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Dear Mr Riezebos

**RE: WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL REPRESENTATION REVIEW – SUBMISSION  
TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION**

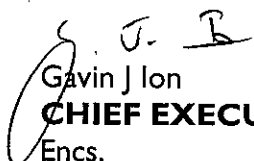
Please find attached the Waikato District Council's submission to the Local Government Commission on its Representation Review.


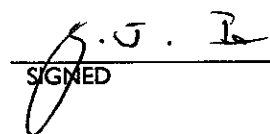
The submission is in the form of a Council Report and the subsequent Council Resolution. I would like to highlight some key issues for noting by the Commission:

- After consultation with Franklin Iwi, Council resolved to rename the ward referred to as "Awaroa-Tuakau" (in map option 5C) to Awaroa ki Mangatawhiri as Iwi associate the area around the Mangatawhiri stream with the aforementioned ward.
- With regards to the above, Councillors have raised a concern about the potential confusion of having a ward named "Awaroa ki Mangatawhiri" with the settlement of Mangatawhiri, which is located in the Whangamarino ward. Council, however, supports Iwi wishes to name the ward Awaroa ki Mangatawhiri.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information or require any clarity on our submission.

Yours sincerely

  
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<b>TO</b>	Waikato District Council	
<b>DATE</b>	2 February 2010	
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<b>APPROVED BY</b>	G J Ion Chief Executive	 _____ SIGNED
<b>INDEX/FILE REF</b>	GOV1301/GOV0101	
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Waikato District Council Representation Review – Submission to the Local Government Commission</b>	

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## PURPOSE OF REPORT

To obtain approval from Council on the recommended electoral structure for submission to the Local Government Commission to assist it in its determination of the final representation arrangement for the new Waikato district. This review is required due to changes to the northern boundary as a result of the proposed Auckland Super City whereby the Waikato District Council would incorporate part of the Franklin District Council's area of jurisdiction.

## IMPLICATIONS

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| <b>a) Policy</b>                         | The Commission's proposal has implications for Council's governance arrangements with regards to representing the interest of ratepayers in the new Waikato District Council area of jurisdiction.   |
| <b>b) Annual Plan/LTCCP</b>              | Incorporation of part of Franklin District into the Waikato District will have implications for both the Annual Plan and LTCCP.  |
| <b>c) Significance</b>                   | The Auckland governance arrangement is of major significance for Council due to its implications for Council's representation role.  |
| <b>d) Financial</b>                      | Nil  |
| <b>e) Legal</b>                          | The Commission's report sets out its proposal in response to the requirements of the Local Government (Tamaki Makaurau Reorganisation) Act 2009 and the Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009. The representation review has been conducted in terms of the requirements of the Electoral Act 2001.   |
| <b>f) Communication and Consultation</b> | The Commission is conscious of the limited timeframe that could preclude optimal consultation prior to its final decision on 1 March 2010. Consultation has been undertaken with the Franklin District Council, the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board, the Waiuku Awhitu Community Board and Franklin District iwi. Council then notified its proposal for general public consultation in December 2009. |

- g) **Community Outcomes** This report is about the political structure and boundary layout of the District. The representation arrangement impacts on all nine community outcomes in some shape or form.
- h) **Well-beings** The political structure would support Council's mandate in meeting the four well-beings of all the residents in the district.
- i) **Tangata Whenua Considerations** Consultation has been undertaken with the Franklin District iwi.

### SUMMARY

At the Council meeting of 15 December 2009, the Waikato District Council resolved to support option 4C (see map in annexure A) with regards to the proposed representation arrangement for the new council, for consulting with the public. This option made provision for 11 wards, 14 councillors and a mayor. Council then notified this proposal for public consultation (which closed on 15 January 2010). Council received 16 submissions in relation to the proposed representation arrangements. Based on the submissions received, staff mapped a number of subsequent representation options.

After considering and debating the submissions, the councillors workshop resolved to support option 5C (see map in annexure B) as its final proposal for consideration by the Local Government Commission. This option still makes provision for 11 wards, 14 councillors plus a mayor but changes the geographical extent of what was previously called the "Franklin 1" ward as well as proposes name changes (to that contained in option 4C) to the "Franklin 1", Onewhero-Tuakau and Hapuakohe wards. There is no change to the community board areas. The Commission could choose to support or reject the proposal and its decision will be made for public release in March 2010.

### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT** the report of the **General Manager Strategy and Support – Waikato District Council Representation Review – Submission to the Local Government Commission – dated 2 February 2010**, be received;

**AND THAT** the ward boundaries and associated representation requirements contained herein and supported by option 5C be approved for submitting to the Local Government Commission as the recommended representation structure for the new Waikato District Council;

**AND FURTHER THAT** changes to the Whangamarino Ward, Whaingaroa Ward, Raglan Ward, Huntly Ward, Hukanui-Waerenga Ward, Ngaruawahia Ward, Newcastle Ward, Eureka Ward, Tamahere Ward, Onewhero Ward and "Franklin 1"/ Awaroa ki Mangatawhiri/ Awaroa Tuakau Ward (however the latter be finally named) boundaries have been made in order to meet population requirements as follows:

"Franklin 1"/ Awaroa ki Mangatawhiri/ Awaroa -Tuakau	2 members	8874 people
Onewhero	1 member	3771 people
Whangamarino	1 member	4548 people
Whaingaroa	1 member	3852 people
Hukanui-Waerenga	1 member	4248 people
Huntly Ward	2 members	8118 people
Ngaruawahia	2 members	8472 people
Raglan	1 member	4002 people
Newcastle	1 member	3786 people
Eureka	1 member	4329 people
Tamahere	1 member	4035 people

**AND FURTHER THAT the Whangamarino Ward incorporates Happy Valley, Mangatangi, Miranda, Mangatawhiri, Maramarua, Kopuku, Meremere, Mercer, Whangamarino, Te Kauwhata and Rangiriri;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the Hukanui-Waerenga Ward includes Waerenga, Taniwha, Matahuru, Waiterimu, Te Hoe, Mangawara, Orini, Netherby, Gordonton and Whitikahu;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the Huntly Ward includes Huntly, Pukekapia, Mahuta and Ohinewai;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the Ngaruawahia Ward includes Ngaruawahia, Horotiu, Hopuhopu, Taupiri, Komakorau and Horsham Downs;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the Raglan Ward includes Okete, Te Uku, Te Hutewai, Te Mata, Ruapuke, Te Papatapu and Makamako;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the Newcastle Ward includes Te Kowhai, Rotokauri, Waikeri Marae and Whatawhata;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the Whaingaroa Ward includes Waikokowai, Pukemiro, Glen Massey, Lake Whangape, Ruawaro, Matira, Waimai, Te Akau, Ruakiwi, Dunmore, Waingaro and Waitetuna;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the Eureka Ward includes Eureka, Puketaha, Newstead, Matangi, Tauwhare Pa and Scotsman's Valley**

**AND FURTHER THAT the Tamahere Ward includes Tamahere;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the Onewhero Ward includes Pukekawa, Naike, Waikaretu, Glen Murray, Limestone Downs, Orton, Onewhero and Port Waikato;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the "Franklin I"/Awaroa ki Mangatawhiri/Awaroa Tuakau Ward (however it be finally named) includes Tuakau, Pokeno, Pukekohe East, Aka Aka, Whiriwhiri and Hoods Landing;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the Franklin District iwi concern regarding the proposal to change the name of Awaroa ki Mangatawhiri ward (originally referred to as "Franklin I" ward) to Awaroa Tuakau be considered and decided upon;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the existing five community boards membership be retained as follows:**

<b>Taupiri</b>	<b>6 members</b>
<b>Ngaruawahia</b>	<b>6 members</b>
<b>Raglan</b>	<b>6 members</b>
<b>Huntly</b>	<b>6 members</b>
<b>Onewhero-Tuakau</b>	<b>4 members</b>

**AND FURTHER THAT Council delegate the responsibility to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to finalise the submission.**

## REPORT

### **Background**

At a Waikato District Council meeting of 15 December 2009, the Council resolved to support option 4C (see map in annexure A) with regards to the proposed representation arrangement for the new Council on which to consult with the public. The deadline for submissions closed on 15 January 2010. Option 4C made provision for 11 wards and increased the number of councillors to 14 plus a mayor compared to the current set-up. It proposed to include two new wards in the north: Onewhero-Tuakau and "Franklin 1". Other than Tamahere and the Onewhero-Tuakau Wards, all ward boundaries changed (being geographically larger). The areas previously covered by the Hukanui and Whangape wards had been incorporated into other wards. These changes were made to meet the population requirements of the Local Electoral Act 2001.

Council received 16 submissions in relation to the proposed representation arrangements based on option 4C (a summary of the submissions as well as the actual submissions is contained in annexure C to this report). Based on the submissions received, staff prepared a number of subsequent representation options for further consideration by councillors. A summary report of the submissions, the full submissions, the consultation documentation and the additional representation options subsequently prepared by staff (which were in turn based on the submissions received) were then considered in a councillors workshop involving Waikato District Council councillors, Franklin District Council councillors and a Franklin district community board representative. This workshop was held on 27 January 2010.

