

Final proposal for representation arrangements for the 2025 local elections

Submission

On 25 June 2024, the Gore District Council considered the submission received on its initial proposal regarding the representation arrangements for the Council and its constituent community board to apply for the local elections to be held on 11 October 2025.

The Council received one submission to its proposal. It opposed combining the Kaiwera-Waimumu and Waikaka Wards.

Final proposal

Having considered the appeal, the Council resolved to adopt its initial proposal as the Council's final proposal.

The Council considers it appropriate to combine the Kaiwera-Waimumu and Waikaka Wards, for the following reason:

Amalgamating the Wards to form an enlarged single rural ward reflects a singular community of interest in rural issues and provides more choice for voters in the composition of the Council. Two Councillors would be elected.

Therefore, the final proposal is as follows:

Council representation

It is proposed that the Council comprise the Mayor and 11 members. Three members will be elected by the district as a whole and eight members will be elected from three wards. The three wards reflect the following identified communities of interest:

Ward	Communities of interest
Gore Ward	Comprising the area in the current Gore Ward with the inclusion of meshblock numbers 4018152 and 4017372, in which the Bupa Retirement Village is situated, as shown on map 1, attached.
Mataura Ward	Comprising the area in the current Mataura Ward, as shown on map 2, attached.
Rural Ward	Comprising the area of the current Kaiwera-Waimumu and Waikaka Wards, as shown on map 3, attached.

The population that each member will represent is as follows:

Ward	Population (2023 Census)	Members	Population per member
Gore Ward	7960	5	1592
Mataura Ward	1750	1	1750
Rural Ward	3370	2	1685

In accordance with section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the population that each member represents must be within the range of 1635 +/- 10% (1472 to 1798).

Community Board representation

It is proposed that one community board be elected. The community board will be:

Community Board	Area of community
Mataura Community Board	Comprising the area in the current Mataura Ward, as shown on map 2, attached.

The Mataura Community Board will elect five members. In addition, it will have one appointed member, being the elected Mataura Ward member.

Appeals

Any person who made a submission on the Council's initial proposal may lodge an appeal against the Council's decision. An appeal must relate to the matters raised in that person's submission.

Appeals must be made in writing and must be received by the Council no later than 5.00pm on Wednesday 7 August 2024.

Appeals are to be forwarded to the Chief Executive, Gore District Council, PO Box 8, Gore 9740, delivered to 29 Bowler Avenue, Gore 9710 or emailed to info@goredc.govt.nz

Further information

Any queries regarding the Council's decision should be directed to the Chief Executive, Ms Debbie Lascelles, telephone 209-0330.

Debbie Lascelles

Chief Executive

5 July 2024