



LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

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Commission announces decision on representation arrangements for the Wellington Regional Council

The Local Government Commission today announced its decision on the Wellington Regional Council's membership and constituency 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 13 councillors elected as follows:

Ward	Councillors
Kapiti Constituency	1
Porirua-Tawa Constituency	2
Wellington Constituency	5
Lower Hutt Constituency	3
Upper Hutt Constituency	1
Wairarapa Constituency	1

The Commission's decision differs from the Council's proposal as follows:

- retaining a separate Kapiti Constituency electing 1 councillor;
- extending the existing Porirua Constituency to include Tawa entitling that area to elect 2 councillors;
- reducing the representation of the Wairarapa Constituency to 1 councillor in line with the legislative requirement for fair representation.

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

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