals and objections, decided that it would meet with the Council, the appellants and objectors if they wished to be heard. The hearing was held in Kaikohe on 26 and 27 February 2004.
- 9 The Council and 38 appellants/objectors appeared before the Commission at the hearing. The Council outlined its proposal, and the appellants and objectors spoke to their submissions.

## MATTERS FOR DETERMINATION

- 10 The statutory provisions in respect of these appeals and objections are contained in sections 19R, 19I and 19J of the Act.

### **19R. Commission to determine appeals and objections**

#### **(1) The Commission must—**

- consider the resolutions, submissions, appeals, objections, and information forwarded to it under section 19Q; and*
- subject to sections 19T and 19V in the case of a territorial authority, and to sections 19U and 19V in the case of a regional council, determine,—*
  - in the case of a territorial authority that has made a resolution under section 19H, the matters specified in that section:*
  - in the case of a regional council that has made a resolution under section 19I, the matters specified in that section:*
  - in the case of a territorial authority that has made a resolution under section 19J, the matters specified in that section.*

#### **(2) For the purposes of making a determination under subsection (1)(b), the Commission—**

- may make any enquiries that it considers appropriate; and*
- may hold, but is not obliged to hold, meetings with the territorial authority or regional council or any persons who have lodged an appeal or objection and have indicated a desire to be heard by the Commission in relation to that appeal or objection.*

#### **(3) The Commission must, before 11 April in the year of a triennial general election, complete the duties it is required to carry out under subsection (1).**

**19H. Review of representation arrangements for elections of territorial authorities**

- (1) *A territorial authority must determine by resolution, and in accordance with this Part,—*
- (a) *whether the members of the territorial authority (other than the mayor) are proposed to be elected—*
    - (i) *by the electors of the district as a whole; or*
    - (ii) *by the electors of 2 or more wards; or*
    - (iii) *in some cases by the electors of the district as a whole and in the other cases by the electors of each ward of the district; and*
  - (b) *in any case to which paragraph (a)(i) applies, the proposed number of members to be elected by the electors of the district as a whole; and*
  - (c) *in any case to which paragraph (a)(iii) applies,—*
    - (i) *the proposed number of members to be elected by the electors of the district as a whole; and*
    - (ii) *the proposed number of members to be elected by the wards of the district; and*
  - (d) *in any case to which paragraph (a)(ii) or paragraph (a)(iii) applies,—*
    - (i) *the proposed name and the proposed boundaries of each ward; and*
    - (ii) *the number of members proposed to be elected by the electors of each ward.*
- (2) *The determination required by subsection (1) must be made by a territorial authority,—*
- (a) *on the first occasion, either in 2003 or in 2006; and*
  - (b) *subsequently, at least once in every period of 6 years after the first determination.*
- (3) *This section must be read in conjunction with section 19ZH and Schedule 1A.*

**19J. Review of community boards**

- (1) *A territorial authority must, on every occasion on which it passes a resolution under section 19H, determine by that resolution, and in accordance with this Part, not only the matters referred to in that section but also whether, in light of the principle set out in section 4(1)(a) (which relates to fair and effective representation for individuals and communities),—*
- (a) *there should be communities and community boards; and*
  - (b) *if so resolved, the nature of any community and the structure of any community board.*
- (2) *The resolution referred to in subsection (1) must, in particular, determine—*
- (a) *whether 1 or more communities should be constituted:*
  - (b) *whether any community should be abolished or united with another community:*
  - (c) *whether the boundaries of a community should be altered:*

