

STAFF REPORT

TO: Mayor and Councillors
FROM: Administration Advisor
REFERENCE: E313
DATE: 6 July 2006
SUBJECT: Representation Review Update

PURPOSE/REASON FOR REPORT

To advise Council on the Representation Review process to date

BACKGROUND

Council resolved on 1 June 2006:

That the following be the initial proposal for representation arrangements for the next triennial election of the Tasman District Council, to be held on 13 October 2007:

(a) THAT in accordance with Section 19H of the Local Electoral Act 2001:

- 1 THAT members be elected by wards;
- 2 THAT there be 13 members
- 3 THAT there be five wards as follows:
 - Motueka Ward
 - Golden Bay Ward
 - Moutere/Waimea Ward
 - Lakes/Murchison Ward
 - Richmond Ward
- 4 THAT the boundaries of these wards remain the same as the existing wards;
- 5 THAT the number of members to be elected per ward be as follows:

- Motueka Ward	- three members
- Golden Bay Ward	- two members
- Moutere/Waimea Ward	- three members
- Lakes/Murchison Ward	- two members
- Richmond Ward	- three members

(b) THAT in accordance with Section 19J of the Local Electoral Act 2001:

- 1 THAT the current two community boards, being Golden Bay Community Board and Motueka Community Board, be retained;
- 2 THAT the current boundaries of the Motueka and Golden Bay Community Boards remain the same;
- 3 THAT the number of members of each Bay Community Board be six;
- 4 THAT the number of members to be elected to each Board be four and the number of members to be appointed to each Board be two;
- 5 THAT the members to be appointed to each Board be elected members of their respective wards.

(c) THAT public notice of this is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 19M of the Local Electoral Act 2001.

This was duly advertised, calling for submissions, closing on 5 July 2006.

COMMENT/DISCUSSION

604 submissions were received by 4.30pm on 5 July 2006, and summarised below are where they came from, and whether they were for or against Council's initial proposal:

WARD	#	FOR	AGAINST	TO SPEAK
Lakes/Murchison	53	53		1
Golden Bay	450	450		9 + 4 if in GB
Moutere/Waimea	104	82 & 3 in part	20	2
Richmond	21	6	15	1
Motueka	95	95		2
Other	2	2 in part		
TOTAL	725	686 & 5 in part	34	14

A date has been set to consider these submissions, and hear those who wish to speak to their submissions. This is on Monday 31st July 2006, at St Johns Hall, Courtney Street, Motueka, commencing at 9.30am.

General practice throughout the country is that councillors who wish to vote on the final decision must be present to hear and consider all submissions.

RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received.

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