



**LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION  
MANA KĀWANATANGA Ā ROHE**

**Determination**

of minor boundary alterations to wards in Gisborne District

**Background**

1. Section 19JA of the Local Electoral Act 2001 provides that a territorial authority may propose minor alterations to the boundary of a ward.
2. The Gisborne District Council has proposed two minor boundary alterations between the Gisborne Ward and the Taruheru-Patutahi and Tawhiti-Uawa wards. The boundary alterations requested are the transfer of part of the Beetham Retirement Village and part of the Scarlys Way subdivision to the Gisborne Ward so that the whole of each area is in one ward.
3. Any resolution proposing a minor boundary alteration must be referred to the Local Government Commission. The Commission must consider the resolution and other information forwarded to it by the Council and determine whether to uphold the proposed boundaries. The Commission may uphold the proposed boundaries only if it is satisfied of the matters specified in section 19JA(2) of the Local Electoral Act.

**Assessment**

4. The Commission's assessment of the boundary alterations proposed by the Gisborne District Council against the matters specified in section 19JA(2) is set out below:

Criteria	Assessment
Since the existing boundaries took effect as the basis for election at the last triennial general election, there have been changes to allotment boundaries at or near electoral boundaries.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Beetham Retirement Village is a new subdivision straddling the boundary between the Taruheru-Patutahi Ward and the Gisborne Ward.</li><li>• Scarlys Way is new subdivision straddling the boundary between the Tawhiti-Uawa Ward and the Gisborne Ward.</li></ul>
The proposed boundaries constitute only minor alterations to the existing boundaries.	<p>The proposed boundary alterations are minor, in terms of both area and population:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Beetham Retirement Village area has a population of approximately 100.</li><li>• The Scarlys Way area has a population of approximately 20.</li></ul>

The alterations will maintain effective representation of communities of interest affected by the changes	The alterations maintain effective representation of communities of interest by better reflecting communities of interest.
So far as practicable, the proposed boundaries coincide with allotment boundaries	The proposed boundaries coincide with allotment boundaries, with one exception to meet the needs of Statistics New Zealand in relation to the meshblock boundaries that would need to be altered to accommodate the boundary alteration at Scarlys Way.
So far as practicable, proposed ward boundaries will coincide with community boundaries (if applicable)	This is not applicable as Gisborne District has no community boards.

5. On the basis of the above assessment it is considered that the minor boundary alterations proposed by the Gisborne District Council meet the criteria for a minor boundary alteration set out in section 19JA(2).

#### **Determination**

6. Under section 19JA of the Local Electoral Act 2001 the Local Government Commission upholds the proposed boundaries of the Gisborne Ward, the Taruheru-Patutahi Ward and the Tawhiti-Uawa Ward resolved by the Gisborne District at its meeting on 16 April 2015.

#### **THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION**

Basil Morrison (Chair)  
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14 July 2015