### **Issues**

#### **Ward representation**

After considering the submissions, the workshop resolved to support option 5C (see map in annexure B) as the final proposal for submitting to the Local Government Commission. This option still makes provision for 11 wards, 14 councillors and a mayor but it changes the geographical extent of what was previously referred to as the "Franklin 1" ward as well as proposes name changes (to those contained in option 4C) to the "Franklin 1", Onewhero-Tuakau and Hapuakohe wards. Option 5C still meets the requirements of the Local Electoral Act 2001. In accordance with section 19V (2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001 the population that each member represents should be within the range of 4,145 plus or minus 10% (3,730 to 4,560). The number of members and the respective population of each ward are as follows:

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#### **No change to community board representation**

Option 5C is based on not changing existing community board representation. However this, together with a review of community committees, is something that could be looked at going forward as part of a representation review for the 2013 local government election.

### **Size of Council**

Option 5C makes provision for 11 wards, 14 Councillors and a Mayor. Based on some of the submissions received another representation option (i.e. that of having 12 councillors) was prepared by staff for councillors to consider. However, it was deemed that having 14 councillors and a mayor is the most effective representation option for the new council. Councillors also debated whether voting could be split on an urban/rural basis with separate councillor representation. Clarification on this matter was sought from the Local Government Commission who discounted the idea. No ward has more than two councillors.

### **Structure of wards in Franklin**

Based on concern expressed by the FDC councillors that the wards referred to as "Franklin 1" and Onewhero-Tuakau (in option 4C) did not represent communities of interests, option 5C is deemed to provide a more logical ward structure for the northern part of the district. In option 4C the "Franklin 1" ward was also not contiguous (something not favoured by Franklin councillors). Having Tuakau incorporated in to "Franklin 1" was preferred meaning that the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board would span two ward boundaries. The Local Government Commission has indicated that cross-ward boundary community board areas was acceptable. It has therefore been deemed that option 5C provides the best representation arrangement for the wards in Franklin.

### **Ward names**

Franklin district iwi had proposed that the "Franklin 1" Ward (as contained in option 4C) be called Awaroa ki Mangatawhiri. However with option 5C now being the preferred option councillors (at the workshop held on 27 January) were of the opinion that the name Awaroa ki Mangatawhiri may not be appropriate anymore since option 5C now excluded Mangatawhiri from the ward. Franklin and Waikato District Council councillors therefore proposed that the ward be called Awaroa-Tuakau, subject to further consultation on this matter with iwi. However, since the councillor workshop, Franklin district iwi has responded that they are in strong opposition to the name change from Awaroa ki Mangatawhiri to Awaroa-Tuakau. Iwi believe their proposed name has more extensive geographical coverage (i.e. extending to Pokeno). Council should therefore consider retaining the name of Awaroa ki Mangatawhiri for the ward previously referred to as "Franklin 1".

With regards to the Hapuakohe Ward, a number of submissions opposed the name "Hapuakohe" and instead proposed retaining the name "Hukanui" for the ward. However councillors also acknowledged that consideration needs to be given to the new area covered by this ward and, because of this, the name "Hukanui-Waerenga" has been proposed.

With the incorporation of Tuakau into the "Franklin 1"/Awaroa ki Mangatawhiri/ Awaroa Tuakau Ward (however it be finally named), the Onewhero-Tuakau ward now simply becomes the Onewhero Ward.

The Local Government Commission has requested that a proposal be submitted by 4 February 2010 (an extension to the original date of 1 February 2010 has been granted to accommodate Council's extraordinary meeting to consider the issue). The Commission will consider the proposal and make a final decision for release in March 2010. For this reason, Council has adopted a conservative and moderate approach to the review. This is so that ratepayers are not adversely affected by the review.

### **Options Considered**

Councillors considered a number of representation options put forward by staff in the lead up to the Council meeting of 15 December 2009. Based on submissions received from the public based on the consultation document, further representation options were developed for consideration. Based on what is best for the ratepayers and citizens of the district, option 5C has been chosen.

**Consideration of views of those affected**

Based on submissions received, representation options were developed by staff for consideration by councillors at a combined Waikato District and Franklin District Council workshop held on 27 January 2010. All submissions/comments on the proposed Waikato District Council Representation Review were considered at the workshop.

**Conclusion**

Council received 16 submissions on the proposed Waikato District Council Representation Review and, based on these, it has been deemed that option 5C provides the best representation option for the new Waikato District Council. An outstanding issue that needs to be clarified pertains to the name of the "Franklin 1"/Awaroa ki Mangatawhiri/Awaroa-Tuakau ward. Council's decision on this matter will be incorporated into option 5C, which will then be submitted to the Local Government Commission as its recommendation. The Commission could choose to support or reject the proposal and its decision will be made for public release in March 2010.

