

MEMORANDUM

To	Waikato District Council
From	Gaylene Kanawa Democracy Team Leader
Subject	Representation Review 2021 – Initial Proposal – Supplementary Information
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Date	5 July 2021

Introduction

Council received a report and agenda for the Extraordinary Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 7 July 2021 which indicated there would be supplementary information regarding community board maps regarding any proposed changes, along with community board feedback.

The purpose of this memo is to provide those maps, along with updating an error in the recommendations section of the report. This memorandum needs to be considered in conjunction with the report on the agenda.

Discussion

There have been two issues arising out of the original report that went to Council on the agenda, which are outlined below:

1. Community board boundaries

The information that was provided did not clearly indicate why Council was able to support some changes in regard to community board boundaries and not others. Community boards provided areas/communities that were neighbouring their borders, however Council must take entire mesh blocks when changing boundaries – similar to what occurs with ward boundaries.

The attached maps indicate what impact that has on the proposed community board areas. Not only did it bring rural areas into a community board boundary, but it also included communities that had already indicated that they did not wish to be part of the community board boundaries, e.g. Raglan Community Board requested to include Te Uku but the mesh block incorporated Waitetuna.

Council needs to consider the impact of this, along with the feedback already received as part of the informal consultation with focus groups, noting that some of this feedback was that community boards should be focussed on urban areas and not include rural portions of the community.

2. Onewhero-Tuakau community board

The alternative option provided in the report for the Onewhero-Tuakau community board was incorrectly reported and not supported by Council in the previous review, nor did it take into account the informal feedback from the community. The replacement option for this community board is set out below, along with the proposed updated recommendation.

The maps supporting the recommendations were not finalised at the time the report was circulated and it was noted these would be circulated under separate cover. These maps are now available and are listed under the Attachments section of this memorandum.

Updated Option

Below is the information that was provided in the report, the paragraphs in question are struck out and replaced with the supported approach.

Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board

The current board area straddles two current wards and encompasses rural communities and the Tuakau township. This matter was considered in the 2018 review, though no changes were made by Council at that time.

An option is for the Board to have subdivisions for these two principal communities of interest – i.e. rural and Tuakau township – with a specified number of elected Board members for each subdivision. Each subdivision would require a name, confirmation of number of elected members compliant with the +/- 10% rule and defined geographic boundaries.

The elected Board members were split on this proposal – the Tuakau-based members generally supported it, the Onewhero-based members (excluding the chairperson) favoured the status quo if a separate rural community board was not an option but with the inclusion of an additional board member.

The community board supports a name change to reflect their higher populated township being recognised first in the name, i.e. change their name from Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board to Tuakau-Onewhero Community Board. It did not fully support changes to the community board boundaries (Refer Attachment 13).

~~The PWC have had time to consider this option further and whilst no changes (other than minor boundary changes to reflect the new Tuakau General Ward are recommended in the initial proposal).~~

~~There is an option for the Board members to consult with their community to perhaps either consider further the subdivision option or two separate community boards with lower membership numbers, i.e. four (4) members plus one appointed councillor from the general wards (refer Attachment 13). If they receive support from their communities resulting in submissions to the initial proposal Council may consider the change as part of the hearings process.~~

The supported approach is to proceed with splitting the Tuakau-Onewhero Community Board into an urban community board and a rural community committee.

~~**Recommendation:** To change the Community Board name to Tuakau-Onewhero Community Board, with six elected members and two appointed councillors, with the minor boundary changes as reflected in the new Tuakau General Ward boundaries.~~

~~Refer Attachment 14 (map and population statistics).~~

Replacement Recommendations: *To change the community board name to Tuakau Community Board and realign the board boundaries to align with the new Tuakau General Ward, with six elected members and two appointed councillors.*

To remove the current Onewhero portion from the community board area and consult with the community in regard to the establishment of a community committee, along with whether or not residents wish to retain the targeted rate to funding local projects through discretionary funding.

Refer Attachment 14A & 14B (map and population statistics).

Updated Recommendation

Based on the above approach Recommendation iv) as set out in the report to read as follows:

- iv) Retains five (5) community boards representing five (5) urban communities, these being:**

Community Board and number of members	Communities	Geographic Reference
Huntly Community Board Six (6) elected members and two appointed members, being one of the Central general ward councillors and one of the Te Takiwaa Maaori Ward councillors.	Huntly	The current Huntly Community Board area with a minor addition to a mesh block in the north-east border - the proposed boundaries of which are shown on Attachment 10
Ngaruawahia Community Board Six elected members and two appointed members, being one of the Central General Ward councillors and one of the Te Takiwaa Maaori ward councillors.	Ngaruawahia	The current Ngaruawahia Community Board area with slight boundary adjustments to incorporate the mesh block that includes the new development at River Terraces and stops the boundary at the golf course – the proposed boundaries of which are shown on Attachment 12
Tuakau Community Board Six elected members and two appointed members, being the Tuakau General Ward councillor and one of the Te Takiwaa Maaori ward councillors.	Tuakau	The Tuakau Community Board reduced to the Tuakau General Ward boundaries – the proposed boundaries of which are shown on Attachment 14A Removal of the Onewhero section of the existing community board area and consult with the community in regard to the establishment of a community committee.

