

Representation Review 2018

Let us know what you think about the proposed arrangements

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
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
Geraldine	6 members elected by the Geraldine community as a whole	The Councillor elected for the Geraldine Ward

See the maps for the boundaries of these areas. If you would like to submit on the proposal please send your comments to the Council by 5pm Monday 17 September 2018.

Background

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
Total	47,090	9	5,232

*Statistics NZ population estimates as at 30 June 2017



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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 workshopped options prior to confirming this decision. Background is available at www.timaru.govt.nz.

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 2012 to indicate that the Council should be proposing changes to its representation arrangements at this time.

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.

What about having a Māori ward?

Under existing legislation the comparatively low Māori population in the district means this option is currently not valid in Timaru District.

What about changing the voting system?

The Council have agreed to retain the First Past The Post (FPP) for the 2019 elections. The review does not deal with this issue.

What's the rest of the process involve?

The rest of the representation review 2018 process is summarised below:

Timeline

Thurs 16 August – Mon 17 September 2018

Consultation period

Tues 16 October 2018

Rep 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

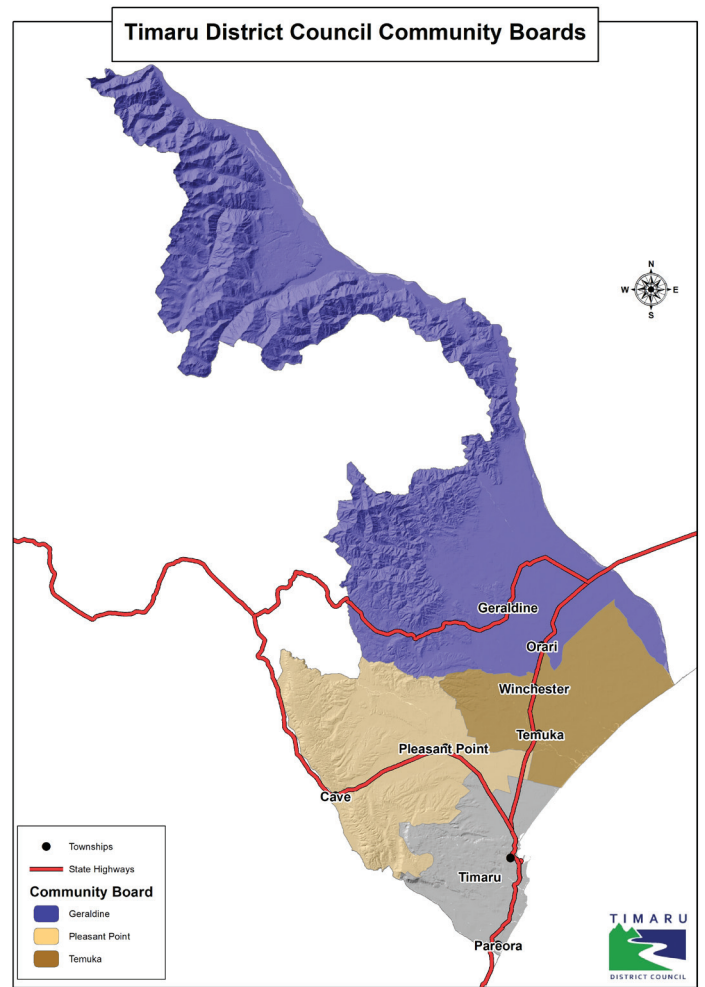
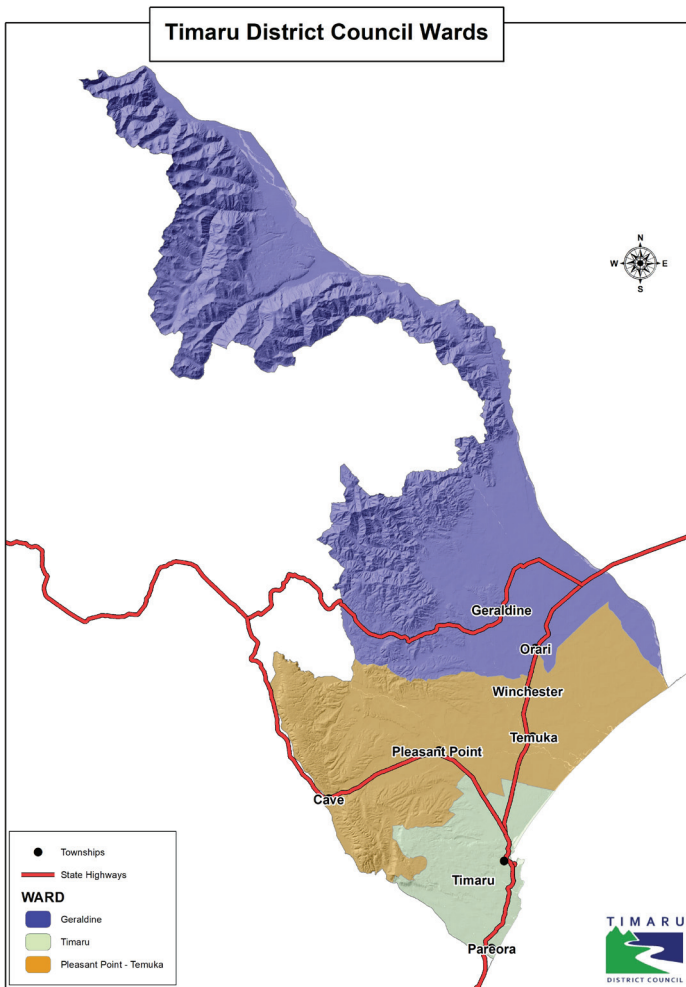
15 January 2019 (if required)

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

Initial Proposal – Boundary Map



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; or
- Emailed to submission@timdc.govt.nz; or
- Complete the form on the next page and send back to us Freepost; 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.

Further Information

Background information on the Representation Review process can be found on the Timaru District website:

www.timaru.govt.nz/representationreview

Submission Form

Your details

First name:

Last name:

Organisation (if applicable):

Phone (landline or mobile):

Email address:*

Postal address:*

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Do you want to speak about your submission at a Council Hearing? (tick a box)**:

Yes No

*we require your email address and/or your physical postal address. **must complete. If you do not complete, we will assume you do not wish to speak.

Your submission

Please indicate whether you support or oppose the proposal (tick one)

Support Oppose

Outline your submission and decision(s) sought below:

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Submissions are public information

Council is legally required to make all written and electronic submissions available to Council, media and the public including the name and contact details of the submitter, subject to the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987. If you believe there are compelling reasons why your contact details or submission should be kept confidential, please contact us.

Need more room?

Please use extra paper if required and attach with your submission.

How to return this form via FreePost

Complete **Your details** and **Your feedback** sections

Put your form in a sealed envelope and address to:

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Representation Review 2018
Timaru District Council
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TIMARU 7940

Thank you.