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Q1

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

Yes,

Why?:

The majority, if not all of our "Center of Interest" is Palmerston North. Doctor's, schools, shopping, fuel supply and entertainment are all centered in Palmerston North. We only travel to Levin because members of our family live there and travel through the Horowhenua to see other family members that live beyond Horowhenua. Little of our "Rates" are spent in Tokomaru. When we travel to Levin we see a large amount of our rates take being spent on improvements to "Infrastructure" (new footpaths, roundabouts and "Enhancing the town center") while we have "Limestone" foot paths. The few concrete foot paths we do have are cracked and broken despite repeated requests to have them fixed, flooding during the winter months, no "To the roadside drainage" after promises to have it all fixed.

Q2

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Palmerston North

Q3

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

Yes

Q4

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Palmerston North City Council

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Infrastructure such as upgrading of footpaths, drainage. Rubbish Collection, waste water, fresh water, Value for our rates.

Seeking your feedback on a request for Opiki and Tokomaru to become part of Palmerston North City

Q6

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

No,

Why:

Very little is spent in either Tokomaru or Opiki as stated in Question 1

Q7

What is your name?

Carl Robinson

Q8

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

Q9

What is your email address?

[REDACTED]

Q10

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

No

Q11

If you wish to speak at a Commission hearing, please provide a contact phone number.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

Yes,

Why?:

Despite living in Tokomaru, all of my connections are with Palmerston North rather than Levin or Horowhenua. I work in Palmerston North, my kids went to school there, I shop there, go to events and restaurants there and use Palmerston North facilities such as the library and Lido pool. All of my local friends are in Palmerston North. My postal address also is a Palmerston North one. Also the social groups and clubs that I belong to are in Palmerston North.

Q2

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Palmerston North,

Why?:

See above.

Q3

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

Yes

Q4

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Palmerston North City Council,

Why?:

Horowhenua Council has had the opportunity to do so until now, but have failed dismally to adequately represent the needs and desires of the Tokomaru community. Palmerston North appears to provide good services and facilities for its residents; something that does not occur from Horowhenua where the energies appear focused toward developing Levin with little regard for outlying communities.

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Roading, footpaths, waste removal, sewage, parks, library, sporting facilities, transport.

**Q6**

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

**No,**

**Why:**

Very little of it appears to come back to this community.

**Q7**

What is your name?

Professor Norman B. Williamson, ONZM

**Q8**

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

**Q9**

What is your email address?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

**No**

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

**Q11**

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

Yes,

Why?:

All of the services my family uses are in Palmerston North

Q2

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Palmerston North

Q3

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

Yes,

Why?:

It's seems like the right split location and relativity to the closest and used main centres

Q4

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Palmerston North City Council

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Roads

Library

Local business Support and Nurturing

Pools, parks and recreation

Q6

Yes

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

Q7

What is your name?

Rachel de Haas

Q8

Where do you live?

■

Q9

What is your email adress?

■

Q10

No

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

Q11

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

Yes,

Why?:

Because we do all our business in Palmerston North. We do our shopping in Palmerston North. The children go to secondary school and play sport in Palmerston North. There will be considerable savings in rates as PNCC is a much larger and more efficient council able to spread it's overheads over a larger rating base.

Q2

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Palmerston North,

Why?:

We are closer to Palmerston North. It is our local town where we do all our business.

Q3

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

Yes,

Why?:

Because it dissects the least no of properties. Also the Tokomaru & Manawatu Rivers form a natural boundary.

Q4

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Palmerston North City Council,

Why?:

Because PNCC is a larger & more efficient council, we are much closer to Palmerston North. HDC has never worried about us in the past.

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Roading

Q6

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

No,

Why:

We are paying a disproportionate amount of rates for the few services we receive.

**Q7**

What is your name?

Ken Anderson

**Q8**

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

**Q9**

What is your email adress?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

Yes

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

**Q11**

If you wish to speak at a Commission hearing, please provide a contact phone number.

[REDACTED]



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**Your name:**

Jill Jonassen

**Where you live:**

[REDACTED]

**Your email, residential or postal address:**

[REDACTED]

**Do you wish to speak at a Commission hearing:**

☐ Yes

☒ No

If yes, please provide a contact phone number:

**QUESTION 1: Do you support the requested boundary alteration?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

**Why?**

We do all our business, schooling, sports in Palmerston North seems the logical thing to do.

**QUESTION 2: Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?** ☒ Palmerston North ☐ Horowhenua

**Why?**

Again we have business, schooling and sports in PN

**QUESTION 3: Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

Why?

**QUESTION 4: Which territorial local authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?** ☐ Horowhenua District Council ☒ Palmerston North City Council

Why?

**QUESTION 5: What services do you want to receive from local government?**

Nothing

**QUESTION 6: Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue that it gets from rates, fees and user charges?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

Why?

**Please tell us about anything further you would like the Commission to consider in its decision on the requested boundary alteration.**

# Submission Form

Closing date for submissions

7 April 2021

Submission 056

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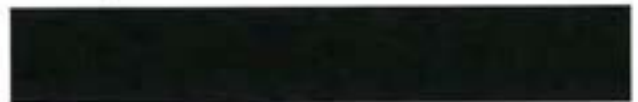
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Your name:

BEVERLEY STEWART

Where you live:



Your email, residential or postal address:



Do you wish to speak at a Commission hearing:



Yes



No

If yes, please provide a contact phone number:

QUESTION 1: Do you support the requested boundary alteration? ☒ Yes

☐ No

Why?

A SENSIBLE ALTERATION.

QUESTION 2: Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin? ☒ Palmerston North ☐ Horowhenua

Why?

HAVE ALWAYS ASSOCIATED WITH THE NORTH END E.G. PALMERSTON NORTH

**QUESTION 3: Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

Why?

GOOD BOUNDARY LINE.

**QUESTION 4: Which territorial local authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?** ☐ Horowhenua District Council ☒ Palmerston North City Council

Why?

**QUESTION 5: What services do you want to receive from local government?**

**QUESTION 6: Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue that it gets from rates, fees and user charges?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

Why?

**Please tell us about anything further you would like the Commission to consider in its decision on the requested boundary alteration.**





# Submission Form

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**Your name:**

Ryan Walmsley

**Where you live:**



**Your email, residential or postal address:**



**Do you wish to speak at a Commission hearing:**



Yes



No

If yes, please provide a contact phone number:

**QUESTION 1: Do you support the requested boundary alteration?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

**Why?**

Because we use no facilities in the Horowhenua.

**QUESTION 2: Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?** ☒ Palmerston North ☐ Horowhenua

**Why?**

We work in palmerston North and have two children at school in palmerston North.

**QUESTION 3: Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

Why?

**QUESTION 4: Which territorial local authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?** ☐ Horowhenua District Council ☒ Palmerston North City Council

Why?

**QUESTION 5: What services do you want to receive from local government?**

None / Recycling.

**QUESTION 6: Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue that it gets from rates, fees and user charges?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

Why?

**Please tell us about anything further you would like the Commission to consider in its decision on the requested boundary alteration.**

just seems logical our address is even RD4 Palmerston North but we pay rates to Horowhenua is seems very confusing.

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7 April 2021 Submission 058

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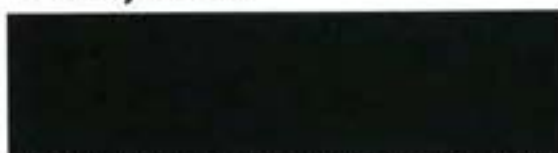
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Your name:

Doreen Argyle

Where you live:



Your email, residential or postal address:



Do you wish to speak at a Commission hearing:



Yes



No

If yes, please provide a contact phone number:

QUESTION 1: Do you support the requested boundary alteration? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Why?

I have no association south of my property

QUESTION 2: Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin? ☒ Palmerston North ☐ Horowhenua

Why?

All my business is done in Palmerston North.



**QUESTION 3: Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

Why?

**QUESTION 4: Which territorial local authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?** ☐ Horowhenua District Council ☒ Palmerston North City Council

Why?

**QUESTION 5: What services do you want to receive from local government?**

**QUESTION 6: Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue that it gets from rates, fees and user charges?** ☐ Yes ☐ No

Why?

