



LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

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Commission announces decision on representation arrangements for the Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Council

The Local Government Commission today announced its decision on the Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Council's membership and constituency arrangements for the 2007 local elections.

After considering the Council's proposal, the Commission has decided that:

- The Council will comprise 12 councillors elected as follows:

Constituency	Councillors
Ruapehu	1
Wanganui	2
Manawatu-Rangitikei	2
Palmerston North	4
Horowhenua-Kairanga	2
Tararua	1

The Commission's decision differs from the Council's proposal in the following ways –

- The Horowhenua and Kairanga-Kere Kere Constituencies will be combined rather than retained as separate constituencies;
- The Manawatu and Rangitikei Constituencies will be combined rather than retained as separate constituencies; and
- The Palmerston North Constituency will elect four councillors rather than three, as the Council proposed.

A copy of the Commission's determination is available on the Commission's website at www.lgc.govt.nz

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