Community Board and number of members	Communities	Geographic Reference
<p>Raglan Community Board</p> <p>Six elected members and two appointed members, being the Whaingaroa general ward councillor and one of the Te Takiwaa Maaori Ward councillors.</p>	Raglan	<p>Retain the current Raglan Community Board area - the proposed boundaries of which are shown on Attachment 16</p>
<p>Taupiri Community Board</p> <p>Six elected members and two appointed members, being one of the Central general Ward councillors and one of the Te Takiwaa Maaori ward councillors.</p>	Taupiri	<p>Retain the current Taupiri Community Board area - the proposed boundaries of which are shown on Attachment 18</p>

Attachments

Attachment 9 – Map of changes recommended by the Huntly Community Board

Attachment 10 – Map of proposed Huntly Community Board area

Attachment 11 – Map of changes recommended by the Ngaruawahia Community Board

Attachment 12 – Map of proposed Ngaruawahia Community Board area

Attachment 13 – Map of changes recommended by Tuakau-Onewhero Community Board area

Attachment 14A – Map of proposed Tuakau Community Board area

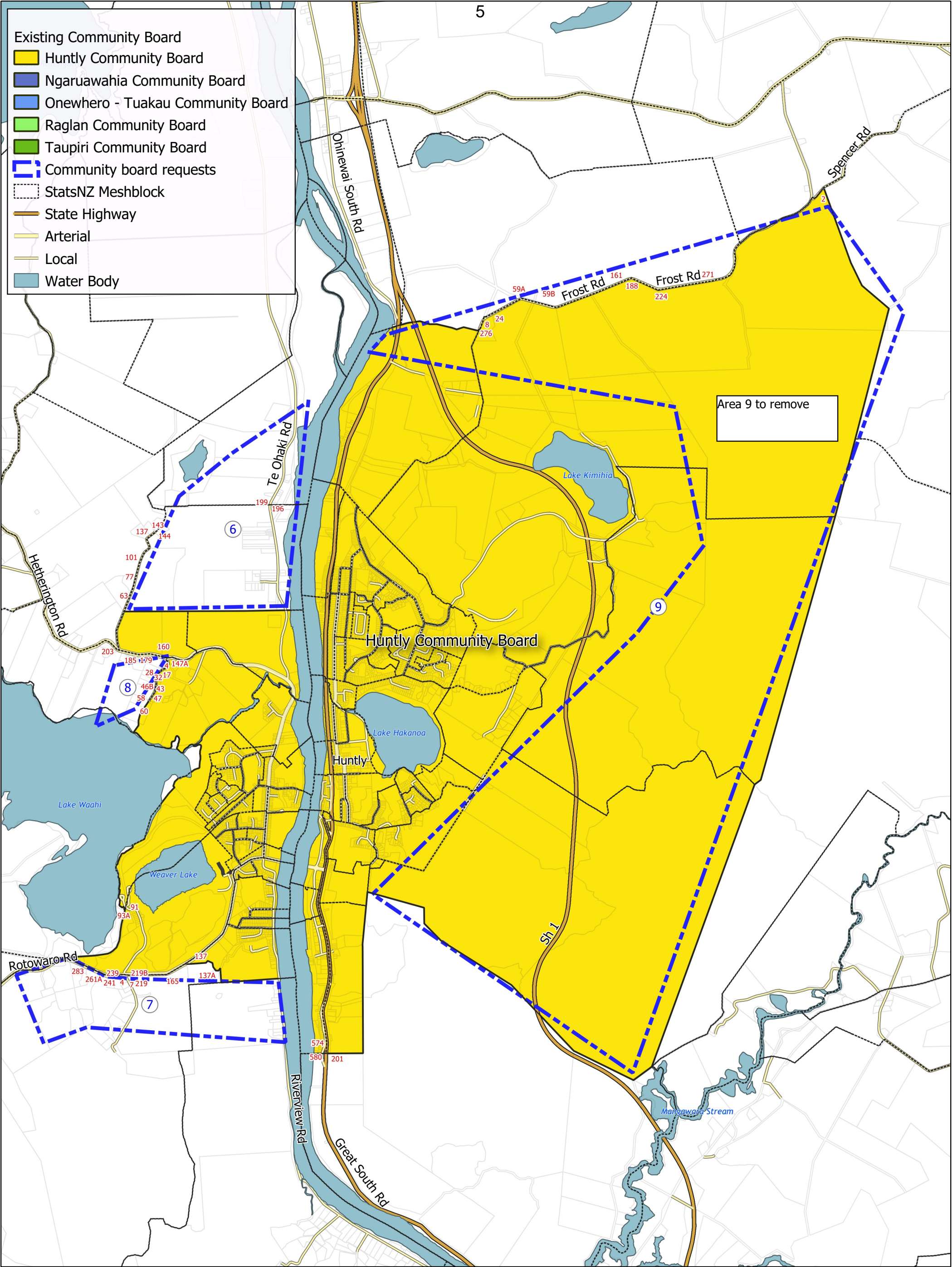
Attachment 14B – Map of proposed Onewhero Community Committee area

