

# Representation Review 2018

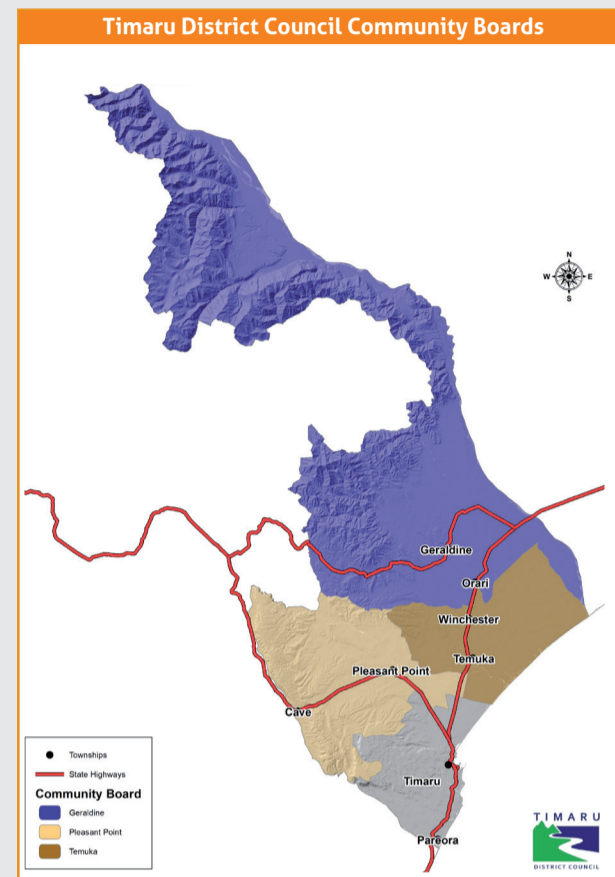
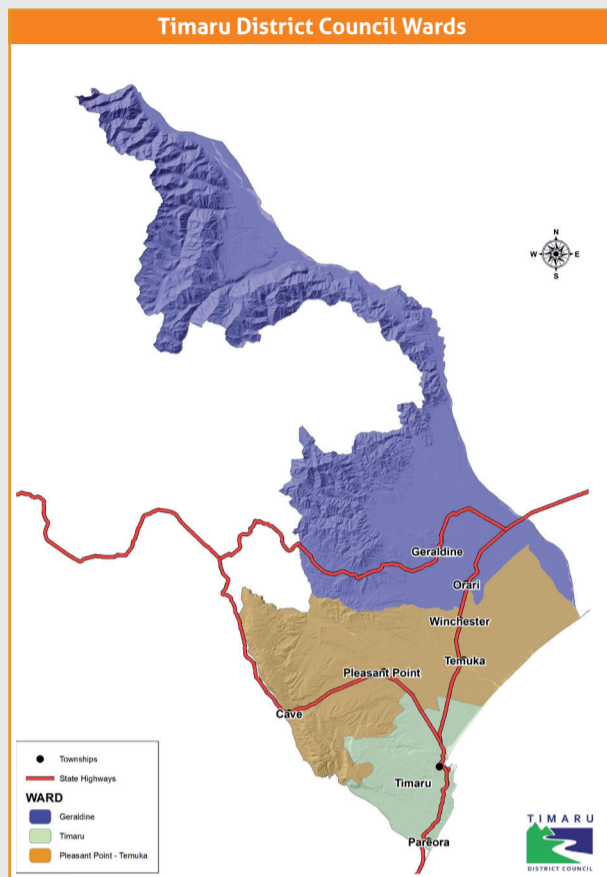
Timaru District Council is reviewing its representation arrangements prior to the local body elections in 2019. It has now decided on an initial (draft) proposal for consultation with the community.

In summary, the initial (draft) proposal is:

- Mayor elected at large
- 9 Councillors elected through 3 wards (Geraldine ward – 1 Councillor, Pleasant Point – Temuka ward – 2 Councillors, Timaru ward – 6 Councillors)
- 3 community boards elected with the following membership:

Board	Elected Members	Appointed Members
Geraldine	6 members elected by the Geraldine community as a whole	The Councillor elected for the Geraldine Ward
Pleasant Point	5 members elected by the Pleasant Point community as a whole	The two Councillors elected for the Pleasant Point – Temuka Ward
Temuka	5 members elected by the Temuka community as a whole	The two Councillors elected for the Pleasant Point – Temuka Ward

The maps below show the boundaries of these areas. There are no changes to the existing boundaries.