- (d) *whether a community should be subdivided for electoral purposes or whether it should continue to be subdivided for electoral purposes, as the case may require:*
  - (e) *whether the boundaries of any subdivision should be altered:*
  - (f) *the number of members of any community board:*
  - (g) *the number of members of a community board who should be elected and the number of members of a community board who should be appointed:*
  - (h) *whether the members of a community board who are proposed to be elected are to be elected—*
    - (i) *by the electors of the community as a whole; or*
    - (ii) *by the electors of 2 or more subdivisions; or*
    - (iii) *if the community comprises 2 or more whole wards, by the electors of each ward:*
  - (i) *in any case to which paragraph (h)(ii) applies, -*
    - (i) *the proposed name and the proposed boundaries of each subdivision; and*
    - (ii) *the number of members proposed to be elected by the electors of each subdivision.*
- (3) *Nothing in this section limits the provisions of section 19F.*

- 11 When applying the provisions detailed above, the principles of the Act (set out in section 4 of the Act) need to be taken into account, particularly the principle of fair and effective representation for individuals and communities.

### **Consideration by the Commission**

- 12 The Commission considers that when deciding the basis of election of the Council, i.e. whether the Council should be elected at large, or by wards, or partly by wards and partly at large, the criterion to be met within the terms of section 19T is the provision of effective representation of the various communities of interest within the District. The Commission must determine which communities of interest or groupings of communities of interest require representation. If wards are considered to be appropriate, then any particular ward may encompass one or more communities of interest.
- 13 Section 19V provides that the electors of the various wards within the District must receive fair representation. Section 19V(3) provides that the requirements of section 19V(2) may only be set aside in the circumstances where the Commission considers that island or isolated communities require specific representation. The provisions of section 19V that are relevant to the Commission's consideration are subsections 1, 2 and 3, as follows:

***19V. Requirement for fair representation and other factors in determination of membership for wards, constituencies, and subdivisions***

- (1) *In determining the number of members to be elected by the electors of any ward or constituency or subdivision, the territorial authority or regional council and, where appropriate, the Commission must ensure that the electors of the ward or constituency or subdivision receive fair*

*representation, having regard to the population of every district or region or community and every ward or constituency or subdivision within the district or region or community.*

- (2) *For the purposes of giving effect to subsection (1), the territorial authority or regional council and, where appropriate, the Commission must ensure that the population of each ward or constituency or subdivision, divided by the number of members to be elected by that ward or constituency or subdivision, produces a figure no more than 10% greater or smaller than the population of the district or region or community divided by the total number of elected members (other than the mayor, if any).*
- (3) *Despite subsection (2),—*
- (a) *if the territorial authority or the Commission considers that the effective representation of communities of interest within island communities or isolated communities situated within the district of the territorial authority so requires, wards and subdivisions of a community may be defined and membership distributed between them in a way that does not comply with subsection (2):*
- (b) *if the regional council or the Commission considers that effective representation of communities of interest so requires, constituencies may be defined and membership distributed between them in a way that does not comply with subsection (2).*

- 14 The Commission notes that any preliminary ward arrangements determined to reflect communities of interest might need to change to ensure that the population per member requirement of section 19V(2) is met, unless it is satisfied that island or isolated communities require separate representation to achieve effective representation.
- 15 The Commission's first responsibility was to decide whether or not the District should be divided into wards. If wards were to apply it then had to determine the number and boundaries of those wards to provide effective representation of communities of interest within the District.
- 16 The Council has proposed that the District should continue to be divided into wards for electoral purposes and this element of its proposal has been supported by almost all submitters, objectors and appellants. The Far North District is a large district which contains a number of distinct communities of interest. The Commission is therefore satisfied that the division of the District into wards continues to be appropriate to provide effective representation for the communities of interest in the District.

### **Appropriate Ward System and Membership**

- 17 Having decided that the basis of election would include a ward system, the Commission then considered the number and boundaries of wards necessary to ensure the effective representation of the various communities of interest in the District. The Commission does not consider that section 19T envisages that individual communities of interest need separate representation. Its sole

requirement in this regard is that the representation of communities of interest must be effective.