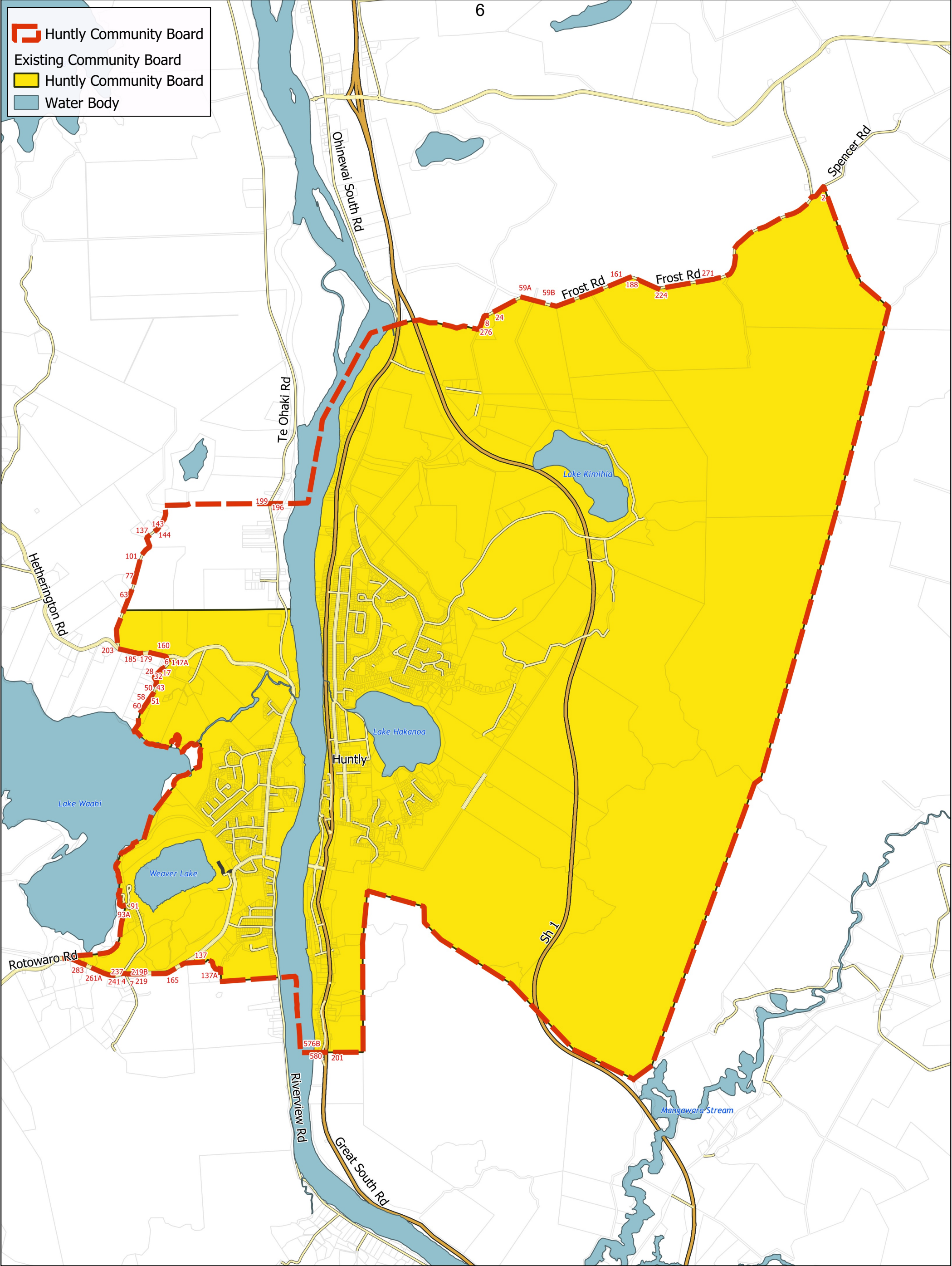
Attachment 15 – Map of changes recommended by the Raglan Community Board area