**Please tell us about anything further you would like the Commission to consider in its decision on the requested boundary alteration.**

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Submission 059

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Your name:

IAN WATSON

Where you live:



Your email, residential or postal address:



Do you wish to speak at a Commission hearing:



Yes



No

If yes, please provide a contact phone number:

QUESTION 1: Do you support the requested boundary alteration? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Why?

MOSTLY BECAUSE WE ASSOCIATE WITH PALMERSTON NORTH - SHOPS, LIBRARY, SWIMMING POOLS, PARKS AND OTHER RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES - WE NEVER GO TO LEVIN.

QUESTION 2: Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin? ☒ Palmerston North ☐ Horowhenua

Why?

AS ABOVE.

**QUESTION 3: Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

Why?

NOT REALLY SURE ON THIS ONE.  
I THINK CLOSER TO SHANNON WOULD  
BE BETTER

**QUESTION 4: Which territorial local authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?** ☐ Horowhenua District Council ☒ Palmerston North City Council

Why?

BECAUSE WE ALWAYS USE P. NORTH  
SERVICES AND BUSINESSES.

**QUESTION 5: What services do you want to receive from local government?**

USE OF PARKS, POOL - LIBRARY  
ROADS - DRAINAGE.

**QUESTION 6: Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue that it gets from rates, fees and user charges?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

Why?

WE ARE SUBSIDISING LOWLY SERVICES  
AND FACILITIES THAT WE NEVER USE.

**Please tell us about anything further you would like the Commission to consider in its decision on the requested boundary alteration.**

LET OUR RATE MONEY GO TOWARDS  
SERVICES AND FACILITIES THAT WE  
USE.



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Where you live:



Your email, residential or postal address:

Please indicate if you wish to speak at a Commission hearing:

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please provide a contact phone number

Question 1:

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Why?

**Question 2:**

**Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?**

☒ Palmerston North      ☐ Horowhenua

Why?

**Question 3:**

**Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?**

☐ Yes      ☐ No

Why?

**Question 4:**

**Which territorial local authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?**

☐ Horowhenua District Council  
☐ Palmerston North City Council

Why?

**Question 5:**

**What services do you want to receive from local government?**

**Question 6:**

**Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue that it gets from rates, fees and user charges?**

☐ Yes      ☒ No

Why?

**Please tell us about anything further you would like the Commission to consider in its decision on the requested boundary alteration.**

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Your name:

NIGEL + JILL SPENCER

Where you live:

Your email, residential or postal address:

Please indicate if you wish to speak at a Commission hearing:

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please provide a contact phone number

Question 1:

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Why?

BECAUSE WE RELATE MORE TO PALM NORTH  
THAN HOROWHENUA



**Question 2:**

**Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?**

☒ Palmerston North      ☐ Horowhenua

Why?

DO ALL OUR SHOPPING  
PLUS RELATED SERVICES  
IN PALM NORTH

**Question 3:**

**Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?**

☒ Yes      ☐ No

Why?

**Question 4:**

**Which territorial local authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?**

☐ Horowhenua District Council  
☒ Palmerston North City Council

Why?

BECAUSE ALMOST ALL  
PEOPLE IN TOKOMARU  
WOULD DO EVERYTHING  
IN PALM NORTH

**Question 5:**

**What services do you want to receive from local government?**

ALL THE USUAL  
SERVICES

**Question 6:**

**Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue that it gets from rates, fees and user charges?**

☐ Yes      ☒ No

Why?

BECAUSE WE GET LITTLE  
IN RETURN FROM RATES  
COLLECTED.

**Please tell us about anything further you would like the Commission to consider in its decision on the requested boundary alteration.**



# Submission Form

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Submission 062

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Your name:

Margaret L. Robinson

Where you live:

Your email, residential or postal address:

Please indicate if you wish to speak at a Commission hearing:

☐

Yes

☒

No

If yes, please provide a contact phone number

Question 1:

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

☒

Yes

☐

No

Why?

We do all our shopping, banking, library plus all else to do with day to day living. As only contact with bus - 10 rates, which are exorbitant considering how little we receive in return.



**Question 2:**

**Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?**

☒ Palmerston North      ☐ Horowhenua

**Why?**

This is where we  
do all our business  
places - theatre, cinemas  
universally & lots of other  
entertainment

**Question 3:**

**Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?**

☐ Yes      ☒ No

**Why?**

Not really concerned,  
but Makeua crossing  
as a boundary seems  
better. Kingston Rd  
maybe to far south

**Question 4:**

**Which territorial local authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?**

☐ Horowhenua District Council  
☒ Palmerston North City Council

**Why?**

Matters sense. A few  
closer proximity for all  
our needs

**Question 5:**

**What services do you want to receive from local government?**

water, sewerage - better  
roading re. repairs.  
and a channelling.

**Question 6:**

**Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue that it gets from rates, fees and user charges?**

☐ Yes      ☒ No

**Why?**

Please tell us about anything further you would like the Commission to consider in its decision on the requested boundary alteration.

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Submission 063

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Your name:

GREGORY JOHN DOWNING

Where you live:



Your email, residential or postal address:



Do you wish to speak at a Commission hearing:



Yes



No

If yes, please provide a contact phone number:

QUESTION 1: Do you support the requested boundary alteration? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Why? ① HAVE ALWAYS SHOPPED IN PALMERSTON NORTH  
② FEEL CLOSE TIES WITH P.N.  
③ FEEL HOROWHENUA COUNCIL DOESN'T LOOK AFTER OUR INTERESTS ENOUGH.  
④ PLUS I THINK HOROWHENUA COUNCIL IS BADLEY RUN AND IS MISMANAGED, WITH TOO MUCH INFIGHTING, SECRECY FROM HOROWHENUA RATES PAYERS MORE EXPENSIVE PUBLIC.

QUESTION 2: Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin? ☒ Palmerston North ☐ Horowhenua

Why? ① AS ALL THE THINGS EXPRESSED ABOVE  
② TOO MUCH MONEY SPENT ON LEVIN PROJECTS  
③ BUGGER ALL SERVICES HERE IN TRUTH AREA  
④ HISTORICAL WE HAVE BEEN PALMERSTON NORTH/MANAWATU NORTH OF THE MANAWATU RIVER WITH LEVIN SEEN AS THE POTTER COUSIN. BUT HAPPY TO SPEND OUR RATES WILLY NILLY.



**QUESTION 3: Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

Why?

**QUESTION 4: Which territorial local authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?** ☐ Horowhenua District Council ☒ Palmerston North City Council

Why?

**QUESTION 5: What services do you want to receive from local government?**

**QUESTION 6: Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue that it gets from rates, fees and user charges?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

Why?

**Please tell us about anything further you would like the Commission to consider in its decision on the requested boundary alteration.**

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Q1

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

Yes,

Why?:

Palmerston North City is the main business hub for where I work, shop, go to the doctors, social events etc. I would like my rates to be invested where I spend my time and money.

Q2

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Palmerston North,

Why?:

See above, I work and play in Palmerston North. In the last 10 years of living in Tokomaru I could count on one hand the amount of times I've used Shannon and Levin. The Tokomaru School is in the Hukowhitu cluster so they are already involved in sports and other schooling events with Palmerston North schools.

Q3

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

Yes

Q4

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Palmerston North City Council,

Why?:

Palmerston North has pride in the fact that the Defence Force makes up a huge part of their community with Linton Military camp and Ohakea Air Base. There are a large number of NZDF employee's that live in Tokomaru so the connection and pride sits with Palmerston North, not Horowhenua. Horowhenua do not boast about their NZDF residents.

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Foothpaths, drainage, maintenance to damage from council workers, upkeep of local community facilities, more street lighting, widen SH57 between Tokomaru and Linton Military Camp for all of the NZDF staff that may want to cycle or run to work, implementation of a mail service with NZ Post.

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Q6

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

No,

Why:

The last 10 years of living here they have installed insufficient storm water drains along just ONE side of the road, limestone footpaths that are terrible and have not been maintained. There has been no real value added to Tokomaru by the Horowhenua District Council.

Q7

What is your name?

Melissa Norton

Q8

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

Q9

What is your email adress?

[REDACTED]

Q10

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

No

Q11

If you wish to speak at a Commission hearing, please provide a contact phone number.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Yes

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

Q2

Palmerston North

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Q3

Yes

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

Q4

Palmerston North City Council

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

rubbish collection road side cleaning school travel to choice of schools rates being fair tree trimming

Q6

No

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

Q7

What is your name?

Carolyn Russell

Q8

Where do you live?



