



LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

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Decision on representation arrangements for Western Bay of Plenty District Council

The Local Government Commission today announced its decisions on the representation arrangements for the Western Bay of Plenty District at the next local election on 13 October 2007.

The Commission was required to make a determination on the Western Bay of Plenty District Council's representation arrangements after appeals and one objection were lodged against the Council's proposal. After considering the arguments, the Commission has decided that:

- The Council will continue to comprise a Mayor and 12 members elected from five wards as follows:

Ward	Councillors
Waihi Beach	1
Katikati	2
Kimai	4
Te Puke	3
Maketu	2

The boundaries of the Waihi Beach and Katikati Wards will remain unchanged. Kimai Ward will reduce by a small area, which will be transferred to the Te Puke Ward, and Maketu Ward will reduce by a small area, which will also be transferred to the Te Puke Ward.

The 5 existing communities will remain, with the following boundaries:

- the Waihi Beach Community boundary will be the same as the Waihi Beach Ward (no change);
- the Katikati Community boundary will extend to be the same as the Katikati Ward;
- the Omokoroa Community boundary will extend to include one additional meshblock. This will extend the boundary of the community to State Highway 2;

- the Te Puke Community boundary will extend to be the same as that of the Te Puke Ward;
- the Maketu Community boundary will remain unchanged.

The membership of the community boards for these communities remains unchanged, with the exception of the Te Puke Community Board, which will reduce to 4 elected members.

The Commission's determination basically upholds the Council's advertised final proposal, but transfers a further area into Te Puke Ward.

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

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