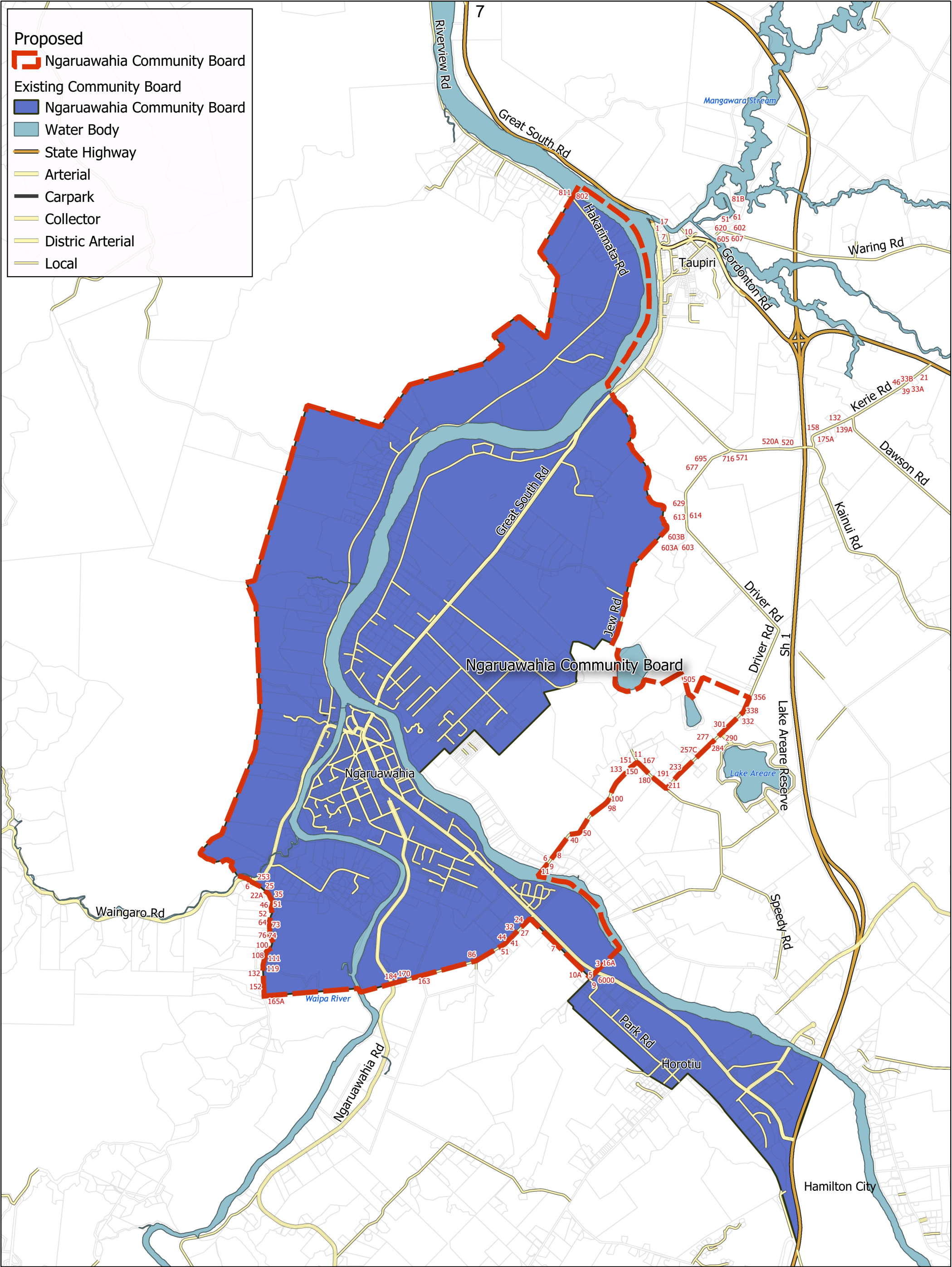
Attachment 16 – Map of proposed Raglan Community Board area

