

Feedback by local boards considered by the Joint Governance Working Party on 21 September 2018

Oral feedback was provided at the hearing by representatives of the:

- (i) Albert-Eden Local Board
- (ii) Great Barrier Local Board
- (iii) Howick Local Board
- (iv) Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board
- (v) Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board
- (vi) Puketāpapa Local Board
- (vii) Waitematā Local Board

The following are written comments from some local boards, with some being formally resolved at meetings of the respective boards.

Albert-Eden Local Board feedback on the review of Auckland Council's representation arrangements for the 2019 elections for the Political Working Party Hearings on 20 September 2018

The Albert-Eden Local Board believes that local government legislation should be changed to:

- i) remove the 20 member cap on the number of Auckland Councillors
- ii) enable Auckland Council to change the number of Councillors to better address future representation reviews
- iii) enable Auckland Council to change local board boundaries to better comply with communities of interest and to align with ward boundaries.

The Albert-Eden Local Board confirms that its preferred option for rectifying the non-complying variance of the Waitematā and Gulf Ward is to seek legislative change to the Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009 (the Act) to allow Auckland Council to determine the number of members on the Governing Body.

This would enable the option of much less extensive boundary changes than are currently proposed for the Waitematā and Gulf Ward and other isthmus wards and to better meet the objective of Local Electoral Act 2001 requiring ward and local board boundaries to be aligned as far as is practicable.

The Albert-Eden Local Board considers that should the review of Auckland Council's representation arrangements for the 2019 elections result in non-aligning local board and ward boundaries it will be make future elections more complex and make more difficult for voters to understand who their elected representatives are and/or who they are voting for.

The Albert-Eden Local Board notes that only 27 per cent of submitters from our area supported the proposed option for rectifying the non-complying variance of the Waitematā and Gulf Ward and therefore the Board does not support the proposed option or the other options as all of them will divide communities of interest and create non-aligning ward and local board boundaries.

That the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board:

- a) acknowledges the community for engaging in this consultation process and the very high number of submissions relative to past consultations.
- b) ask the joint Political Working Party and the Governing Body to take heed of the overwhelming public feedback which opposes splitting the Manukau Ward.
- c) reiterates the local board's position opposing the Manukau Ward split.
- d) authorise the local board Chair to present the local board's views to the Joint Governance Working Party and Governing Body.

That the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board:

- a) consider the Representation Review engagement analysis and formulate its feedback to the Joint Governance Working Party and Governing Body;
- b) note the feedback provided on 26th July 2018, resolution number MT/2018/73, and is concerned about the confusion that may be caused with constituents in the affected boundary areas as the ward boundary is different to the local board boundary;
- c) support the status quo on the southern local board boundaries

Orakei Local Board feedback on the review of Auckland Council's representation arrangements for the 2019 elections for the Political Working Party Hearings on 21 September 2018

Submissions

Regrettably there were only 29 submissions from residents of the Orakei Ward relating to the Proposal One. They are almost evenly divided between support and oppose (55% support and 45% oppose).

This is in contrast to submissions received from the Waitemata Local Board area (144) with 88% opposing. One would need to carefully read through them to determine reasons for supporting or not supporting that part of the proposal which refers to joining area to the Orakei Ward.

While some Orakei submitters did not provide a reason, those who did had in common the retention of "communities". Of the few who were specifically from the Ellerslie area there was clear division of views - the Ellerslie Business Association having strong views about Ellerslie remaining in the present Orakei Ward, while the residents association asked for the opposite. Given the poor response in terms of number of submissions, the Orakei Local Board does not have a clear mandate.

The Orakei Local Board's view

The Board's preference to address the variance of 43% for the Waitemata and Gulf Ward is the status quo in terms of Ward boundaries, with the Waitemata Ward having an extra member, and for the Governing Body to seek legislative change to allow it to increase the number of Governing Body Members for the Waitemata and Gulf Ward from one to two. This is the simplest outcome. However, the Board does not support an

increase in the total number of Governing Body members. The Board does not consider that ward boundaries need to align with local board boundaries at all times, as Proposal One demonstrates. The Board supports the Governing Body seeking legislative change to allow the Council to review the boundaries, but maintaining the number of ward members to enable the better management of the Fairness of Representation requirements in the Local Electoral Act 2001, and to better align with the legislators' clear desire to separate local and regional decision-making.

Should the Board's approach not be successful, the Board would reluctantly support a variation to the proposed option as follows, bearing in mind that it is possible that the Local Government Commission may at a later stage follow what the Governing Body proposes:

- o The addition of Parnell to the Orakei Ward because it shares a similar history, character and heritage buildings as other parts of the ward and the residents have a similar socio- economic status. Parnell shares a common boundary with Hobson Bay, so including Parnell will ensure that the planning and development of the Hobson Bay area and Tamaki Drive is integrated. The Parnell boundary should also be extended down to the start of Tamaki Drive in the vicinity of the Port area, not including the Port or the heliport, but including Teal Reserve, as there is a community of interest for this area with Parnell.
- o Newmarket should remain with the Waitemata Ward as it shares characteristics with Grafton and the CBD so would best remain with that community of interest.
- o There is a stronger community of interest between Stonefields and St Johns than between Glen Innes and St Johns so St Johns should remain with the Orakei Ward.
- o Colin Maiden Park and Ngahue Reserve should remain within the Orakei Ward as most of the users come from the Orakei Ward so there is a distinct community of interest for St Johns with the Orakei Ward. In addition there are no residents on these parks so they should remain in the Orakei Ward.
- o Ellerslie is a community which has been split across two wards since 2010 as it is bisected by the motorway and railway and its school and some places of worship are not within the present Orakei Ward. It would be sensible to join up the two parts of Ellerslie into one ward and one local board area and the Board acknowledges that in order to address the Orakei Ward variance it may be that Ellerslie has to move to the Maungakiekie-Tamaki Ward. However, if Ellerslie is to move to the Maungakiekie-Tamaki Ward the Grand View Drive side of Ellerslie racecourse and then across to Abbots Way should be on the Orakei Ward side of the boundary. In addition, the Board notes that many residents of the Orakei Ward use community facilities in Ellerslie, such as those at Michael's Ave Reserve, so moving these assets into another ward will split a community of interest.

That the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board:

- a) acknowledge the turnout relative to previous Council public consultation from our Local Board area and our Manukau ward.
- b) acknowledge the response of 78% in opposition to the Governing Body's proposal to split the Manukau ward.
- c) ask the Governing Body to respect this response from the people of Manukau and abandon their proposal to split the Manukau ward.

- d) authorise the Chairperson to represent the Local Board's view to the joint Governance Working Party and the Governing Body.

Comment through delegation to the Papakura Local Board chair:

The Papakura Local Board is supportive of the public view opposing the split of the Manukau ward.

The Puketāpapa Local Board supports:

- Changing the ward name from Albert-Eden- Roskill to Albert-Eden Puketāpapa.
- One member wards.
- Decoupling ward boundaries from local board boundaries

The board also advocates for:

- The ability for Auckland Council to set the number of Governing Body members.
- The ability to seek Maori representation (in a similar way to electoral role).
- Reconsideration of the period for the next review of the representation arrangements

Comment through delegation to the Rodney Local Board chair:

1. The submissions and feedback received on the proposed changes to the Rodney Local Board are predominantly in support of the changes to the Wellsford and Warkworth subdivision boundaries. After due consideration of the submissions in support and in opposition the local board re-confirms its position (as stated in its resolution RD/2018/55) to amend the Warkworth subdivision boundaries (Option 1A) and the consequential shift of the Wellsford subdivision boundary south at Makarau.