**Attached:**

*Annexure A – Option 4C*

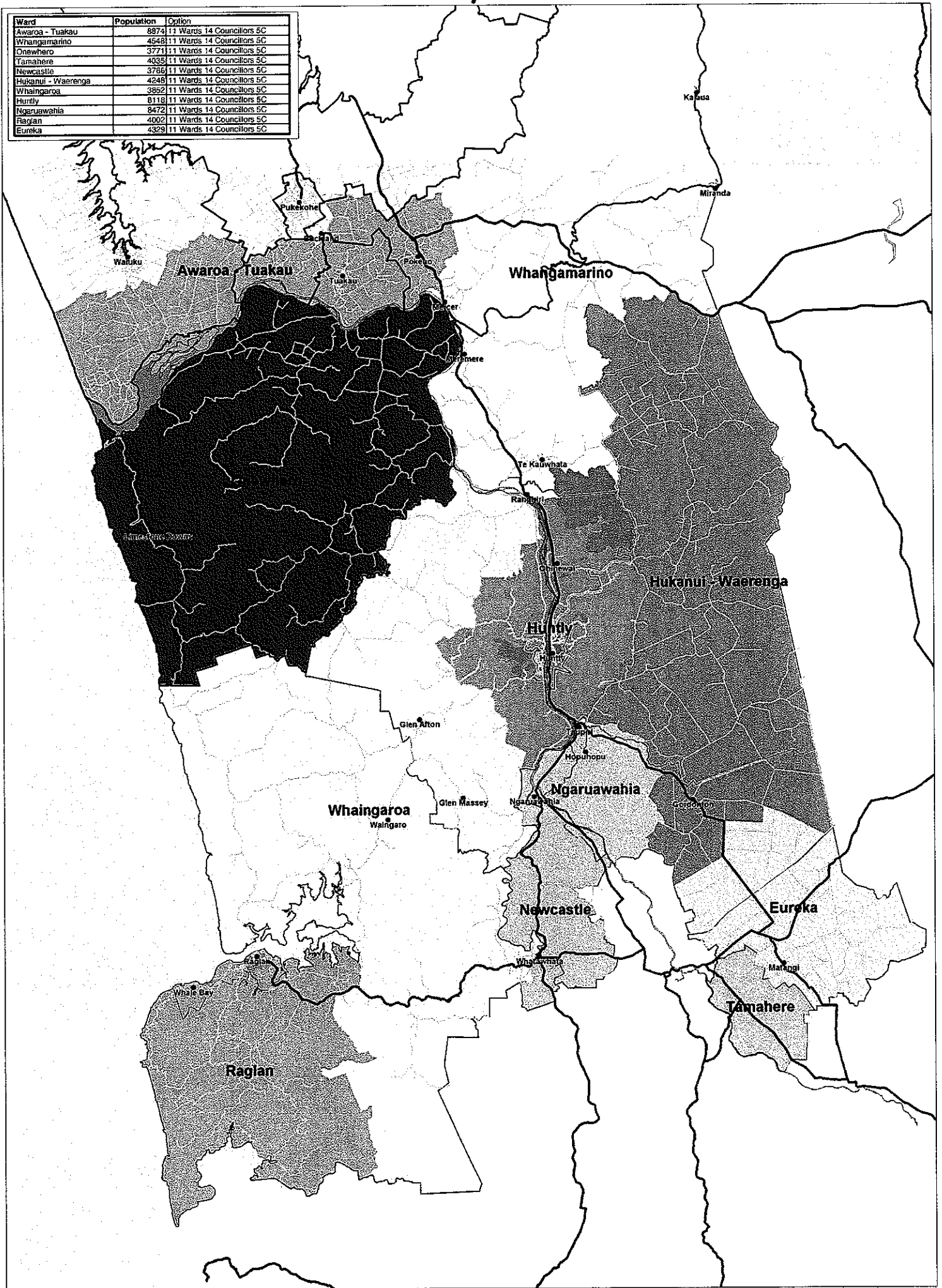
*Annexure B – Option 5C (option recommended)*

*Annexure C – Summary of Submissions*

*Annexure D – Notes from Councillors Workshop on Representation Review held on 27 January 2010*



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## Summary of Submissions for Waikato District Council Representation Review

Sub ID	Surname	First Name	Contact Details	Organisation	Summary
1	Mitchell	J.G	<a href="mailto:tirohau@nettle.ent.nz">tirohau@nettle.ent.nz</a>	Onewhero-Te Kohanga Citizens & Ratepayers Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Little time was given for rate payers to prepare a formal submission</li> </ul>
2	Petersen	Lionel	<a href="mailto:lpetersen@slingshot.co.nz">lpetersen@slingshot.co.nz</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reduce the size of Waikato Council to 12 and a Mayor</li> <li>▪ Ensure that 'North of the Rivers' is one ward (i.e. Franklin 1, Tuakau north of river and Whangamarino north of the river including Pokeno)</li> <li>▪ Membership of Community Boards should be population based so that the number of members reflects the size of the population served</li> <li>▪ Renumberation of Board members be scaled to the population served and that all members be remunerated the same way in accordance with LGC determination</li> <li>▪ Community Boards be funded from the same source/method – either targeted rates on areas served or all from the general rate</li> <li>▪ The Tuakau part of 'Franklin 1' should be called North Waikato District Council The 'south of the river' area could be named Onewhero/Port Waikato</li> </ul>
3	Wootton	H.D. Pat	325 hunt Road Pukekawa RDI Tuakau 09 2334715	Pukekawa Ratepayers Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The proposed arrangement of the Wards does not cater for the Northern Waikato rural communities</li> <li>▪ No mention of the Pukekawa</li> </ul>