## What's a Representation review?

Representation Reviews are carried out once every six years under the Local Electoral Act. They require the Council to consider its electoral arrangements, including:

- The number of Council elected members;
- Whether the members are to be elected by wards, at large or a combination of both;
- The boundaries and names of those wards and the number of members that will represent each ward;
- Whether community boards should be established or retained and if so, the number of members (elected and appointed).

Where a ward system is selected, the +/- 10% rule applies. This means that for each ward a Councillor must represent the same number of people, plus or minus 10%.

The current review is based on the following population numbers:

Ward	Population*	Members	Population per member
Geraldine	5,730	1	5,730
Pleasant Point/Temuka	9,560	2	4,780
Timaru	31,800	6	5,300
<b>Total</b>	<b>47,090</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5,232</b>

\*Statistics NZ population estimates as at 30 June 2017

## Frequently Asked Questions

### How have we carried out the Representation Review Process this time?

For this review round, Community Boards have considered a Discussion Document and Council have workshoped options prior to confirming this initial proposal.

### How has this changed representation arrangements?

There are no changes proposed to current representation arrangements.

### Why has the Council decided there should be no changes?

The Council have decided on no changes to the current representation arrangements for the following reasons:

- All wards comply with the legislative requirements and provide for fair representation;
- The growth patterns predicted in the District Growth Strategy indicate that compliance will continue in future years;
- The existing ward and community board structure is well understood by the electors;
- The Council is satisfied that the existing structure will continue to provide effective representation for the District's distinct communities of interest; and
- No significant changes have occurred since the 2012 review to indicate that the Council should be proposing changes to its representation arrangements at this time.

### What happens once submissions close?

Once submissions close, if a hearing is required, the Council

will hear those who wish to speak to their submissions. The Council will consider the submissions and make any other investigations or enquiries it considers necessary. The Council will then decide whether to issue a final proposal based on the initial proposal; or issue a final proposal amended from the initial proposal. The Council's final proposal will be publicly notified in October.

### If I don't agree with the final decision of Council in October can I appeal or object to the decision?

Yes. However, you can only object to the final proposal if it is different from the initial proposal. If the final proposal is unchanged, only those who submitted on the initial proposal can appeal the final proposal. Any objections or appeals are then forwarded to the Local Government Commission who determine the final makeup of the Council.

### When are the next local government elections?

The next local government elections will be held on Saturday 12 October 2019.

### Timelines

The rest of the Representation Review 2018 process is summarised below:

**Thurs 16 August – Mon 17 September 2018**

Consultation period

**Tues 16 October 2018**

Representation Review hearing and adoption of final proposal

**Sat 20 October 2018**

Public Notice of Final Proposal

**Sat 20 October to Tues 20 November 2018**

Appeals/Objections Period

**15 January 2019** (if required)

Latest date by which Appeals/Objections can be forwarded to the Local Government Commission

**11 April 2019**

Latest date by which the Local Government Commission can determine Appeals/Objections

### How to have your say

You can have your say on the proposal through making a written submission to the Council. There are several ways to do this; as outlined below:

- Submissions can be made online at [www.timaru.govt.nz/representationreview](http://www.timaru.govt.nz/representationreview) ; or
- Email to [submission@timdc.govt.nz](mailto:submission@timdc.govt.nz); or
- Write and send to Representation Review 2018 Submission, Freepost 95136, Timaru District Council, PO Box 522, Timaru 7940

Please print clearly and include all your contact details so that the Council can keep in touch with you. If you wish to present your submission in person, please make this clear in your written submission. Submissions will be heard on Tuesday 16 October 2018.

**Please note** your submission will be available to the public and media as it will be part of the Council's decision-making process. If you need any assistance, please contact Council at (03) 687 7200.

Submissions close 5pm, Monday, 17 September, 2018  
Late submissions will not be considered

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