**Q9**

What is your email adress?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

No

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

**Q11**

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

No,

Why?:

Because of being swamped by a City Council. Would have no local representative on that Council. Further representation on Horizons Regional Council would be a member from Palmerston North - who in my personal experience have very little knowledge of Opiki concerns re river protection and drainage. How will Palmerston North City Council pay for the Horowhenua improvements

Q2

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Horowhenua,

Why?:

To stay connected with other rural districts

Q3

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

No,

Why?:

No answer

Q4

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Horowhenua District Council,

Why?:

Horowhenua District Council Members have a far greater understanding of the areas needs and requirements as a lot of them represent similar districts. Horowhenua District Council is a much better run and informed Council than what it was prior to the last election when this request was formulated and lodged.

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Roading kept up to a good standard

Q6

Yes

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

**Q7**

What is your name?

Rodger Aitchison

**Q8**

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

**Q9**

What is your email address?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

No

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

**Q11**

Respondent skipped this question

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# Submission Form

Closing date for submissions

7 April 2021

Submission 067

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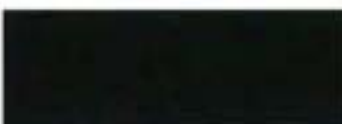
**Post:** The Local Government Commission, PO Box 5362, Wellington 6140

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Your name:

Cheryl Wood

Where you live:



Your email, residential or postal address:



Do you wish to speak at a Commission hearing:

☐ Yes

☒ No

If yes, please provide a contact phone number:

QUESTION 1: Do you support the requested boundary alteration? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Why? HDC more aligned to the rural sector  
re: a very successful A & P show held yearly  
hevin Sale yards relocated successfully  
Free parking in the main CBD where people can  
do their business without putting money in makes all  
the time Brand new library is fantastic. Swimming Pool  
better & <sup>cheaper</sup> than a crowded kids!!

QUESTION 2: Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin? ☐ Palmerston North ☒ Horowhenua

Why? As above (Qn. 1)

**QUESTION 3: Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

Why?

**QUESTION 4: Which territorial local authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?** ☒ Horowhenua District Council ☐ Palmerston North City Council

Why? HDC already working on issues re water in Shannon and Tokomaru. Feel they would better serve the rural sector than PN. P.N facilities are already crowded swimming pool, library

**QUESTION 5: What services do you want to receive from local government?**

Water services particularly in Tokomaru. HDC is already working with Tokomaru on this issue. All this would be lost if there is a change. Shannon is also affected by this water issue

**QUESTION 6: Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue that it gets from rates, fees and user charges?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

Why? more revenue needed in Tokomaru, Shannon, Opiki to improve the facilities ie Opiki hall

**Please tell us about anything further you would like the Commission to consider in its decision on the requested boundary alteration.**



# Submission Form

Closing date for submissions

7 April 2021

Submission 068

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**Your name:**

Letitia Claridge

**Where you live:**



**Your email, residential or postal address:**



**Do you wish to speak at a Commission hearing:**



Yes



No

If yes, please provide a contact phone number:

**QUESTION 1: Do you support the requested boundary alteration?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

Why?

Because our rates will be cheaper.  
It make sense as we use P.N.  
services.

**QUESTION 2: Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?** ☒ Palmerston North ☐ Horowhenua

Why?

Our children are at secondary school  
in P.N. We do all our shopping etc  
in P.N. All the services we use are  
in P.N.

**QUESTION 3: Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

Why?

It should be at Kara Stream.

**QUESTION 4: Which territorial local authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?** ☐ Horowhenua District Council ☒ Palmerston North City Council

Why?

HDC do not do a lot for us. We are big rate payers for them & we don't get a lot back.  
I'm unsure that the Council's plan to spend 1 billion on projects without evidence they are necessary is a good idea??

**QUESTION 5: What services do you want to receive from local government?**

Rubbish collection.

Better roads. (local)

Hopefully we may again be able to drive 100km per hour on our country roads - instead of the imposed 80km per hr. In the past we have had to do so - due to poor road conditions!

**QUESTION 6: Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue that it gets from rates, fees and user charges?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

Why? They build big new council buildings which are unnecessary!  
They build <sup>indoor</sup> swimming pool in Foxton & now the building is needing to be replaced!

**Please tell us about anything further you would like the Commission to consider in its decision on the requested boundary alteration.**



# Submission Form

Closing date for submissions

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Submission 069

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Your name:

Bernard WATSON

Where you live:

Your email, residential or postal address:

Do you wish to speak at a Commission hearing:



Yes



No

If yes, please provide a contact phone number:

QUESTION 1: Do you support the requested boundary alteration? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Why?

Yes I do support the proposed change.  
We, Tokomaru and Opiki, have been treated poorly over many years and it looks to continue unless we change.

QUESTION 2: Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin? ☒ Palmerston North ☐ Horowhenua

Why?

All our business is conducted in Palmerston North,  
Doctors, Lawyers, Account etc etc.  
Recreation → Palmerston North.  
Shops → never Levin

**QUESTION 3: Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

Why?

It's really up to those people who live on those roads not someone who lives in Tokomaru

**QUESTION 4: Which territorial local authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?** ☐ Horowhenua District Council ☒ Palmerston North City Council

Why?

The HDC has ignored the wants of Tokomaru for as long as I have lived in the District (50 years) so it can only get better

**QUESTION 5: What services do you want to receive from local government?**

All I ask is a fair share of the rates, money that is collected across the whole district. We were promised with "harmonisation" that would happen well it didn't

**QUESTION 6: Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue that it gets from rates, fees and user charges?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

Why?

Not at all satisfied - My rates (total) are \$100.00 per WEEK! ie \$5000.00 per year. I believe that the rates collected in Tokomaru are spent in Levin & Foxton under "harmonisation"

**Please tell us about anything further you would like the Commission to consider in its decision on the requested boundary alteration.**

The ONLY time we <sup>see</sup> anybody from HDC is election time

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Q1

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

Yes,

Why?:

When we lived in Opiki Palmerston North was the centre we used for everything

Q2

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Palmerston North

Q3

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

Yes

Q4

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Palmerston North City Council

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Roads maintained & recycling bins

Q6

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

Yes

Q7

What is your name?

Bruce & Christine Gibbons



Q8

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

Q9

What is your email adress?

[REDACTED]

Q10

No

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

Q11

Respondent skipped this question

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**Your name:**

*Jill Anderson*

**Where you live:**



**Your email, residential or postal address:**



**Do you wish to speak at a Commission hearing:**



Yes



No

If yes, please provide a contact phone number:

**QUESTION 1: Do you support the requested boundary alteration?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

**Why?**

*I use Palmerston North for all our family shopping as well as employment, medical, entertainment and professional services. There would be substantial savings in rates.*

**QUESTION 2: Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?** ☒ Palmerston North ☐ Horowhenua

**Why?**

*Palmerston North is closer to where I live, and I use the services in Palmerston North once or twice per week, and Levin / Shannon annually at the most.*

**QUESTION 3: Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

Why?

*As it is a natural boundary of the river/road*

**QUESTION 4: Which territorial local authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?** ☐ Horowhenua District Council ☒ Palmerston North City Council

Why?

*Because of our close proximity to PNCC*

**QUESTION 5: What services do you want to receive from local government?**

*Better roads and rubbish collection.*

**QUESTION 6: Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue that it gets from rates, fees and user charges?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

Why?

*Because H.D.C does not keep essential services up to standard within the Tokomaru / Opiki area.*

**Please tell us about anything further you would like the Commission to consider in its decision on the requested boundary alteration.**

*PNCC is more professionally run, larger and more efficient.*

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Q1

Yes

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

Q2

Palmerston North

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Q3

Yes

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

Q4

Palmerston North City Council

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Roading

Q6

No

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

Q7

What is your name?

Ross Anderson

Q8

Where do you live?

Q9

What is your email adress?

[REDACTED]

Q10

No

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

Q11

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

Yes,

Why?:

Because Tokomaru and Opiki use Palmerston North as their main service town compared to Shannon, Levin or Foxton. Both my partner and I work in Palmerston North, our children will go to Palmerston North for secondary school. We use Palmerston North for library and rubbish services, we use Palmerston North pools. Because of this, it seems illogical that we should be paying for libraries, rubbish, pools and town amenities for Shannon, Levin and Foxton and would rather divert that funding towards services we use in Palmerston North.