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4	Kirkman	Brian	3112 SH22 Glen Murray Tuakau RD5 09 2333056		<p>district</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Limited timeframe to put together a submission</li> <li>▪ Community Board representation does not cater for the Northern Waikato communities who have 4 representatives with a population of 8202. Huntly, Ngaruawahia, Raglan and Taupiri all have 6 representatives on their Community Boards</li> <li>▪ Limited timeframe to complete submission</li> <li>▪ Onewhero district should be enlarged to include voters in Rangiriri/Glen Murray Road and northwards, with some from the south of Naikē to fairly represent the rural area</li> </ul>
5	Watson	Bronnie	11b Madill Street Tuakau 2121 09 2368911 or 0274612095 <a href="mailto:bronnietku@clear.net.nz">bronnietku@clear.net.nz</a>	Deputy Chair Tuakau Community Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Limited time to put together a submission</li> <li>▪ Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board will be under represented with only 4 representatives</li> <li>▪ Pokeno should fall under the Onewhero-Tuakau Ward</li> <li>▪ Tuakau and Pokeno are expected to grow from 8,000 to 10,000 residents within the next 5 years – this would mean ineffective voting for the 2013 election.</li> <li>▪ We need good representation so our points can be heard effectively, democratically and demographically</li> <li>▪ Tuakau should be part of the 'Franklin Ward' not in the 'over the</li> </ul>
6	Titchmarsh	Koia J.G.	Buckland Road RD4		

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7	Anderson	Ann	Tuakau 09 2368047 58 McKinney Road Onewhero Tuakau RD2 2697 09 2328758	Onewhero Citizens & ratepayers Association Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board	River' district  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Insufficient time given for the preparation of a submission</li> <li>▪ The area northeast of Pokeno has no community interest with the area south and southwest of Waiuku.</li> <li>▪ Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board is under represented in comparison to other Community Boards in the Waikato District despite the similar populations - Onewhero should have six representatives.</li> <li>▪ No provision has been made for the growth of Pokeno.</li> <li>▪ The reduction of council representation from three to two in the Onewhero-Tuakau Ward will not provide effective rural representation for rural votes.</li> <li>▪ Voting in the Onewhero-Tuakau Ward should be on an electoral basis with a rural vote for a rural member and an urban vote for an urban member.</li> </ul>
8	Koia	Sally		Maori Committee Support Officer Franklin District Council 09 2371304 ext 485	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Te Roopu Paehere proposed name for 'Franklin 1' Ward is: Awaroa ki Mangatawhiri</li> </ul>
9	Vickers	George	George-and-del.Vickers@xtra.co.nz	Councilor Whangamarino Ward Meremere & Te Kauwhata Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Strong support for Ward system</li> <li>▪ Qualified support for the Whangamarino Ward due to limited timeframe to be able to</li> </ul>

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				Committee	<p>consider the proposal comprehensively</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support the number of Councilors (14) cost a major consideration and the avoidance of 'clumsy' administration</li> <li>▪ Support the number of Councilors (11) from existing District 3 from Franklin</li> <li>▪ Support no more than 2 councilors per ward</li> <li>▪ Qualified support for the Hukanui and Whangape Wards to be disestablished</li> <li>▪ Support for the continuation of Meremere and Te Kauwhata Community Committees</li> <li>▪ Support for the Whangamarino Ward name not to change</li> <li>▪ Qualified support for Whangamarino Ward to have one councilor</li> <li>▪ Maramarua, Meremere, Mercer, Pokeno, Te Kauwhata and Rangiriri either already have or would want community committees. This would place a heavy load on one councilor and the committees would be less likely to have monthly visits from councilors, the Mayor and CEO</li> <li>▪ Support for the inclusion of Pokeno and Mercer which recognises the importance of the transport corridor containing the expressway and railway - noted that the ward</li> </ul>