- 18 The Commission emphasises that wards are for electoral purposes only, and that the Council is the entity to which members are elected.
- 19 In the Commission's view, where a district is to be divided into wards, there should be such number of wards as is necessary and consistent with the concept of effective representation of various communities of interest. In this regard the requirements of section 19V(2) also need to be taken into account.
- 20 The Council has proposed to divide the District into four wards. This would involve a change to the existing three-ward arrangement in the District through dividing the current Eastern Ward into a new Eastern Ward (encompassing the Whangaroa and Kerikeri areas) and a Southern Ward (encompassing the Paihia, Russell, Moerewa and Kawakawa areas).
- 21 In considering the ward proposal put forward by the Council the Commission notes that it was appropriate for the Council to propose some changes to its existing ward arrangements as the membership ratios for the existing wards do not comply with the requirements of section 19V(2) of the Act. The Commission is satisfied that there is no evidence of island or isolated communities in the District requiring specific representation in order to achieve effective representation. In reaching this decision the Commission applied the following criteria:
- Physical separation alone is not isolation
  - For a community to have enhanced representation on the grounds of isolation a significant proportion of the population of the area must be isolated
  - Rural areas are not automatically isolated
  - Isolation must be evidenced by significant distance or travel time, or other physical/practical travel and/or communications difficulties or reliability problems
  - Isolation must relate to the ability of a community to receive appropriate representation by elected members
  - Isolation may justify one member instead of no separate representation for a community but caution would need to be applied in allocating additional members on that basis.
- 22 The next matter for the Commission to consider was what ward arrangements would be appropriate to provide effective representation for communities of interest, while ensuring that the requirements of section 19V(2) of the Act were met. In considering this matter the Commission noted that the Council's four-ward proposal itself did not comply with the requirements of section 19V(2) in that the population per member of the proposed Southern Ward fell outside the required population per member ratio. The relevant information pertaining to the Council's proposed wards is contained in the following table:

<b>Proposed Ward</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Population per member</b>	<b>Population (2001 Census)</b>
Northern	4	4415	17658
Western	3	4618	13854
Eastern	3	4044	12132
Southern	3	3654	10962

(The population per member falls within the range of 4200+/-10% (3780 to 4620) for all wards, except the Southern Ward. The District's usually resident population at the time of the 2001 Census was 54606 – this figure differs slightly from the published population figure for the District as it is derived from the addition of meshblocks which are subject to rounding.)

- 23 As the Council's proposal did not comply with the requirements of section 19V(2) of the Act the Commission was compelled to develop a ward system that would comply with section 19V(2). As a starting point to its consideration the Commission looked at the concept of dividing the District into three or four wards.
- 24 The current arrangement of three wards was put in place by the Commission in 1998 when it determined the electoral arrangements of the Council for the 1998 local elections. The District was divided into six wards for the 1989 and 1992 elections and nine wards for the 1995 election. The wards of the District have therefore been subject to significant changes over time.
- 25 The current ward arrangements of the District have been in place for two elections. The Council's proposal alters the existing arrangements by splitting the eastern area of the District into two wards. The existing Northern and Western Wards would remain unaltered, and the Commission is generally satisfied that the retention of those wards is appropriate to reflect the communities of interest in those areas. In terms of the eastern area of the District a range of views was expressed about whether this area should comprise one ward or two, although most of the discussion focused on the issue of community board coverage and where the boundaries of any community board subdivisions should be placed. The Commission is of the view that for ward purposes a single ward for the eastern area of the District is appropriate to provide effective representation for the communities of interest in that area. The eastern area of the District is experiencing significant growth, particularly around the Kerikeri area and the tourist focused areas in the Bay of Islands. This growth gives rise to common issues across these areas, and the Commission considers that their inclusion within a single Eastern Ward will be appropriate for effective and efficient representation.
- 26 Having determined that there shall continue to be three wards – Northern, Western and Eastern – the Commission then had to consider what boundary alterations would be necessary to achieve population per member ratios in each ward that would comply with the requirements of section 19V(2) of the Act. In order to determine the boundary alterations the Commission had to first decide the total number of members for the Council. In the context of its determination regarding community boards in the District, as detailed later in this document, and taking into account the wide range of views expressed to it regarding Council membership the Commission determined that the total membership of the Council shall comprise nine members and the Mayor.