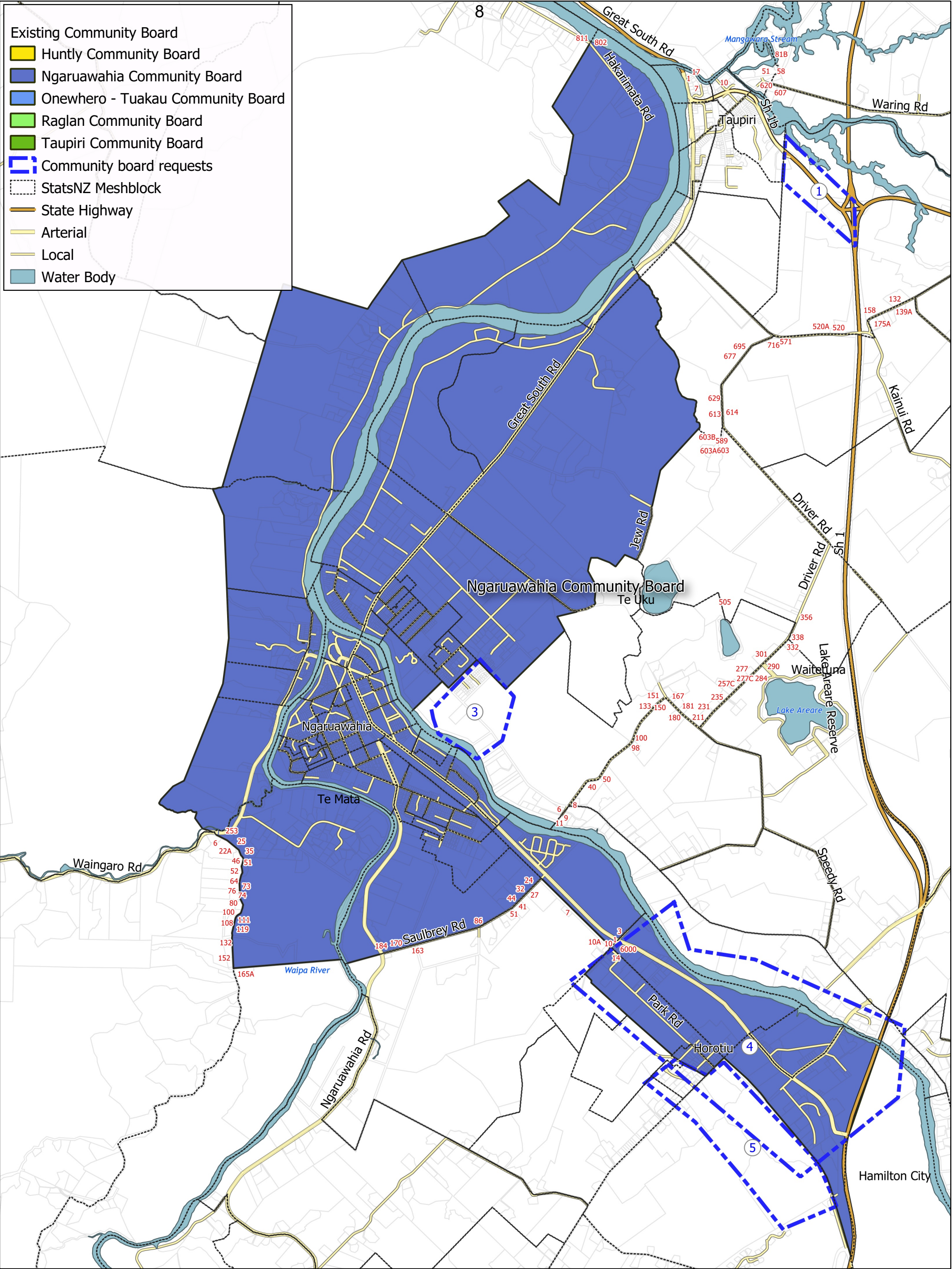
Attachment 17 – Map of changes recommended by the Taupiri Community Board

