

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Gore District Council will be held in the Council Chambers, civic administration building, 29 Bowler Avenue, Gore, on Tuesday 2 July 2024, following the Community Wellbeing Committee meeting.



**Debbie Lascelles**  
Chief Executive

**26 June 2024**

## **Agenda**

1. Apologies
2. Representation review

## COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY 2 JULY 2024

2. REPRESENTATION REVIEW

(Memo from Governance Manager – 26.06.24)

**Purpose**

To consider the final representation review proposal for the 2025 local authority elections.

**Background**

The Council considered the sole submission received from Mr Tim Maslin at its meeting on 25 June. Mr Maslin opposed the combining of the Kaiwera-Waimumu and Waikaka Wards into one enlarged single rural Ward. He stated any reduction in elected members should come from the Gore Ward. Unfortunately, no response was received from Mr Maslin as to whether he wished to speak in support of his submission. The Council noted that there was no proposed reduction in the elected member representation as a result of having one single rural Ward. The proposal allowed for two members to be elected.

**Discussion**

The Local Electoral Act 2001 establishes legislative deadlines for the next steps in the representation review process. These are based on the date the Council resolved its initial representation proposal.

The Local Government Commission has helpfully advised the deadlines that apply to the Council, as follows:

Local Electoral Act 2001 reference	Gore District Council legislative deadline
<p>After hearing and considering submissions, the Council determines final proposal and gives public notice of final proposal:</p> <p>Within 8 weeks of closing date for submissions (s. <a href="#">19N(1)</a>)</p>	By 5 July 2024
<p>Appeals/objections period:</p> <p>Not less than 1 month after the date of the public notice and not later than 3 Dec 2024 (ss. <a href="#">19O</a> &amp; <a href="#">19P</a>)</p>	<p>Earliest: 5 August 2024</p> <p>(this date can be brought forward if the Council resolves its final proposal before the latest possible date of 5 July)</p>
<p>If no appeals/objections, proposal becomes final and must be publicly notified (s. <a href="#">19Y</a>)</p>	

	As soon as practicable after proposal becomes final. The Commission recommends within 2 weeks of appeals/objections closing date.
If appeals/objections received, the Council forwards appeals/objections to LGC (s. <a href="#">19Q</a> )	Not later than 20 December 2024  (the Commission asks that the Council forward appeals/objections to it as soon as possible after the closing date)

### Appeals/objections

As the Council has received one submission, it will be open to that submitter to lodge an appeal or objection. The submitter can only appeal on the matters raised in his submission.

### Population statistics

The latest estimated population statistics have been received from Statistics New Zealand, as follows:

Ward	Population	Ratio
Gore	7,960	1:1,592
Rural	3,370	1:1,685
Mataura	1,750	1:1,750
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,080</b>	<b>1:1,635</b>

### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT the report be received,**

**THAT the submission from Mr Tim Maslin be received and noted,**

**THAT pursuant to section 19H of the Local Electoral Act 2011, the Council notify its final representation proposal to come into effect at the 2025 Local Authority elections that the Gore District Council will comprise of 11 Councillors plus a Mayor,**

**THAT the Kaiwera-Waimumu and the Waikaka Wards be amalgamated to form an enlarged single rural ward, from which two Councillors will be elected. This change reflects a singular community of interest in rural issues and will provide more choice for voters in the composition of the Council,**

**THAT meshblocks 4018152 and 4017372, in which the Bupa Retirement Village is situated, will transfer from the current Kaiwera-Waimumu Ward to the adjoining Gore Ward, due to the urban characteristics of the majority of the population within that meshblock,**

**THAT the Gore Ward, with the addition of meshblocks 4018152 and 4017372, be represented by five Councillors,**

**THAT the Mataura Ward remain unchanged and be represented by one Councillor,**

**THAT the Mataura Community Board remain unchanged, consisting of five members,**

**THAT the Mataura Ward Councillor be an appointee to the Community Board,**

**AND THAT the final proposal be open for appeal or objection until 5.00pm on Wednesday 7 August 2024.**