Q2

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Palmerston North,

Why?:

As above.

Q3

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

Yes,

Why?:

Because this is probably the logical point to which the residents draw northwards towards Palmerston North and reflects the wider community that draws to Opiki.

Q4

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Palmerston North City Council,

Why?:

Because we utilise the services of Palmerston North City far more than the townships making up Horowhenua.

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Three waters (though we are rural), attractive towns, rubbish/recycling, parks, safe roadways and road alternatives.

Q6

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

Yes,

Why:

In most cases. However, I am certainly concerned at the proposed cost of some pieces offered up by councils which seem either like gold plated solutions, or else very expensive solutions offered up so that councils either defer or avoid undertaking the work due to costs.

Q7

What is your name?

Alastair Cole

Q8

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

Q9

What is your email address?

[REDACTED]

Q10

No

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

Q11

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

Yes,

Why?:

My parents purchased 62.5 acres on Ashlea Road, Tokomaru within the boundary of the Horowhenua County Council in 1939. I biked to the Tokomaru Primary School two miles on a gravel road. Tokomaru School was in the Wellington Education Board District.

Q2

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Palmerston North,

Why?:

On leaving Tokomaru Primary School in 1947 Waits Motors Limited ran a school bus from Tokomaru to: 1. Palmerston North Girls High School 2. Tech School Palmerston North 3. Palmerston North Boys High School 1948, 1949, 1950

Q3

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

No,

Why?:

It may be a starting place but may I suggest a more clearer boundary by using the Kara Creek left bank as the southern boundary from the source to the Tokomaru River left bank, then using the right stop bank to where the Tokomaru River enters the Manawatu River left stop bank. This will have a more natural boundary effect as in the past existing rivers or waterways do not change.

**Q4**

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

**Palmerston North City Council,**

Why?:

P.N.C.C. has the following established benefits: 1. Huge professional business base 2. Excellent kindergartens, primary and secondary schools, and Massey University 3. Huge commercial and industrial services that provide specialists to the surrounding rural community 4. Linton Military Camp 5. Being on the North Island main trunk railway line with proposed new large distribution centre for Lower North Island 6. Milson - Palmerston North Airport 7. Mid Central Health with ever improving medical services and equipment 8. Rescue Helicopter base 9. Tremendous sporting facilities for all sports 10. The Esplanade, libraries and swimming pools

**Q5**

What services do you want to receive from local government?

(no comment at this stage)

**Q6**

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

**No,**

Why:

Why does local government move at the speed of a glacier? Why does local government allow massive loans to be a burden to ratepayers? Why does local government make the elderly pay 15% more than business people who offset GST? They speak of transparency and accountability but conduct public excluded meetings and public excluded workshops. Why must they continue to increase rates above the inflation rate? This submission is based on work at the coal face being elected to the Horowhenua Council Council (1977-1980, 1983-1984) and elected to the Horowhenua District Council (1989) - 15 years service. Having lived and worked in Horowhenua representing from 1939 to 2007 (68 years) building 23 new houses plus small bridges, raised a family who reside at Tokomaru, my grandchildren who live on a gravel road (Konini Road), work in Palmerston North and travel daily, pay road user charges, receive no benefit and to support the Horowhenua District Council - provide their own water and services.

**Q7**

What is your name?

Milton C. Pedley



**Q8**

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

**Q9**

What is your email adress?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

Yes

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

**Q11**

If you wish to speak at a Commission hearing, please provide a contact phone number.

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From: Submissions

Submission 074 additional information

To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: Penny Langley

Subject: RE: Yes, you can update your submission ahead of the deadline at midnight on 7 April 2021

Date: Tuesday, 6 April 2021 3:37:23 PM

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Kia ora Mr Pedley

Thank you for your further email. I have noted the corrections to your original submission and will ensure these will be kept as part of your submission. In respect to your comments about meetings of the Horowhenua District Council, and the Palmerston North City Council, it would be best for you to contact each council directly as they are responsible for the meetings you have referred to. The Local Government Commission does not have any role in those meetings.

Yours faithfully

Craig Press

Craig Press

Senior Advisor | Mana Kāwanatanga ā Rohe / Local Government Commission

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[REDACTED]  
Sent: Monday, 5 April 2021 8:39 PM

To: Submissions <[Submissions@lgc.govt.nz](mailto:Submissions@lgc.govt.nz)>

Subject: Re: Yes, you can update your submission ahead of the deadline at midnight on 7 April 2021

Greetings Craig.

Thank you for sending me a copy of my submission. However there is a typing error. Should read 1977-80-83 -86-89 with Horowhenua County Council, 1992 with Horowhenua District Council. =15 years.

Please note 31st March 2021 H.D.C. called an extraordinary Meeting at 6 P.M. at Levin. To record they oppose the Boundry Alteration. Meeting closed at 6.12P.M.

The P.N.C.C. in the public notices of the Manawatu

Standard dated 3rd March 2021, notified the public that a meeting will be held at 9.A.M. on the 7th March, to discuss the Tokomaru-Opiki Boundary Alterations. As submissions close at midnight on the 7th March 2021, I seek permission to speak to the above two Meetings if necessary, as the outcome may cause me to review my submission, that was posted to you on the 30th March 2021.

Sincerely Milton C. Pedley.

Kia ora Mr Pedley

Thank you for your email. You are most welcome to send in a further submission ahead of the deadline at midnight on 7 April. A copy of your original submission is attached as requested.

Ngā mihi

Craig

Craig Press

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[REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 1 April 2021 10:52 AM

**To:** Submissions <[Submissions@lgc.govt.nz](mailto:Submissions@lgc.govt.nz)>

**Subject:** Re: Acknowledgement of your submission and request to speak at the upcoming hearing

Greetings Craig Press.

Thank you,for confirming receipt of my submission.Sadly having this typed by a professional they failed to supply me with a copy.Would you be able to email me a copy please.

Last evening I attended a extrodinary meeting of the Horowhenua District Council at Levin at 6.00P.M.The meeting closed at 6.12 P.M.

May I submit another submission,as further information has been placed on the table.?.

Sincerely Milton C. Pedley.

On 30-03-2021 15:56, Submissions wrote:

Kia ora Mr Pedley

Many thanks for making a submission on the request for Opiki and Tokomaru to become part of Palmerston North City. Thank you also for indicating that you wish to talk to your submission at a hearing. Arrangements for a hearing are yet to be finalised and we will be back in touch with details nearer the time.

Ngā mihi nui

Craig Press

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# Submission Form

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Submission 075

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Your name:

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Where you live:

Your email, residential or postal address:

Do you wish to speak at a Commission hearing:

☐ Yes

☒ No

If yes, please provide a contact phone number:

**QUESTION 1: Do you support the requested boundary alteration?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

Why? Nothing can be worse than H.D.C.

**QUESTION 2: Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?** ☒ Palmerston North ☐ Horowhenua

Why? All my activities, volunteering, spending, activities, are already done in Palmerston North. Also Doctor, lawyers, dentists etc are all in P.N.  
I use Palmy's pools, library, parks, so I should be paying them, not H.D.C.

**QUESTION 3: Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

Why? It's a logical place to put boundary.

**QUESTION 4: Which territorial local authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?** ☐ Horowhenua District Council ☒ Palmerston North City Council

Why? We all work, play in P. North.

**QUESTION 5: What services do you want to receive from local government?**

The basics. Water, sewerage, recycling etc. and maybe some footpaths and more weed control etc.

**QUESTION 6: Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue that it gets from rates, fees and user charges?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

Why? We only see the bare minimum. We were supposed to be better off with harmonisation, but I've lived here 36 years and nothing changes.

**Please tell us about anything further you would like the Commission to consider in its decision on the requested boundary alteration.**

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Q1

No

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

Q2

Horowhenua

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Q3

No

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

Q4

Horowhenua District Council

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Better recycling and Refuge services

Q6

Yes

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

Q7

What is your name?

Dean Paton

Q8

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]



**Q9**

What is your email adress?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

No

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**Q11**

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

Yes,

Why?:

All our business, health services and shopping are done in Palmerston North.

Q2

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Palmerston North,

Why?:

Only place we can receive all our needs including facilities for our children playing sport.

Q3

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

Yes,

Why?:

Because of the services required from Palmerston North that are critical to us the boundary must be south of the Tokomaru River.