- 27 The ward and membership arrangements determined by the Commission are shown in the following table:

Ward	Area encompassed by ward	Number of members	Population per member	Population (2001 Census)
Northern	The area of the existing Northern Ward, and including the following meshblocks: 0028500, 0028600, 0028700, 0028800, 0028300, 0028900 and 0029000.	3	5988	17964
Western	The area of the existing Western Ward, excluding the following meshblocks: 0028500, 0028600, 0028700, 0028800, 0028300, 0028900, 0029000, 0034600, 0034700, 0036700, 0036800 and 0036401.	2	6594	13188
Eastern	The area of the existing Eastern Ward, and including the following meshblocks: 0034600, 0034700, 0036700, 0036800 and 0036401.	4	5864	23454

For a nine member Council the required population per member ratio is 6067 +/-10% (5460 to 6674).

## Community Boards

- 28 In its final proposal the Council proposed that the system of community boards in the District be abolished. The Council gave the following reasons for this decision in the public notice of its final proposal:

*... Council believes that in view of the new legislative requirements the proposal for no Community Boards will enable Council to engage more fully with a broader spectrum of the district communities (especially during the formulation of the Long Term Council Community Plan), with interface being accomplished via committees of Council, providing a vehicle for more direct inter-action between Councillors, and the communities they serve.*

- 29 This element of the Council's final proposal generated a very significant level of response. While a number of persons indicated their support for the Council's decision to disestablish community boards this was the issue on which virtually all appellants and objectors focused their opposition.
- 30 In its presentation at the hearing the Council brought forward a number of additional arguments to support the disestablishment of the community boards, including the following:

- The Council wanted to create a representation system that removed barriers to communication
- Council wanted to have as direct a linkage as possible between its constituency and the decision-making table
- There is a lack of understanding in the community about the role of community boards
- The current arrangements require community organisations to have a dual link to the Council and community boards
- With community boards there is duplication in resourcing and delays in decision-making
- The Council's proposal will improve the efficiency of governance for all of the District's communities.

31 It is clear from the submissions made to the Commission by those concerned about the proposed disestablishment of the community board system in the District that community boards are considered to be effective advocates for their local communities. At the hearing the Commission was informed of many examples whereby community boards had enabled local issues to be resolved or brought to the attention of the Council.

32 Given the size and diversity of communities of interest in the District, the Commission is satisfied that the retention of community boards is necessary to provide a means for local issues to be addressed, and to complement the District-wide perspective of the Council. The Council's contention that community boards are a barrier to effective Council communication with communities and a duplication of resources can be addressed through a better definition within the Council and of its community boards of the role of councillors, community board members and Council staff in the processes for engaging with the District's communities.

33 Given that the Local Electoral Act 2001 provides the opportunity for community board areas to be subdivided for electoral purposes, the Commission is of the view that the existing system of six community boards does not need to be retained to provide effective local representation. It has decided that community boards areas based on the three wards determined above will provide effective local representation subject to the division of each community board area into subdivisions.

34 Taking into account the information presented to it at the hearing, the Commission has determined the subdivisions and membership of each community board area as outlined in the following table:

Community Board	Subdivision	Number of elected members	Population per member	Population (2001 Census)
Northern	Kaitaia	3	3586	10758
	Doubtless Bay	1	3672	3672
	North Cape	1	3534	3534
Western	Hokianga	2	2907	5814
	Kaikohe	3	2458	7374
Eastern	Whangaroa-Kerikeri	3	4044	12132
	Bay of Islands	3	3774	11322

- 35 Details of the areas covered by each subdivision are contained in the Appendix. The population per member ratio for each subdivision complies with section 19V(2) of the Act.
- 36 Each community board will also have one member of the Council representing the relevant ward appointed to it.

