

**Date:** Wednesday 15 May 2024  
**Time:** 10:00AM  
**Venue:** Kumeū Meeting Room  
296 Main Road, Kumeū

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## Rodney Local Board

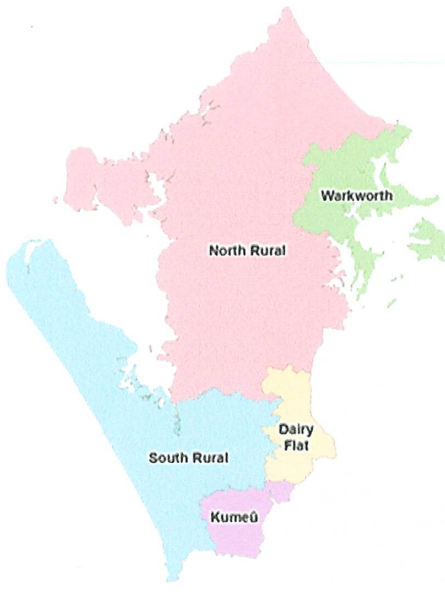
# OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS

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Option 6 – based on Northern Action Group proposals



•North Rural and South Rural have the same number of members.

	Population (2023)	Mbrs
North Rural	16,690	2
South Rural	17,050	2
Warkworth	17,910	2
Kumeū	19,750	2
Dairy Flat	9,520	1
Rodney Local Board	<b>80,920</b>	<b>9</b>

I have listened carefully to the RLB debates on subdivisions at the workshops and public meetings. This is purely about FAIR RLB representation for the Rodney ratepayers based on population numbers.

The tentative option 5 with alterations to boundaries has resulted in a solution that has shifted rural mesh blocks into urban and unbalanced the fairness between rural:urban, north:south, east: west. Changing boundaries has resulted in non-compliance and rural land being moved into urban.

**OPTION 6** was not discussed when passing the existing motion ... yet it is the fairest and most balanced option that would answer the concerns raised by members.

Attached is copy of the map boundaries and population counts of option 6 (from Warwick McNaughton). The drawn boundaries follow the rural-urban divide of mesh blocks.

From a perspective of population distribution and number of members it is very balanced fair in all aspects:

urban (5) rural (4);  
 south (4)<sup>5</sup> north (5)<sup>4</sup>;  
 east (5) west (4).

**Item 9.2**

**Attachment A**

It would guarantee each subdivision would have representatives elected.

Our opinion is that boundaries should be left as drawn to keep the divide between rural and urban and maintain contiguous subdivisions.

I have spoken to Paul Manton (Puhoi Community Forum) and Bohemian locals who are adamant that Puhoi is a rural village surrounded by lifestyle blocks and farms and should be within the rural division. It has a strong rural tourist identity, holding wood chopping, duck shooting tourist events.

Driving north on the old state highway or motorway it is obvious that From Orewa to Warkworth is rural. At Warkworth, everything to the west of the motorway is rural.

Helensville and Wellsford are rural service towns detached by at least 20km from the nearest urban centre. Muriwai is a small coastal settlement surrounded by forestry and rural land. There is a large land area south of Kumeu that is rural but this has been left within the Kumeu urban boundary.

So, even within the urban map boundaries there are pockets of rural but these remain urban to keep a subdivision from being split.

Changing the boundaries will likely result in altering member representation distribution and non-compliance.

NAG, RCV and LCA strongly support **OPTION 6 without any boundary changes**.