Q4

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Palmerston North City Council,

Why?:

Palmerston North has a greater catchment of ratepayers and can provide us with better all round service and facilities at a cheaper cost.

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Recreational, health, sporting, area promotion, waste & recycling, roading & transportation

Q6

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

No,

Why?:

Rates too high for facilities we don't use and poor responses from communication.

Q7

What is your name?

Kevin & Gail Russell

**Q8**

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Q9**

What is your email address?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

No

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**Q11**

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Q1

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

Yes,

Why?:

Yes! I believe that the choice of who you wish to be governed by should be made by the majority of those being governed (in this case the residents of the effected area). They should not be required to seek permission by those who stand to lose something. With the ongoing global upheaval surrounding the pandemic - and in the growing likelihood of ongoing regional lockdowns the residents of Tokomaru and Opiki will be seriously inconvenienced if either the Horowhenua or the Manawatu fall victim. This is simply because they already naturally perform most of their regular family functions in Palmerston North. I believe that Tokomaru (at least) has been wanting this inclusion with Palmerston North for many decades so it cannot be described as a flash in the pan idea. This was proposed during the amalgamations of 1989 and I strongly suspect that they were disadvantaged participants in the decision to make up HDC numbers. So for thirty odd years they have been of the same mind. In this time very little development has occurred in either township under HDC governance. A boundary change I believe will be the catalyst for a 'new lease of life' for the Topiki area as indeed it proved to be for Otaki when it Moved into Kapiti. It was then that Otaki was looked upon with fresh eyes and new ideas sparking the retail outlet store boom which turned the Highway One part of the town into a bustling hive of economic activity.

Q2

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Horowhenua,

Why?:

I live just North of the township of Levin so this question is not as relevant for me. However other than for day to day items (for which Levin is sufficient) I will choose to travel to either Paraparaumu or Palmerston North for the wider variety each of those townships offer for a similar travelling time.



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**Q3**

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

No,

Why?:

I believe that the natural border of the Manawatu River should dictate as much of the boundary as possible but how far south it should be, should again be the decision of those effected. Ask the residents on either side of the proposed change.

**Q4**

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

**Palmerston North City Council,**

Why?:

At the Public meeting held in the Opiki Hall on the 13th October 2020 HDC who had been instructed 'Not to interfere' in the process turned up with a full Council quorum including Mayor Warden, CE Clapperton, about six councilors and management staff. I asked "in the thirty odd years that they had governed Tokomaru and Opiki how much was the HDC 'rate take' verses the HDC rate spend in the Topiki area?" They would not provide an answer! I repeated the question at the evening meeting held in the Tokomaru Hall. They would not provide an answer. I therefore ask the commissioners (in the interest of transparency) to seek the answer to that most important question directly from HDC. They should have records that recent. In 2004 Mr Brendan Duffy won the Mayoralty for HDC and the Districts debt was \$7 Million. In 12 short years of his mayoralty that Debt had ballooned out to \$86 Million, Tokomaru and Opiki are again the unwilling and disadvantaged recipients of poor decision making having to pay their share of the ongoing interest. On that Note I strongly object to Mr Duffy's involvement in this boundary change proposal all be it from behind the scenes. In spite of his claims to recuse himself his mere presence of name is enough to raise the suspicion of collusion.

**Q5**

What services do you want to receive from local government?

District and City Councils evolved from local borough councils whose only role was to provide essential services. They have become inefficient empire builders and self regulated Tax departments. They set the rates - they collect the rates and choose how to spend the rates with no-one to answer to. "Back to Basics please!"

**Q6**

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

No,

Why:

Not at all! Some are worse than others According to Larry Mitchell Finance and Policy analyst (Local Government) The Horowhenua District Council is (and consistently has been for the last ten years) amongst the worst performing councils in the country.

**Q7**

What is your name?

Bryan ten Have

**Q8**

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

**Q9**

What is your email adress?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

Yes

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[REDACTED]

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Q1

Yes

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

Q2

Palmerston North

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Q3

Yes

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

Q4

Palmerston North City Council

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

rubbish pick up, recycling

Q6

No

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

Q7

What is your name?

Sally

Q8

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

**Q9**

What is your email address?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

No

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**Q11**

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Q1

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

Yes,

Why?:

I have no relationship with Horowhenua apart from the council. My rates go to Levin where they pay for things I never use. The previous councilor for our ward in Horowhenua was selected by the then mayor to be his deputy, in fact they ran as a team in the election. I didn't vote for this councilor as I knew his opponent but when he was elected I thought it was good that finally our area would have some say in council and our roads might be fixed. However he was removed by the rest of the councilors by popular vote in a humiliating and to me disgusting manner at one of the first council meetings mainly because he didn't come from Levin, hadn't gone to school there and didn't seem to be in the clique with councilors who had. So much for democracy in Horowhenua, he was elected by the District, but removed by the other nine councilors

Q2

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Palmerston North,

Why?:

All my business is in Palmerston North, all professional services my healthcare, my children's schools, their sports teams. I was born in Palmerston North and my ancestors are buried here. I have no connection to Levin, don't know what the streets are called, where the supermarkets are or who are the councilors. Even Shannon is a mystery to me. If my children play sport for a Shannon team, away games can be as far away as Paekakariki. I'm told our current councilor comes from Shannon, but I've never seen him. I go to Foxton sometimes, but this is to use the beach, not to access council facilities

**Q3**

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

**No,**

**Why?:**

I am unsure exactly where it should be, but perhaps Kara stream would make a natural boundary as opposed to using a road. In other places where roads are used as the boundary neither council seems to accept responsibility for the road and associated drains.

**Q4**

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

**Palmerston North City Council,**

**Why?:**

It's where we live, it's my address. At the moment we have no input on so many matters that concern us.

**Q5**

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Good governance. Good roads

**Q6**

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

**No,**

**Why:**

It is spent in Levin. Most of us never go there. I am leaved for swimming pools that I don't know their location. Levin has a Te Takere center, built out of an old Countdown at huge expense. What is it?

**Q7**

What is your name?

David N Argyle

**Q8**

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Q9**

What is your email adress?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

**Yes**

**Q11**

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Q1

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

Yes,

Why?

We work, shop and play in Palmerston North. Levin/Horowhenua charge us really high rates but seem to do zero for tokomaru with the money they receive from us ie very few footpaths, little maintenance of the local playground, storm water issues.

Q2

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Palmerston North

Q3

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

Yes

Q4

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Palmerston North City Council

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Water management, footpath management, rubbish services, public transport

Q6

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

No,

Why?

Never seem to see any improvements being made to our small town. Even the way they manage our rateable value of our home is a joke (looking at the "updated" image from the last valuation, they seem to be using a photo of my garage from at least 10 years ago). Absolutely hopeless we are completely ignored until someone decides they want to pump is to vote them in as a councillor.



Q7

What is your name?

Rhiannon Outen

Q8

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

Q9

What is your email address?

[REDACTED]

Q10

No

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Q1

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

Yes,

Why?:

Because we are already considered Manawatu in all aspects. It's just not official. But it needs to be changed.

Q2

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Palmerston North,

Why?:

We are closer to Palmerston North amenities. Especially farmers a lot of land stems into Palmerston North. Also SPCA my job for example can't even assist in Tokomaru or Opiki due to it being in Levin boundaries. Yet Levin is too far away for emergencies.

Q3

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

Yes,

Why?:

It could be stopped where SH56 and SH57 meet but yeah that's okay as well

Q4

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Palmerston North City Council,

Why?:

We fall into PNCC in every way possible as it is, I think it would be silly not to make it official. Even my dogs have to be registered to Levin, yet PNCC pound actually assist this area

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Better care of our roads, animal services, SPCA services, council assistance

Q6

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

No,

Why?:

The sides of the roads are never mowed, and overgrown. The roads aren't kept up to standard.

Q7

What is your name?

Danielle Halcrow

Q8

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

Q9

What is your email address?

[REDACTED]

Q10

No

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Q11

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Q1

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

Yes,

Why?:

I work in Palmerston North, my children attend school in Palmerston North, Palmerston North is closer than Levin if I'm required to work during lockdown - I'm an essential worker- to go shopping after work My children and I are involved in the Palmerston North community

Q2

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Palmerston North,

Why?:

I never shop in Levin. All my close family live and work in Palmerston North. My children's after school activities such as Ballet, Air Cadets, hockey are in Palmerston North WINZ appointments and documents are returned to the Palmerston North branch Dentist appointments are in Palmerston North Drs are located in Palmerston North

Q3

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

Yes

Q4

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Palmerston North City Council,

Why?:

Tokomaru contribute just as much as Palmerston North residents to the Palmerston North economy

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Better roads - pot holes everywhere

Powerlines moved underground

Q6

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

No,

Why?:

Nothing gets put back into the Tokomaru community



**Q7**

What is your name?