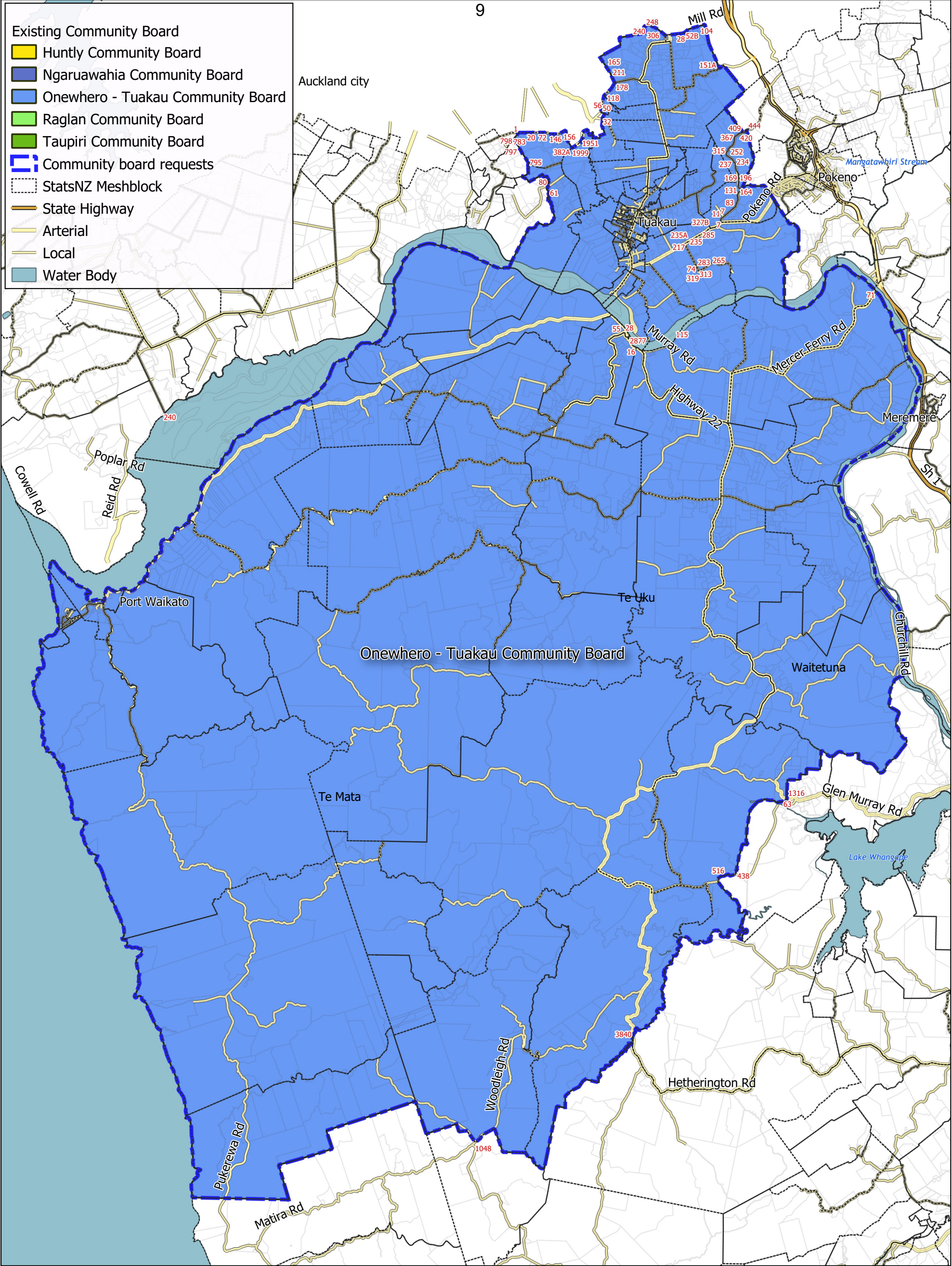
Attachment 18 - Map of proposed Taupiri Community Board area











