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Commission announces decision on representation arrangements for the Waikato Regional Council

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

After considering one appeal against the Council's proposal, the Commission has decided that the Council will comprise 12 councillors elected as follows:

Constituency	Councillors
Thames-Coromandel	1
North Waikato-Hauraki	1
Central Waikato	1
Matamata-Piako	1
Hamilton	4
Waipa-King Country	2
South Waikato-Rotorua	1
Taupo	1

The Commission's decision confirms Waikato Regional Council's advertised final proposal. It differs from the current situation in that the number of constituencies is reduced from 10 to eight, and the total number of councillors is reduced from 14 to 12. There are also various constituency boundary changes, which 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

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