Aroha Taimai

**Q8**

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

**Q9**

What is your email address?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

No

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**Q11**

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Not applicable

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Q1

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

Yes,

Why?:

When going to do groceries etc no one ever goes to levin to do them, always find in palmy because it's closer.

Q2

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Palmerston North

Q3

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

Yes

Q4

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Palmerston North City Council

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Not sure

Q6

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

No

Q7

What is your name?

Chloe

Q8

Where do you live?

10

**Q9**

What is your email adress?

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Q10

No

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

Q11

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Q1

Yes

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

Q2

Palmerston North

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Q3

Yes

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

Q4

Palmerston North City Council

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

recycling and rubbish collection, footpaths and street lighting

Q6

Yes

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

Q7

What is your name?

Lynette Morgan

Q8

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]



**Q9**

What is your email address?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

No

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**Q11**

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

Yes,

Why?

Because I work, shop and kids go to school in Palmerston North. It's closer to commute and makes no sense to be within the Horowhenua boundary

Q2

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Palmerston North

Q3

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

Yes

Q4

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Palmerston North City Council

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Bus service would be great

Q6

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

Yes,

Why?

Yes but it doesn't benefit us in any way in Tokomaru.

Q7

What is your name?

Katrina McGregor

**Q8**

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

**Q9**

What is your email address?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

No

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**Q11**

Respondent skipped this question

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**Q1** Yes

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

**Q2** Palmerston North

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

**Q3** Yes

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

**Q4** Palmerston North City Council

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

**Q5**

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Road maintenance

**Q6** No

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

**Q7**

What is your name?

Indianna

**Q8**

Where do you live?



**Q9**

What is your email adress?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

No

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**Q11**

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Yes

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

Q2

Palmerston North

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Q3

Yes

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

Q4

Palmerston North City Council

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Less rates.

Q6

No

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

Q7

What is your name?

Bradley farrow

Q8

Where do you live?

**Q9**

What is your email adress?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

No

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**Q11**

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

No,

Why?:

I think it was proposed by a small number of people who didn't necessarily look at the whole picture and implications of the change. I think Tokomaru is better off staying with HDC and are likely to be ignored more by PNCC than we are now. I understand that as a more rural area, cities don't always think about us. However, with good representation from the Miranui councillor, we can (and have) had projects in our area. PNCC works differently in many ways to HDC and that would be a big adjustment to everyone, including ratepayers, dealing with council, schools, Halls, and many other people and groups I can't even think of.

Q2

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Horowhenua,

Why?:

I feel connected to both areas. I often shop in Palmerston North as that is slightly closer and has larger shops, but many people travel to cities for this. I think of myself as from the Horowhenua region.

Q3

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

Yes,

Why?:

I don't know, I don't have a strong opinion on this, as I would rather not change.

Q4

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Horowhenua District Council,

Why?:

We are used to dealing with HDC. Our local Community Hall has received many grants from HDC over the years to maintain and improve the Hall and I would like to see the Council continue to enjoy these improvements. We (as a Hall) have, in turn, ensured we spend money in the Horowhenua area, where-ever possible, in these upgrades. As residents and property owners, I would expect either council to see to the basic needs it provides.



**Q5**

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Usual things provided by local Government - visibility at local events (e.g. at schools), services like recycling and rubbish collection and sewage treatment (that people like me never tend to think about, which is why I can't list more of them), support for local Community Halls, and decent footpaths.

**Q6**

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

Yes,

Why:

Yes, as far as I am aware. Rates etc are like another tax. They are then spent on things needed (or wanted) over the whole area. The amount of things covered by this is so vast, I don't know the half of it. I know some of it is roads, libraries, swimming pools and parks. All of which are important. We receive information about this with our rates account from time to time.

**Q7**

What is your name?

Rebecca Louth

**Q8**

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

**Q9**

What is your email address?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

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No

**Q11**

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Q1

No

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

Q2

Horowhenua

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Q3

No

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

Q4

Horowhenua District Council

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Rubbish and recycling for rural properties

Q6

No

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

Q7

What is your name?

Tamiti

Q8

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

**Q9**

What is your email adress?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

No

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

**Q11**

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Q1

Yes

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

Q2

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Palmerston North,

Why?:

Mostly due to work But also other cultural opportunities and more options and value for money with goods and services.

Q3

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

Yes,

Why?:

Haven't been in the community long to confidently answer this question. But we would tentatively say yes.

Q4

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Palmerston North City Council,

Why?:

It's closer and more employment/ study opportunities.

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Drainage

3 water's

Roads

Q6

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

No,

Why?:

Don't feel we have been in community long enough to answer this question. However rates seem overly high when we tend to use and commute to Palmerston North. We have very little to do with Horowhenua cultural identity and are concerned about debt and possible long term merge with the likes of Kapiti Coast.



**Q7**

What is your name?

Rebecca Thompson

**Q8**

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

**Q9**

What is your email address?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

No

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

**Q11**

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Yes

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

Q2

Palmerston North

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Q3

Yes

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

Q4

Palmerston North City Council

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Schools, supermarket etc

Q6

No

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

Q7

What is your name?

Abby Hodgkinson

Q8

Where do you live?

Q9

What is your email adress?

[REDACTED]

Q10

No

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

Q11

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Yes

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

Q2

Palmerston North

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Q3

Yes

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

Q4

Palmerston North City Council

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Rubbish and proper street lights. Cheaper rates

Q6

No

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

Q7

What is your name?

Marama

Q8

Where do you live?

**Q9**

What is your email adress?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

No

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

**Q11**

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Yes

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

Q2

Palmerston North

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Q3

Yes

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Q4

Palmerston North City Council

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

?

Q6

No

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

Q7

What is your name?

Amy McKenzie Bang

Q8

Where do you live?

**Q9**

What is your email address?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

No

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

**Q11**

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# Submission Form

Closing date for submissions

7 April 2021

Submission 095

The Local Government Commission is seeking feedback on a request to transfer Opiki and Tokomaru from Horowhenua District into Palmerston North City. Your feedback is important to help inform decisions on next steps including, whether to proceed with a reorganisation plan.

## How to send your submission

**Online:** [surveymonkey.com/r/762DCMZ](https://surveymonkey.com/r/762DCMZ)

**Email:** Complete this form and email a scanned copy to [submissions@lgc.govt.nz](mailto:submissions@lgc.govt.nz)

**Post:** The Local Government Commission, PO Box 5362, Wellington 6140

Your submission will be published on the Commission's website but without your contact details.

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V Hayward

Where you live:



Your email, residential or postal address:



Do you wish to speak at a Commission hearing:



Yes



No

If yes, please provide a contact phone number:

QUESTION 1: Do you support the requested boundary alteration? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Why? I don't go to Levin at all, or anywhere South. I do all my business in PN, I shop, eat & work there. We are in PN calling area

QUESTION 2: Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin? ☒ Palmerston North ☐ Horowhenua

Why? Everything I do is in PN. my son's school is in cluster of schools north of his. I use PN library as Horowhenua Council ~~is~~ closed ours



QUESTION 3: Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Why?

Don't know where boundary should be

QUESTION 4: Which territorial local authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners? ☐ Horowhenua District Council ☒ Palmerston North City Council

Why?

HDC does nothing for us. In (aid) PNCC organised food for me as HDC would not help [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

QUESTION 5: What services do you want to receive from local government?

decent roads  
upkept halls & road verges  
rubbish (or collection point)  
recycling

QUESTION 6: Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue that it gets from rates, fees and user charges? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Why?

We get very little in Opiki & Tokomaru for what we pay.  
Millions spent in Levin & Foxton not up here. of no benefit to us

Please tell us about anything further you would like the Commission to consider in its decision on the requested boundary alteration.

It is easier to deal with council if they are close to your work etc.  
I can go in & do my rates rebate easier

**Submission form to Local Government Commission**

Transferring Tokomaru and Opiki from Horowhenua District Council to Palmerston North City.