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10	Hayman	Jennie	PO Box 135 Tuakau 2342 09 2334225 or 021640619 <a href="mailto:jmhayman@xtra.co.nz">jmhayman@xtra.co.nz</a>	Councillor for Franklin District Council	<p>boundary tends to follow the central government electoral boundary which was seen as an advantage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support for the Council to adopt a conservative approach to the boundary changes</li> </ul> <p>The proposed Onewhero-Tuakau Ward has been based on the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board and does not reflect communities of interest in 2010 in a non-Pukekohe-centered district. The current ward in the Southern ward, which, overly large better reflects communities of interest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mangatawhiri has a greater community of interest with the Whangamarino Ward than with Pukekohe east and the area south of Waiuku. The area immediately north of the Mangatawhiri Stream should be in the same ward - with the exception of Pokeno</li> <li>▪ Pokeno is divided in the proposed wards between Whangamarino and Franklin - this is not good for the Pokeno community</li> <li>▪ Inequity of Community Board representation - four community board members for 8,000 people versus six for Huntly and Taupiri with a few hundred people</li> <li>▪ Ineffective rural representation in the proposed Onewhero-Tuakau Ward - WDC should dispense with</li> </ul>

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					<p>the old and outdated Onewhero-Tuakau Ward and align the wards with communities of interest.</p> <p>Community committees could take the place of Waiuku-Awhitu Community Board in the proposed Franklin I ward and for community committees to represent the area from port Waikato to Waikaretu to Pukekawa to Onewhero</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A Community Board exclusively for Tuakau would allow the body to deal more effectively with a growing town's needs and problems</li> <li>▪ Insufficient time to put together a comprehensive submission</li> </ul>
11	Moke	James	Waikeri Tangirau Marae		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Moke, Roberts, Fisher &amp; Grant whanu wish to indicate their preference of staying with their community of interest</li> <li>▪ Ngaruawahia. (The representation review places them in the Newcastle ward)</li> </ul>
12	Henry	Cilla		Hukanui Marae	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ngati Wairere wish to retain the name Hukanui for the Ward proposed to be named Hapuakohe</li> </ul>
13	Phillips	Teresa	<a href="mailto:rflats@ihug.co.nz">rflats@ihug.co.nz</a>	Onewhero Citizen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Messy boundary arrangements in the north 'Franklin I'. The area north-east of Pokeno has no community of interest with the area south and south-west of Waiuku</li> <li>▪ The Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board area is under represented compared to other</li> </ul>

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14	Bridgman	John	<a href="mailto:johnbridgman@xtra.co.nz">johnbridgman@xtra.co.nz</a>	Chairman for Gordonton District Committee	<p>Community Boards - should have six members the same as Huntly and Ngaruawahia not four</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No provision has been made for the 'growth area' of Pokeno.</li> <li>▪ Reducing Councilor representation from three to two in the Onewhero-Tuakau Ward will not provide an effective voice for the rural voters</li> <li>▪ If the number of Councilors for the Onewhero-Tuakau ward remains at two then voting should be on an electoral basis with a rural vote for a rural member and an urban vote for an urban member</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Retain the name Hukanui for the Ward proposed to be named Hapuakohe</li> <li>▪ The proposed name Hapuakohe has little reference to the majority of the people within this ward. Hukanui is a long established name that must be retained.</li> <li>▪ Gordonton, which has the densest population for this new ward was once called Hukanui.</li> <li>▪ Ngati Wairere, the second largest hapu in Tainui has its Marae at Gordonton - Hukanui Marae.</li> </ul>
15	Puke	Wiremu	PO Box 8377 Waikato Mail Centre 07 8434472  <a href="mailto:wiremupuke123@xtra.co.nz">wiremupuke123@xtra.co.nz</a>	Nga Mana Toopu O Kirikiriroa Limited	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Oppose the proposed name change of the Hukanui Ward to Hapuakohe Ward.</li> <li>▪ The name Hukanui is of immense historical and cultural significance to Ngati Wairere as Mangawhengu.</li> </ul>

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16	Dawson	TG & A	17 Murrell Road RDI Hamilton 027 2839978		<p>Ngati Wairere is the second largest hapu within the Waikato Tainui Beneficiary roll, numbering nearly 4,000 descendants. Hukanui Marae is recoded as the second largest Marae next to Turangawaewae.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Change the proposed new Ward name from Hapuakohe to Hukanui Ward -- Hukanui is synonymous with the area North East of Hamilton. Most residents in this new ward would identify with Hukanui and derive a sense of pride from the name that is of historic significance to them.</li> </ul>

## Annexure D

### **Inputs from Councilor Workshop on Submissions on the Representation Review**

Wednesday 27 January 2010

#### **1. Tuakau/Onewhero Community Board:**

There was some discussion on the number of community board members with regards to the Tuakau-Onewhero Community Board but Councillor Robinson (of Franklin District Council) confirmed that the current arrangement of having 4 members is acceptable. It was agreed however that this is something that could be reviewed going forward (i.e. after the local government election in 2013).