## GENERAL COMMENTS

- 37 The Commission encourages territorial authorities that have community boards constituted within their areas to review the functions delegated to community boards. To maximise the effectiveness of the contribution of community boards to local governance the Commission is of the view that territorial authorities should consider providing the boards with a comprehensive set of delegated functions. The Commission considers that three current examples of effective community board delegations are:
- The delegations for the Otago Peninsula Community Board, as detailed in the Commission's determination of 11 October 2001, and
  - The delegations issued by the Thames-Coromandel District Council and Christchurch City Council for the community boards constituted in their districts.

## DETERMINATION

- 38 Under section 19R of the Act, the Commission determines that for the general election of the Council to be held on 9 October 2004 -
- (1) Far North District as delineated on S.O. Plan 63500 deposited with Land Information New Zealand, shall be divided into three wards;
  - (2) Those three wards shall be -

- (a) The Northern Ward, comprising the area delineated on S.O. Plan No. 335003 deposited with Land Information New Zealand;
  - (b) The Western Ward, comprising the area delineated on S.O. Plan No. 69281 deposited with Land Information New Zealand;
  - (c) The Eastern Ward, comprising the area delineated on S.O. Plan No. 335004 deposited with Land Information New Zealand;
- (3) The Council shall comprise the Mayor, and 9 members who shall be elected as follows -
- (a) three members shall be elected by the electors of the Northern Ward;
  - (b) two members shall be elected by the electors of the Western Ward; and
  - (c) four members shall be elected by the electors of the Eastern Ward.
- (4) There shall be three communities as follows-
- (a) The Northern Community, comprising the area of the Northern Ward;
  - (b) The Western Community, comprising the area of the Western Ward; and
  - (c) The Eastern Community, comprising the area of the Eastern Ward.
- (5) The Northern Community shall be divided into three subdivisions for electoral purposes, and those subdivisions shall be:
- (a) the North Cape Subdivision, comprising the area delineated on S.O. Plan No. 335008 deposited with Land Information New Zealand;
  - (b) the Kaitaia Subdivision, comprising the area delineated on S.O. Plan No. 335007 deposited with Land Information New Zealand;
  - (c) the Doubtless Bay Subdivision, comprising the area delineated on S.O. Plan No. 335005 deposited with Land Information New Zealand;
- (6) The Western Community shall be divided into two subdivisions for electoral purposes, and those subdivisions shall be:
- (a) the Hokianga Subdivision, comprising the area delineated on S.O. Plan No. 335009 deposited with Land Information New Zealand;

- (b) the Kaikohe Subdivision, comprising the area delineated on S.O. Plan No. 335010 deposited with Land Information New Zealand;
- (7) The Eastern Community shall be divided into two subdivisions for electoral purposes, and those subdivisions shall be:
- (a) the Whangaroa-Kerikeri Subdivision, comprising the area delineated on S.O. Plan No. 335011 deposited with Land Information New Zealand;
  - (b) the Bay of Islands Subdivision, comprising the area delineated on S.O. Plan No. 335012 deposited with Land Information New Zealand;
- (8) The membership of the community board for each community shall be as follows:
- (a) The Northern Community Board shall comprise one member elected from the North Cape Subdivision, three members elected from the Kaitaia Subdivision, one member elected from the Doubtless Bay Subdivision and one member of Council representing the Northern Ward and appointed to the community board by the Council;
  - (b) The Western Community Board shall comprise two members elected from the Hokianga Subdivision, three members elected from the Kaikohe Subdivision and one member of Council representing the Western Ward and appointed to the community board by the Council;
  - (c) The Eastern Community Board shall comprise three members elected from the Whangaroa-Kerikeri Subdivision and three members elected from the Bay of Islands Subdivision and one member of Council representing the Eastern Ward and appointed to the community board by the Council.