Date: 7 April 2021

Submitted to: [submissions@lgc.govt.nz](mailto:submissions@lgc.govt.nz)

Name: Terry Olsen

Address: [REDACTED]

Email address [REDACTED]

I do not wish to speak at a Commission hearing.

**Question 1:** Do you support the requested boundary alteration – **NO**  
Why?

The application states that 'Opiki has no connection with Levin'. I dispute that statement. The area subject to the application is largely rural (170 houses in Tokomaru township and 330 in surrounding rural area of Opiki).

The application is very 'Tokomaru township centric' which in my opinion does not reflect the 'proposal area' which is largely rural in nature. While those living in the Tokomaru township may consider that they are a dormitory suburb of Palmerston North City, this does not reflect the rural area of Opiki.

As a farmer and grower in the Opiki area I relate to Levin rather than Palmerston North. I go to Levin for my farm supplies; my vehicles are purchased from Levin, not Palmerston North. Grower and farmer meetings are held in Levin.

The application proposal has completely overlooked the 'rural community of interest' that exists for those farming in the Tokomaru/ Opiki areas that sustain the rural economic activity in the area. Most of these services come from Levin, Shannon or Foxton (within Horowhenua) or from Manawatu District to the north, rather than Palmerston North City. Services such as farm supplies, stock agents, vets, trucking firms, and contractors are sourced from within the Horowhenua district rather than Palmerston North. These form a 'community of interest' that is not recognised in the application proposal and needs to be added to the considerations of the LGC.

Horowhenua District Council (HDC) is a largely rural council so has rural interests at heart, compared to Palmerston North which is an urban city dominated by Massey University. The rural areas of Palmerston North are small in comparison to the overall size of the city and its interests.

Palmerston North City Council (PNCC) has a vision of 'small city benefits, big city ambition'.



There are five goals set out in the Strategic Direction:

- An innovative and growing city
- A creative and exciting city
- A connected and safe community
- An eco-city
- A driven and enabling council

In assessing the documents associated with these goals there is a clear absence of recognition of the rural area, other than it providing rural subdivision and lifestyle opportunities for housing choice with 12% of the projected growth to be in rural lifestyle block development.

This approach reinforces the urban-centric focus of the city which does not recognise the economic and social and cultural contribution of the rural community.

As a rural landowner managing a farming operation I want to be located in an area which recognises the contribution that the rural area makes to the district, rather than just for rural subdivision.

Horowhenua District has a much greater rural focus and identifies that the various rural areas in the district contribute in their own distinctive way to the fabric of the district.

The LGC discussion document states: 'Opiki and Tokomaru require local government services that are typical of a rural area with a small township experiencing moderate growth. These focus on local roading and drainage, and water infrastructure in the built-up area. Rubbish collection, parks and reserves, swimming pools and libraries are also important.'

The document then sets out how the local services are currently provided for.

I agree with the statement that the required services are typical of a rural area. If residents in Tokomaru township want city/ urban type services they should live within a city area, rather than trying to impose that onto a rural community. HDC has facilitated arrangements for use of Palmerston North facilities such as the library and swimming pool. The area does not need to be moved to be part of Palmerston North City to enable use of such facilities.

The issue of rates has been used by some to support a change to PNCC. Predicting what rates may be in the future is an unknown quantum. I consider that there is no certainty that rates would remain as they are at present because they are subject to political drivers which change over time. There is no guarantee that the current PNCC rates framework would be applied to Tokomaru/ Opiki area. There are also considerable questions regarding how the water supply in Tokomaru would be paid for under PNCC. At present I understand that the supply is subsidised from rates from the wider Horowhenua. It could well be an outcome that Tokomaru in fact end up paying more than at present.

While there are some differences in rates at present the variation is not sufficient to justify the changes being sought in the proposal, especially given the unpredictable nature of future rating frameworks under both HDC and PNCC.

**Question 2:** Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua including Shannon and Levin? **Horowhenua** Why?

I feel more connected with Horowhenua because of the rural nature of the area and because the services I access are in Horowhenua. The reasons are set out in response to Question 1.

**Question 3:** Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Rd and part of Okuku Rd in the right place? – **NO** Why?

The original catalyst for the re-organisation appears to be that in the 1988 proposed re-organisation of local government an option was for the Tokomaru township to be included in Palmerston North City. Historically Tokomaru township was part of Horowhenua County. Ultimately in 1989 Tokomaru township was included in the new Horowhenua District Council, recognising the community of interest with Horowhenua, rather than Palmerston North.

However the current re-organisation proposal takes in a much wider area than the option that was presented in 1988. It now includes large swathes of rural area and has a southern boundary just north of Shannon. As such it is a fundamentally different proposal from that in 1988 and can not be justified by relying on the 1988 proposal.

The current proposal appears to be based on perceptions of 'communities of interest' which I address below. Suffice to say I do not support the interpretation of communities of interest as set out in the application and consider that the proposed boundaries do not reflect the communities of interest of the rural area.

**Question 4:** Which Territorial local authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners? **HDC** Why?

I consider that the proposal area is best served by Horowhenua District Council.

The application appears to assume that there would be better representation in Palmerston North City because of the voting at large rather than a ward system. I disagree.

There is no certainty of better representation from an at-large system. In fact I consider it is likely to be worse, as there would be no specific councillor to recognise and represent the interests of the area. Given the small size of the Tokomaru/ Opiki area within the Palmerston North City the representation may in fact be worse with the small rural area being largely overlooked and swallowed up into the urban city and council.

As stated previously HDC has a greater rural focus than Palmerston North City Council.

## Governance

It is openly acknowledged that there have been some challenging issues with governance at Horowhenua District Council over recent years. The lodging of the application for boundary re-organisation seems to align with some of these issues. However the historical representation issues should be seen as a reflection of the community electing council rather than a poor reflection on the council itself – the council has to work with whom electors voted for. In this regard I note that there were changes in the last local government elections with a change in both the Miranui Ward councillor and also the mayor. This appears to have led to positive changes in how HDC functions, with considerable reduction in the level of negative media exposure. I consider that this may have addressed some of the concerns about HDC that existed at the time the re-organisational proposal was first mooted.

An alternative approach to issues raised by the re-organisational proposal may be that a Community Board be established for the Tokomaru/ Opiki area within HDC. The Council already has a community board for Foxton and adding a board for Tokomaru/ Opiki could assist to address issues specific to that area. This alternative does not appear to have been considered in the proposal and I consider that the Local Government Commission should consider it as part of assessing the overall proposal.

**Question 6:** Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue that it gets from rates, fees and user charges – **Yes**

Why?

Generally the level of service I receive is appropriate commensurate with what would normally be anticipated in a predominantly rural area. If people want urban amenity they should move to an urban area. There may well be different perceptions on the level of service that a community seeks. If that is the case, the place to debate that is part of the Long Term and Annual Plans process – not resort to a transferring to an adjoining council where the 'grass seems greener on the other side of the fence'.

Some people complain about the roads in the area but they fail to also recognise that there are considerable challenges with maintaining roads in an area with peat soils. A dry summer or a wet winter can greatly affect water tables and hence how the roads function. This would be a challenge regardless of which council was managing the roads. I consider that HDC do well given those circumstances.

**Question 7:** Please tell us anything further you would like the Commission to consider in its decision on the requested boundary alteration.

I include additional comments on:

- Communities of interest
- Level of support

### Communities of Interest

There are a number of reasons given in the re-organisational proposal under the heading 'communities of interest' that I consider to be overstated and should be discounted by the LGC.



*Historical connections:* The application states that 'both Opiki and Tokomaru have considerable history having been involved in the flax industry before the turn of the twentieth century.' This statement overlooks the considerable flax industry between Shannon and Foxton and the links between the areas in this regard, including the railway and road links between Levin, Shannon and Tokomaru and Opiki. There is also a shared history through the Horowhenua County going back over a hundred years.

*Palmerston North Hospital and medical services:* The application states that 'we go to Palmerston North for medical services, including hospitals both public and private, specialist services and general practitioners'.