Proposed

Tuakau Community Board

Existing Community Board

Onewhero - Tuakau Community Board

Water Body

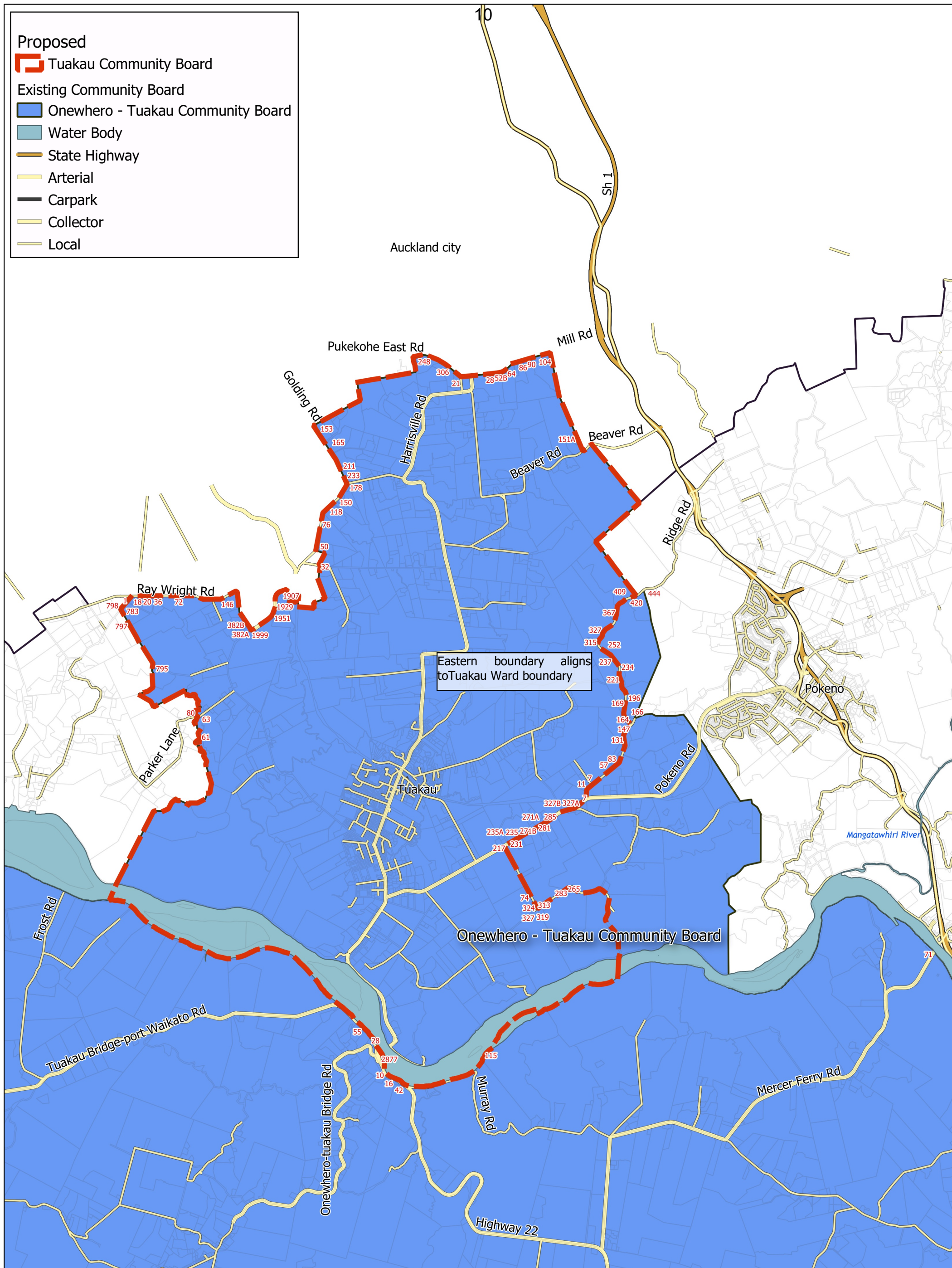
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