#### **2. Size of Council:**

Based on the submissions received the workshop considered an alternative ward representation for 12 councillors and a mayor. After much deliberation it was decided to maintain 14 councillors and a mayor as the most effective representation option for the new council's ratepayers, particularly given the vast geographical spread of some wards required with a reduction in the number of councillors.

#### **3. Review ward structure in Franklin:**

There was some discussion on the geographical extent of the wards in the Franklin district. Franklin District councillors expressed the concern that the wards referred to as "Franklin 1" and Onewhero-Tuakau (in option 4C) did not represent communities of interests. Concern was also expressed that the "Franklin 1" boundary was not contiguous. The option of having Tuakau incorporated in to "Franklin 1" was preferred but it was unclear if a community board boundary could span across two wards. The Waikato District Council CEO, Gavin Ion, subsequently sought clarification of this issue with the Local Government Commission. The Commission indicated having cross-ward boundary community board areas was a possibility.

The councillors subsequently decided to opt for option 5C as the preferred representation arrangement.

#### **4. Ward names:**

Considerable discussion was held on the names of some of the wards, in particular the "Franklin 1" Ward (which the Franklin district iwi group had proposed be called Awaroa ki Mangatawhiri) and the Hapuakohe Ward.

With regards to the "Franklin 1"/Awaroa ki Mangatawhiri Ward, councillors felt that the name Awaroa ki Mangatawhiri may not be appropriate anymore since option 5C now excluded Mangatawhiri from the ward. It was therefore proposed that the

ward be called Awaroa-Tuakau subject to further consultation on this matter with iwi. *(Note: Since the councillor workshop iwi has responded that they are in strong opposition to the name change from Awaroa ki Mangatawhiri to Awaroa Tuakau. They believe the original name they proposed has more extensive geographical coverage (i.e. extending to Pokeno).*

With regards to the Hapuakohe Ward, councillors acknowledged that a number of the submissions proposed retaining the name "Hukanui". However, it was also generally acknowledged that consideration had to be given to the new area covered by the expanded ward and, because of this, the name "Hukanui-Waerenga" was preferred.

With the incorporation of Tuakau into the "Franklin 1"/Awaroa ki Mangatawhiri Ward the Onewhero-Tuakau Ward now simply becomes the Onewhero Ward.

#### **5. Add Pukekawa in ward description:**

Councillors agreed that Pukekawa should be added to the ward description of Onewhero ward.

#### **6. Rural vote for a rural Councillor urban vote for an urban Councillor:**

Councillors debated whether voting could be split on an urban/rural basis with separate councillor representation. Clarification on this matter was sought from the Local Government Commission who advised this could not be achieved.

#### **7. Need for further review after the 2013 elections:**

As per the discussion on the number of community board representatives for the Onewhero-Tuakau Ward (as per option 4C) it was agreed that a further review of the representation structure could be done after the local government election in 2013. Councillors believe that it is better to allow for some flexibility in this regard.

#### **8. Te Kauwhata/Meremere:**

Councillors supported the submission from the Te Kauwhata/Meremere Community Committee of not having more than two Councillors per ward.

#### **9. Look at Community Committees:**

It was generally agreed that the issue of community committees requires further investigation. However, this matter was deemed outside the scope of the submission to the Local Government Commission but is one that could be looked at after the local government election in 2010.

All in all the discussion was productive and the decision to proceed with map 5C as the preferred option crystallises a recommended proposal subject to approval of Council.

## WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of an Extraordinary meeting of the Waikato District Council held in Committee Room 1 and 2, District Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia on **THURSDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2010** commencing at **9.00am**.

**Members Present:**

- His Worship the Mayor, Mr P J Harris (Chairperson)
- Cr J C Baddeley
- Cr S A Boyde
- Cr R C Dixon
- Cr D W Fulton
- Cr W D Hayes
- Cr R C McGuire
- Cr A W D Morse
- Cr A M Sanson
- Cr N M D Smith
- Cr G S Tait
- Cr G C Vickers
- Cr R J Wise

**Officers Attending:** The following officers were in attendance for all or part of the meeting:

- Mr G J Ion (Chief Executive)
- Mr R J Bax (General Manager Water and Facilities)
- Mr T G Whittaker (General Manager Strategy and Support)
- Mr I A Gooden (General Manager Roading and Projects)
- Mr N E Pritchard (General Manager Regulatory)
- Ms J Ireland (General Manager Stakeholder Relations)
- Ms K Smith (General Manager Human Resources)
- Mr John Allan (Management Accountant)
- Ms J Burkhart (Management Accountant)
- Mrs J Calambuhay (Management Accountant)
- Ms A Diaz (Management Accountant Team Leader)
- Mr A Duberly (Finance Manager)
- Miss M Edgar (Corporate Planner)
- Mr V Ramduny (Planning and Strategy Manager)
- Mr S Solomon (Iwi and Community Partnership Manager)
- Mrs R J Gray (Manager Council Support)

**WDC1002/01**      **APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

There were no apologies.