The Tokomaru/ Opiki area is part of the Mid Central Health Region which extends from Otaki in the south. All of Horowhenua District is located in the Mid Central Health region so all residents go to Palmerston North for specialist medical services, such as hospitals. This would not change because of a re-organisation. If the rationale for being in Palmerston North City is because of going to Palmerston North for medical services then all of HDC and the Otaki Ward of Kapiti Coast DC should be in Palmerston North City. In respect of general practitioners people have a choice where they go. While some may choose to go to GP's in Palmerston North it should not be assumed that all residents within the proposed area for change go to Palmerston North for GP services. Those living closer to Shannon are more likely to choose to go to a GP in Shannon, Foxton or Levin. I live within the proposal area and go to Foxton for GP services, not Palmerston North.

I do not consider that the location of medical services is a relevant consideration or reason for becoming part of Palmerston North City as it would be the same regardless of which territorial authority the area is located in. The 'community of interest' in respect of medical services applies to a much wider area than just Tokomaru and Opiki, and includes all of Horowhenua district.

*Pre-school centres:* The application states that pre-schoolers either attend the Early childhood Centre in Tokomaru or parents drop them off at facilities in Palmerston North. That is a choice that each family makes due to their specific circumstances. Children in the south of the proposal area may well choose to travel to Shannon or Levin for pre-school so there are a range of communities of interest in respect of pre-school education and should not be a catalyst or reason for the reorganisation.

*Post primary education:* The application states that post-primary education at all levels happens in the City. That is true – but it is not a reason why the Tokomaru/Opiki area should become part of Palmerston North City. The catchment area for the post primary education facilities is far wider than Palmerston North City. Students travel from all over NZ to avail themselves of the post primary education services in Palmerston North. Locating Tokomaru/ Opiki area within Palmerston North City would have no bearing on the extent to which students within the area would avail themselves of the opportunities that exist and so is an irrelevant consideration in terms of assessing the proposal. The community of interest is wider than Tokomaru and Opiki.

*Police District:* The application states that the Tokomaru/ Opiki area is part of the Palmerston North Police District with the nearest police station at Linton.

Tokomaru/ Opiki is part of the Central Police District (not 'Palmerston North Police District') which stretches from Otaki in the south to Taranaki and Taumarunui in the north. All of Horowhenua District is in the Central Police District. The district is divided into station areas with stations at Linton and Shannon being in proximity to the Tokomaru/Opiki area. While the station at Linton may be nearest to the township of Tokomaru, the station at Shannon is more likely to service the southern portion of the area that is sought to be transferred to Palmerston North City.

I consider that the police district is not a relevant consideration or reason for becoming part of Palmerston North City and that the 'community of interest' is wider than Tokomaru and Opiki.

*Palmerston North free calling area:* The Palmerston North free calling area is a large area that extends west to Himatangi Beach, north to Mangaweka and follows the Ruahine Ranges, with a southern boundary that is north of Shannon and Foxton. If the free calling area was to be a determinant for being in Palmerston North City then there are other extensive areas that should also be included in the city. Regardless, the use of mobile phones is now more prevalent than landlines, and hence free calling areas are becoming a thing of the past.

I do not consider that the free calling area is a rationale or a 'community of interest' for the re-organisation that is proposed.

*Mainstream newspaper:* The application notes that mainstream newspaper comes from Palmerston North. I assume the paper is the Manawatu Standard, which has a circulation area across the Manawatu including Levin, Foxton, Shannon, west to Marton, north to Mangaweka, east to Dannevirke, Pahiatua and Eketahuna with an average issue readership of 18,000. The paper will circulate and service the wider Manawatu area regardless of whether Tokomaru/ Opiki are located in Palmerston North City or HDC.

I do not consider that the location of the mainstream newspaper is a rationale for the re-organisation that is proposed as the newspaper community of interest is far wider than Palmerston North City.

*Employment:* The application talks about 'our employment' is not only the inner city but also at Linton in the Army Camp and the prison. I assume that when the application talks about 'our employment' it is referring to the employment of people who live in Tokomaru village and travel for work. For many in the area the place of employment is their rural property – the farm. The assumption that employment is outside of the area is only relevant to a portion of the people within the proposed area for re-organisation and reflects the bias in the application as Tokomaru township centric.

*Rural community of interest:* As stated above the application proposal does not discuss the rural community of interest that is based on the services that are provided to sustain the rural economic activity in the area. Much of these services come from Levin and Horowhenua or from Manawatu District to the north, rather than Palmerston North City. Such services such a farm supplies, vets, stock agents, trucking firms, and contractors are sourced from within the Horowhenua district rather than Palmerston North. These form a 'community of interest' that is not recognised in the application proposal.



### Level of support

The application states that both Tokomaru and Opiki are supportive of the boundary shift as evidenced by the 307 signatures supporting the application.

It is noted that there are 816 enrolled electors in the area of interest and 500 houses - 170 houses in Tokomaru township (34%) and 330 (66%) in surrounding rural area of Opiki.

It is unclear if all the 307 signatures are from within the area proposed to be re-organised or how many households those signatures represent, or the extent to which the signature represent the percentage of Tokomaru and Opiki residents. To be certain that the signatures do fairly represent the affected area 34% should be from Tokomaru and 66% from Opiki. This breakdown of support has not been provided in information supplied. If there is an uneven balance then one part of the area may be given greater weight than the other. For a proposal to be accepted there should be widespread support across the area in similar proportion to the number of people affected.

In addition reference is made to show of hands at public meetings. I have considerable reservations about relying on such 'show of hands' as evidence on which to base a re-organisation proposal. Not all affected parties may have been able to attend and those attending who did not support the proposal could have felt intimidated to demonstrate publicly their opposition to the proposal.

The only fair and certain way to ascertain the level of support is for the proposal to be put to a secret vote by all those affected – including the whole of the Miranui Ward outside of the proposal area- as they are also affected by the proposed changes.

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Q1

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

Yes,

Why?:

Tokomaru receives no assistance from HDC

Q2

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Palmerston North,

Why?:

Shop in PN, Doctors in PN, work in PN, closer to PN

Q3

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

Yes,

Why?:

See the submission maps - seems right to me

Q4

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Palmerston North City Council,

Why?:

Proximity, community population engagement,

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Police presence, road and services maintenance

Q6

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

No,

Why:

Rates, water and local taxes go up and up, with zero to show for it we pay for our gas, we pay for our refuse collection, I cant have a mail box need to use a PO box,

Q7

What is your name?

J. CRAIG

**Q8**

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

**Q9**

What is your email address?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

No

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

**Q11**

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NA

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Q1

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

Yes,

Why?:

Yes currently the services offered to Tokomaru by Horowhenua District Council are minimal and usually an after thought for the Council. Grass area are usually left looking untidy with little care taken when cutting, number of our streets have no footpaths & one is only formed of top-course, our water treatment plant is in need of upgrade, dumped rubbish can be left unattended too for a number of days/weeks.

Q2

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Palmerston North,

Why?:

My Husband, eldest daughter & I all work in Palmerston North, our youngest daughter attends school in Palmerston North. We shop, are enrolled with doctors, use the library, after school activities, use parks & walking tracks in Palmerston North. Our lives are lived in Palmerston North for all things outside of our home.

Q3

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

Yes,

Why?:

This includes the area I live in.

Q4

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Palmerston North City Council,

Why?:

Our current Council views our township as an after thought.

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

All that are offered to all rate payers



Q6

No

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

Q7

What is your name?

Judith (Morris) Wilson

Q8

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

Q9

What is your email adress?

[REDACTED]

Q10

No

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

Q11

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Yes

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

Q2

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Palmerston North,

Why?:

Our family spends all our time (work, social, medical, recreational) & money in Palmerston North. In the ten years we have lived in Tokomaru we have not accessed any services in Horowhenua.

Q3

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

Yes,

Why?:

It includes Tokomaru which is applicable to our family.

Q4

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Palmerston North City Council

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

All services available to ratepayers of the Council.

Q6

No

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

Q7

What is your name?

Eugene (MORRIS) Wilson

Q8

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

Q9

What is your email adress?

[REDACTED]

Q10

No

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

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Q1

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

Yes,

Why?

Work and shop in Palmerston North

Q2

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Palmerston North

Q3

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

Yes

Q4

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Palmerston North City Council

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Rubbish collection rates road maintenance education

Q6

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

Yes

Q7

What is your name?

Toni Snowball-Kui



Seeking your feedback on a request for Opiki and Tokomaru to become part of Palmerston North City

Q8

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

Q9

What is your email adress?

[REDACTED]

Q10

No

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

Q11

If you wish to speak at a Commission hearing, please provide a contact phone number.

No