39 As required by sections 19T(b) and 19W(c) of the Act, the boundaries of the above wards, communities and subdivisions coincide with the boundaries of current statistical meshblock areas determined by Statistics New Zealand and used for Parliamentary electoral purposes.

## **THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION**

Grant Kirby (Chairman)  
 Linda Constable (Commissioner)  
 Kerry Marshall (Commissioner)

7 April 2004

## APPENDIX

<b>Northern Community Subdivisions</b>	<b>Area encompassed by subdivision</b>
Doubtless Bay	The area encompassed by the following meshblocks: 0003300, 0003400, 0003500, 0003800, 0004101, 0004102, 0004103, 0004200, 0004301, 0004302, 0004400, 0004500, 0004600, 0004700, 0004800, 0004900, 0005000, 0005100, 0005201, 0005202, 0005300, 0005400, 0005500, 0005600, 0005700, 0002700, 0002611, 0002608, 0002603, 0002604, 0002605, 0002606, 0002607, 0002609 and 0002610.
Kaitaia	The area encompassed by the following meshblocks: 0002900, 0003000, 0003100, 0003200, 0003600, 0003700, 0003900, 0004000, 0005900, 0006000, 0006100, 0006200, 0006300, 0006400, 0006500, 0006600, 0006700, 0006800, 0006900, 0007000, 0008200, 0008301, 0008302, 0008401, 0008403, 0008404, 0008501, 0008502, 0008600, 0008700, 0008800, 0008900, 0009001, 0009002, 0009101, 0009102, 0009103, 0009200, 0009300, 0009400, 0009500, 0009600, 0009700, 0009800, 0009900, 0010000, 0010100, 0010200, 0010300, 0010400, 0010500, 0010600, 0010700, 0010800, 0010900, 0011000, 0011100, 0011200, 0011300, 0011400, 0011500, 0011600, 0011700, 0011800, 0011900, 0012000, 0012101, 0012102, 0012103, 0012200, 0012901, 0012902, 0013000, 0013100, 0013203, 0013204, 0013205, 0013206, 0013207, 0013300, 0013400, 0013500, 0013600, 0013700, 0013800, 0013900, 0014000, 0014100, 0014200, 0014300, 0014400, 0014500, 0014600, 0014700, 0014800, 0014900, 0015000, 0015100, 0015200, 0015300, 0015401, 0015402, 0015500, 0015600, 0015700, 0015800, 0015900, 0016000, 0016100, 0016200, 0016300, 0016400, 0016500, 0016600, 0016700, 0016800, 0002500, 0028300, 0028500, 0028600, 0028700, 0028800, 0028900 and 0029000.
North Cape	The area encompassed by the following meshblocks: 0000100, 0000200, 0000300, 0000400, 0000501, 0000502, 0000600, 0000700, 0000800, 0000900, 0001000, 0001100, 0001201, 0001202, 0001203, 0001204, 0001301, 0001302, 0001400, 0001500, 0001600, 0001700, 0001800, 0001900, 0002000, 0002100, 0002200, 0002300, 0002400, 0002800, 0005800, 0007101, 0007102, 0007201, 0007202, 0007300, 0007400, 0007500, 0007600, 0007700, 0007801, 0007802, 0007900, 0008000, 0008100, 0012300, 0012400, 0012500, 0012601, 0012602, 0012701, 001270 and 0012800.

<b>Western Community Subdivisions</b>	<b>Area encompassed by subdivision</b>
Hokianga	The area of the existing Hokianga Community, excluding the following meshblocks: 0028500, 0028600, 0028700, 0028800, 0028300, 0028900 and 0029000.
Kaikohe	The area of the existing Kaikohe Community, excluding the following meshblocks: 0034600, 0034700, 0036700, 0036800 and 0036401.

