

# MANAWATŪ DISTRICT COUNCIL

## INITIAL PROPOSAL FOR REPRESENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

### FOR THE 2019 LOCAL ELECTIONS

On 26 July 2018 the Manawatū District Council reviewed its representation arrangements, and resolved that the following proposal apply for the Council for the local government elections to be held on 12 October 2019:

#### Council Representation

It is proposed the Council will comprise 10 members to be elected from two wards, and the Mayor. The two wards reflect the following identified communities of interest:

Ward	Community of Interest
Rural Ward	The rural parts of the district surrounding the township of Feilding, being predominantly hill country to the north, and rolling country and coastal areas to the south including the rural communities and villages within those parts of the district
Feilding Ward	The township of Feilding and adjacent urban environs

The population that each member will represent is:

Ward	Est. Population at 30 June 2017	Members	Population Per Member
Rural Ward	14,150	5	2,830
Feilding Ward	16,100	5	3,220
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30,250</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3,025</b>

In accordance with section 19V (2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001 the population that each member represents must be within the +/-10% range of 3,025 (2,723 to 3,327) unless particular community of interest considerations justify otherwise. There are no wards within this representation proposal that fall outside this range.

#### Further Information

Copies of the Council's resolution and maps setting out the areas of the proposed wards may be viewed and obtained from:

- Manawatū District Council offices, 135 Manchester Street, Feilding or on Council's website on Council's website [www.haveyoursay.kiwi.nz/home](http://www.haveyoursay.kiwi.nz/home).

The Council also resolved that the principles of the Local Electoral Act 2001 relating to fair and effective representation would not be served by the constitution of a community board or boards, and accordingly decided not to propose the constitution of such a board(s).

Any queries regarding the Council's decision should be directed to the Council's Governance Team Leader, telephone (06) 323-0000, [allie.dunn@mdc.govt.nz](mailto:allie.dunn@mdc.govt.nz)

Relevant information is also available on the Council's website: [www.mdc.govt.nz](http://www.mdc.govt.nz).

**Submissions are invited**

Persons with an interest in the proposed representation arrangements are invited to make written submissions on the Council's representation proposal.

Submissions are to be forwarded to:

Attention: Governance Team Leader

Physical address: 135 Manchester Street, Feilding

Postal address: Private Bag 10001, Feilding 4743

Email: [submissions@mdc.govt.nz](mailto:submissions@mdc.govt.nz)

**Submissions must be received by Council no later than Monday, 3 September 2018 at 5.00 pm.**

Richard Templer  
Chief Executive

2 August 2018