WDC1002/02

**CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF EXTRAORDINARY AGENDA ITEMS****Resolved: (Crs Sanson/Morse)**

**THAT the agenda for the Extraordinary meeting of Waikato District Council held on Thursday 4 February 2010 be confirmed and all items therein be considered in open meeting.**

**CARRIED on the voices**

WDC1002/03

**REPORT**

WDC1002/03/1

**Waikato District Council Representation Review – Submission to the Local Government Commission**  
File GOV1301;GOV0101

An updated report was pre-circulated to include the Newcastle Ward.

During discussion it was agreed that the ward referred to as 'Franklin 1' Awaroa ki Mangatawhiri/Awaroa Tuakau, be named Awaroa ki Mangatawhiri in accordance with input received from Franklin Iwi.

**Resolved: (Crs Baddeley/McGuire)**

**THAT the report of the General Manager Strategy and Support – Waikato District Council Representation Review – Submission to the Local Government Commission – dated 2 February 2010 be received;**

**AND THAT the ward boundaries and associated representation requirements contained herein and supported by option 5C be approved for submitting to the Local Government Commission as the recommended representation structure for the new Waikato District Council;**

**AND FURTHER THAT changes to the Whangamarino Ward, Whaingaroa Ward, Raglan Ward, Huntly Ward, Hukanui-Waerenga Ward, Ngaruawahia Ward, Newcastle Ward, Eureka Ward, Onewhero Ward and Awaroa ki Mangatawhiri Ward boundaries have been made in order to meet population requirements as follows:**

<b>Awaroa ki Mangatawhiri</b>	<b>2 members</b>	<b>8874 people</b>
<b>Onewhero</b>	<b>1 member</b>	<b>3771 people</b>
<b>Whangamarino</b>	<b>1 member</b>	<b>4548 people</b>
<b>Whaingaroa</b>	<b>1 member</b>	<b>3852 people</b>
<b>Hukanui-Waerenga</b>	<b>1 member</b>	<b>4248 people</b>
<b>Huntly Ward</b>	<b>2 members</b>	<b>8118 people</b>

<b>Ngaruawahia</b>	<b>2 members 8472 people</b>
<b>Raglan</b>	<b>1 member 4002 people</b>
<b>Newcastle</b>	<b>1 member 3786 people</b>
<b>Eureka</b>	<b>1 member 4329 people</b>
<b>Tamahere</b>	<b>1 member 4035 people;</b>

**AND FURTHER THAT the Whangamarino Ward incorporates Happy Valley, Mangatangi, Miranda, Maramarua, Kopuku, Meremere, Mercer, Whangamarino, Te Kauwhata and Rangiriri;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the Hukanui-Waerenga Ward includes Waerenga, Taniwha, Matahuru, Waiterimu, Te Hoe, Mangawara, Orini, Netherby, Gordonton and Whitikahu;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the Huntly Ward includes Huntly, Pukekapia, Mahuta and Ohinewai;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the Ngaruawahia Ward includes Ngaruawahia, Horotiu, Hopuhopu, Taupiri, Komakorau and Horsham Downs;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the Raglan Ward includes Okete, Te Uku, Te Hutewai, Te Mata, Ruapuke, Te Papatapu and Makamako;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the Newcastle Ward includes Te Kowhai, Rotokauri, Waikeri Marae and Whatawhata;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the Whaingaroa Ward includes Waikokowai, Pukemiro, Glen Massey, Lake Whangape, Ruawaro, Matira, Waimai, Te Akau, Ruakiwi, Dunmore, Waingaro and Waitetuna;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the Eureka Ward includes Eureka, Puketaha, Newstead, Matangi, Tauwhare Pa and Scotsman's Valley**

**AND FURTHER THAT the Tamahere Ward includes Tamahere;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the Onewhero Ward includes Pukekawa, Naike, Waikaretu, Glen Murray, Limestone Downs, Orton, Onewhero and Port Waikato;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the Awaroa ki Mangatawhiri Ward includes Tuakau, Pokeno, Pukekohe East, Aka Aka, Whiriwhiri and Hoods Landing;**

**AND FURTHER THAT** the existing five community boards membership be retained as follows:

<b>Taupiri</b>	<b>6 members</b>
<b>Ngaruawahia</b>	<b>6 members</b>
<b>Raglan</b>	<b>6 members</b>
<b>Huntly</b>	<b>6 members</b>
<b>Onewhero-Tuakau</b>	<b>4 members</b>

**CARRIED on the voices**

Cr S A Boyde entered the meeting [9.08am] during discussion on the above item and was present when voting took place.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.18am.

Confirmed at a meeting of the Waikato District Council held on 23 February 2010.

P J Harris

**CHAIRPERSON**

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