Eastern Community Subdivisions	Area encompassed by subdivision
Whangaroa- Kerikeri	The area of the existing Whangaroa Community, and the following meshblocks: 0033600, 0033700, 0033800, 0034101, 0034102, 0034201, 0034300, 0043800, 0043902, 0043905, 0043906, 0043907, 0043904, 0044001, 0044002, 0044102, 0044201, 0044301, 0044403, 0044404, 0044405, 0044406, 0044501, 0044502, 0044601, 0044602, 0044701, 0044702, 0044703, 0044801, 0044802, 0049204, 0049206, 0049301, 0049302, 0049401, 0049402, 0049500, 0049600, 0049700, 0049801, 0049802, 0049901, 0049902, 0050001, 0050002, 0050003, 0050004, 0050100, 0050201, 0050202, 0050501, 0050503, 0051000, 0052901, 0052902, 0053001, 0053002, 0053003, 0053004, 0053005, 0053101, 0053102, 0053200, 0053301, 0053302, 0053303, 0053403, 0053404, 0053405, 0053406, 0053407, 0053408, 0053500, 0053600, 0059100, 0044101, 0044202, 0044302, 0044402, 0049203, 0049205 and 0050502.
Bay of Islands	The area encompassed by the following meshblocks: 0036201, 0036202, 0044901, 0044902, 0045000, 0045100, 0045200, 0045300, 0045400, 0045500, 0045600, 0045700, 0045800, 0045901, 0045902, 0046001, 0046002, 0046100, 0046200, 0046300, 0046400, 0046500, 0046600, 0046700, 0046801, 0046802, 0046901, 0046902, 0047001, 0047002, 0047100, 0047200, 0047301, 0047302, 0047601, 0047602, 0047603, 0047701, 0047702, 0047801, 0047802, 0047901, 0047902, 0048001, 0048003, 0048004, 0048900, 0051900, 0052001, 0052002, 0052100, 0052200, 0052300, 0052400, 0052501, 0052502, 0052600, 0052700, 0052800, 0054900, 0055000, 0055100, 0055200, 0055300, 0055400, 0055500, 0055600, 0055700, 0055801, 0055802, 0055900, 0056001, 0056002, 0056100, 0056200, 0057300, 0057400, 0057600, 0057700, 0057800, 0057900, 0058000, 0058100, 0058200, 0058300, 0058400, 0058500, 0058600, 0058700, 0058800, 0057500, 0058901, 0036303, 0036500, 0036600, 0039600, 0040100, 0040200, 0040300, 0040400, 0047400, 0047500, 0036302, 0034400, 0034500, 0034600, 0034700, 0035700, 0035800, 0035900, 0036000, 0036100, 0036301, 0036401, 0036700, 0036800, 0048101, 0048102, 0048201, 0048202, 0048301, 0048302, 0048403, 0048404, 0048405, 0048406, 0048407, 0048408, 0048409, 0048410, 0048500, 0048601, 0048602, 0048701, 0048702, 0048800, 0049000, 0049102, 0049103, 0049104, 0049105, 0050301, 0050303, 0050304, 0050305, 0050306, 0050400, 0050601, 0050602, 0050603, 0050701, 0050703, 0050707, 0050705, 0050706, 0050801, 0050803, 0050901, 0050902, 0051101, 0051102, 0051201, 0051202, 0051300, 0051401, 0051402, 0051403, 0051406, 0051407, 0051408, 0051409, 0051405, 0051501, 0051502, 0051504, 0051505, 0051506, 0051507, 0051601, 0051700, 0051800, 0053800, 0053900, 0054000, 0054200, 0054300, 0054400, 0054501, 0054502, 0054600, 0054700, 0054801, 0054802, 0056300, 0056400, 0056500, 0056600, 0056700, 0056800, 0056900, 0057000, 0057100, 0057201, 0057202, 0059000, 0050704, 0050708, 0050802, 0051508, 0051602, 0053700, 0054100.