



## LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

### Rodney District Council - Review of Membership and Basis of Election

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (Rodney District Council) Amendment Act 2000, the Local Government Commission is required to determine the membership and electoral arrangements of the Rodney District Council to apply for the Council's general election to be held on 31 March 2001.

The Commission has determined the membership and electoral arrangements as follows:

#### Basis of Election

The Commission has determined that it is necessary to divide the Rodney District into wards to provide for effective representation of the communities of interest within the District.

The Commission considers that a division of the District into three wards appropriately reflects the broad communities of interest in the Rodney District. The wards are based on groupings of the existing wards of the District:

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Area of the Ward</b>
Northern Ward	The area of the existing Wellsford, Warkworth and Matakana Wards
Western Ward	The area of the existing Helensville, Kumeu and Wainui Wards
Eastern Ward	The area of the existing Hibiscus Coast Ward

The boundaries of the wards are detailed in a map which is available from the Commission, the Commission's website - [www.lgc.govt.nz](http://www.lgc.govt.nz), and from the Rodney District Council.

### Membership

The population of the Rodney District is growing rapidly. Between the time of the 1996 Census and June 1999 the estimated resident population increased by approximately 7300, to 73800 persons.

In determining the membership of each of the wards the Commission is required to ensure that each ward receives fair representation based on population. If circumstances so require, the Commission may also take into account the rateable values, areas or other relevant characteristics of the wards in determining the membership.

For the Rodney District with three wards as described above, the Commission has determined that the population of each ward provides a fair basis for determining the membership of the Council:

<b>Proposed Ward</b>	<b>Population</b> <small>(Estimated resident population as at 30 June 1999)</small>	<b>Number of Councillors</b>	<b>Population per Councillor</b>
Northern Ward	17460	3	5820
Western Ward	24920	4	6230
Eastern Ward	31500	5	6300

The Council to be elected at the March 2001 general election of the Council will therefore comprise 12 Councillors, and a Mayor elected at large.

### Communities

The Commission has also been required to consider whether communities should be established in the District.

Having considered the submissions regarding the establishment of communities, the Commission is not satisfied that the establishment of communities will promote the good local government of the District. The Commission has therefore decided not to proceed with the establishment of communities.

### **The Determination**

The Commission's determination is available on request, and may be accessed at the Commission's website - [www.lgc.govt.nz](http://www.lgc.govt.nz).

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