



LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

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Commission announces decision on representation arrangements for the Rangitikei District Council

The Local Government Commission today announced its decision on the Rangitikei District Council's membership and ward arrangements for the 2007 local elections.

After considering appeals and objections against the Council's proposal, the Commission has decided that:

- The Council will comprise a mayor and 11 councillors elected as follows:

Ward	Councillors
Marton	4
Taihape	3
Bulls	2
Huntermville	1
Turakina	1

- The Rātana and Taihape Community Boards will be continued.

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

- There will be five wards, instead of the existing four wards or three wards, as proposed by the Council;
- Alterations have been made to all existing ward boundaries;
- A separate ward will be constituted for the areas of Turakina, Rātana, and an area of the Turakina Valley;
- A separate ward will be retained for the Huntermville area, and a surrounding rural area;

A copy of the Commission's determination, and a map illustrating the new ward boundaries, are available on the Commission's website at www.lgc.govt.nz

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