

MANAWATŪ DISTRICT COUNCIL
INITIAL PROPOSAL FOR REPRESENTATION ARRANGEMENTS
FOR THE 2022 LOCAL ELECTIONS

On 19 August 2021 the Manawatū District Council reviewed its representation arrangements, and made the following resolutions regarding its proposal for the local government elections to be held on 8 October 2022:

RESOLVED

PART ONE: COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST

That the Council agree that geographically distinct communities of interest exist below District level in the Manawatū District and that these are:

- **The township of Feilding and adjacent urban environs;**
- **The rural parts of the district surrounding the township of Feilding, being predominantly hill country to the north, and rolling country and coastal areas to the south including the rural communities and villages within those parts of the district.**

Moved by: Councillor Shane Casey

Seconded by: Councillor Grant Hadfield

CARRIED

RESOLVED

PART TWO: EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION – ALL MEMBERS ELECTED AT LARGE

That the Council agree that electing all members “at large” would not achieve effective representation due to the identification of geographically distinct communities of interest below District level.

Moved by: Councillor Hilary Humphrey

Seconded by: Councillor Shane Casey

CARRIED

RESOLVED

PART THREE: EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION – SOME MEMBERS ELECTED AT LARGE

That the Council agree that electing some members at large would not achieve effective representation.

Moved by: Councillor Grant Hadfield

Seconded by: Councillor Shane Casey

CARRIED

Councillor Hilary Humphrey recorded her vote against the motion.

RESOLVED

PART FOUR: EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION – NO MEMBERS ELECTED AT LARGE

That the Council agree that electing all members from Wards would achieve effective representation.

That the Council propose that the Council comprise eleven members and a Mayor, to be elected from two General Wards and one Māori Ward. The two General Wards to reflect the following identified communities of interest:

Ward	Community of Interest
General Ward One (to be named)	The rural parts of the district surrounding the township of Feilding, being predominantly hill country to the north, and rolling country and coastal areas to the south including the rural communities and villages within those parts of the district
General Ward Two (to be named)	The township of Feilding and adjacent urban environs

The population that each member will represent to be as follows:

Two General Wards and One Māori Ward				
5 members elected from Ward One				
5 members elected from Ward Two				
1 member elected from a Māori Ward				
	Est. Population at 30 June 2020	No. of members	Electors per member	% difference from quota
Ward One	14,000	5	2,800	-3.32
Ward Two	15,050	5	3,010	3.79
Quota	29,000	10	2,900	
Māori Ward	3,120	1	3,120	
TOTAL COUNCILLORS		11		

Moved by: Councillor Michael Ford

Seconded by: Councillor Grant Hadfield

CARRIED

RESOLVED

PART FIVE: COMMUNITY BOARDS

That the Council agree that:

It is not in the best interests of the Manawatū District to establish community boards; and

Effective representation would not be enhanced by establishing community boards having considered the identified communities of interest in terms of distinctiveness, representation, access and effective governance; and

Having confirmed the establishment of Wards, that Ward elected councillors are likely to provide sufficient representation of communities of interest and therefore will ensure adequate mechanisms of representation and access between elected members and the population; and

Effective representation of communities of interest is provided through the community planning programme and the established community committees, that provide a local link and point of contact for Council liaison.

Moved by: Councillor Grant Hadfield

Seconded by: Councillor Steve Bielski

CARRIED

RESOLVED

That the Wards be named Feilding Ward, Rural Ward and Māori Ward.

Moved by: Councillor Michael Ford

Seconded by: Councillor Stuart Campbell

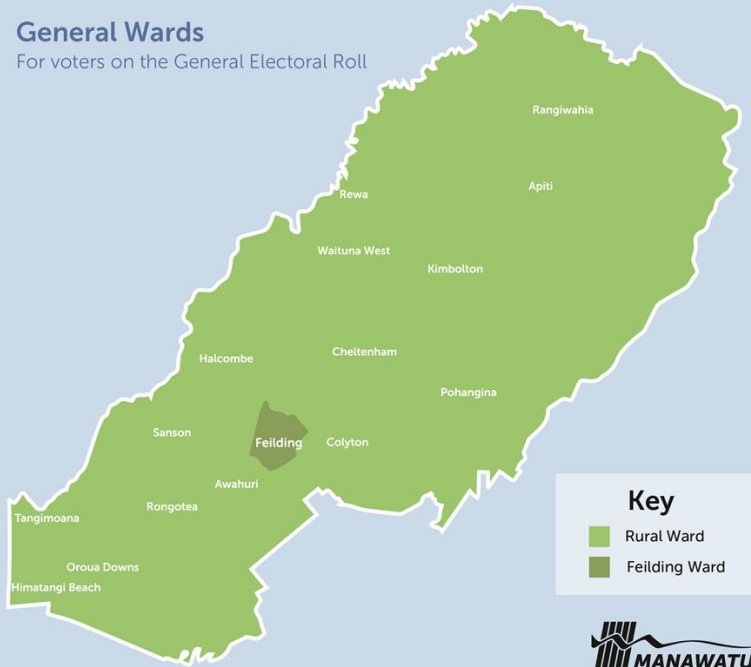
CARRIED

PROPOSED WARD MAPS

Proposed Manawatū District Wards

General Wards

For voters on the General Electoral Roll



Proposed Manawatū District Wards

Māori Ward

For voters on the Māori Electoral Roll