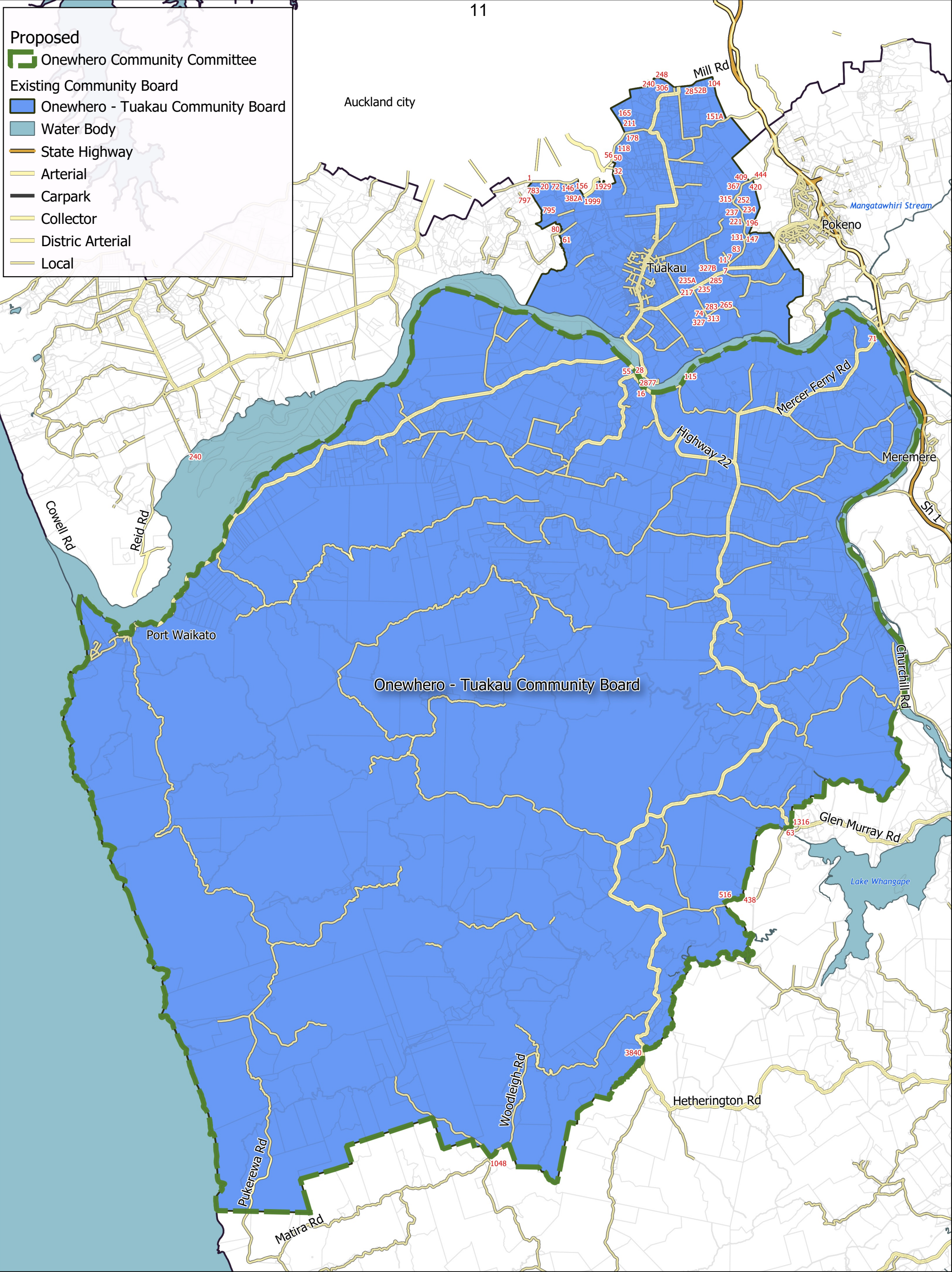
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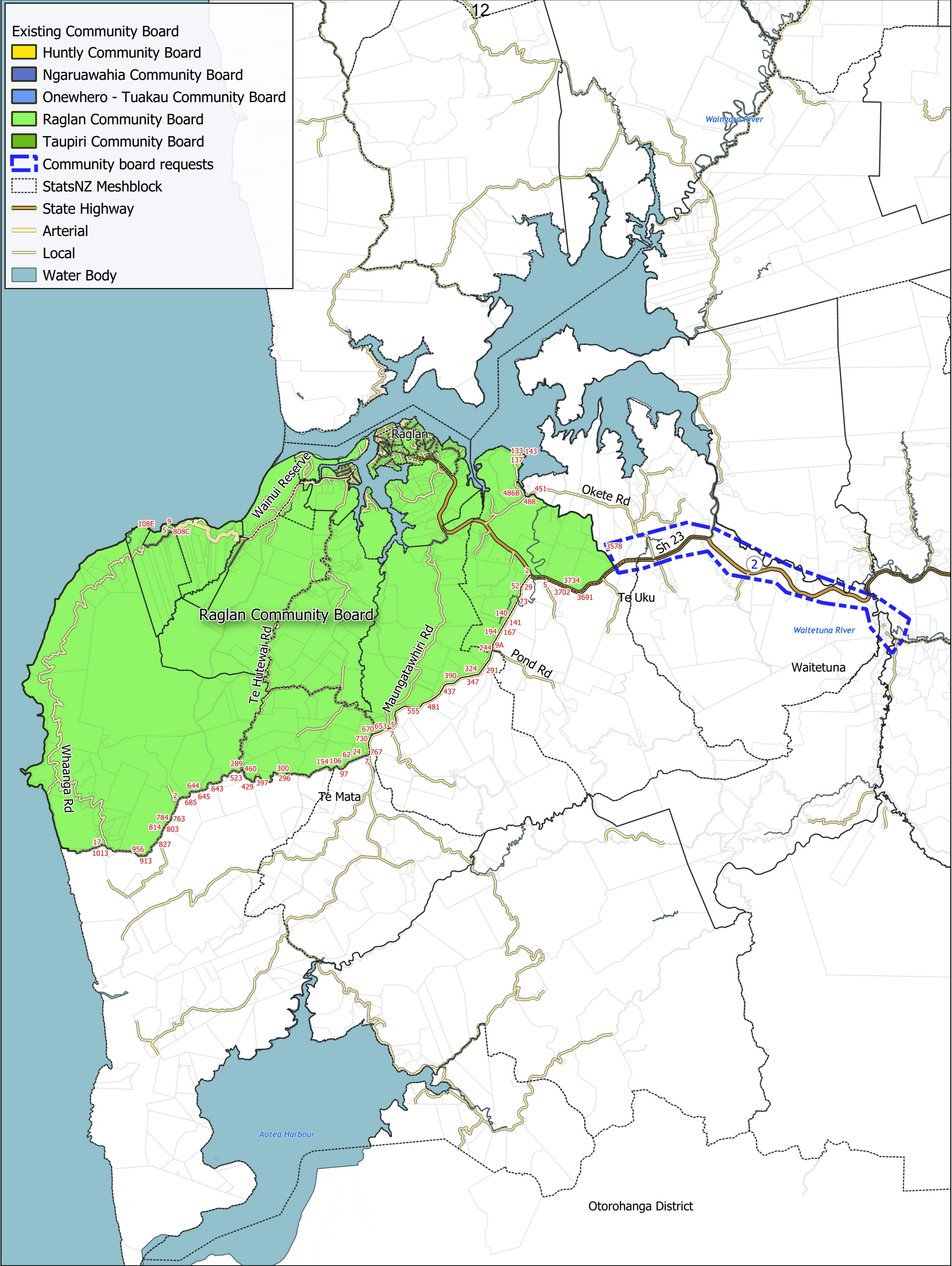
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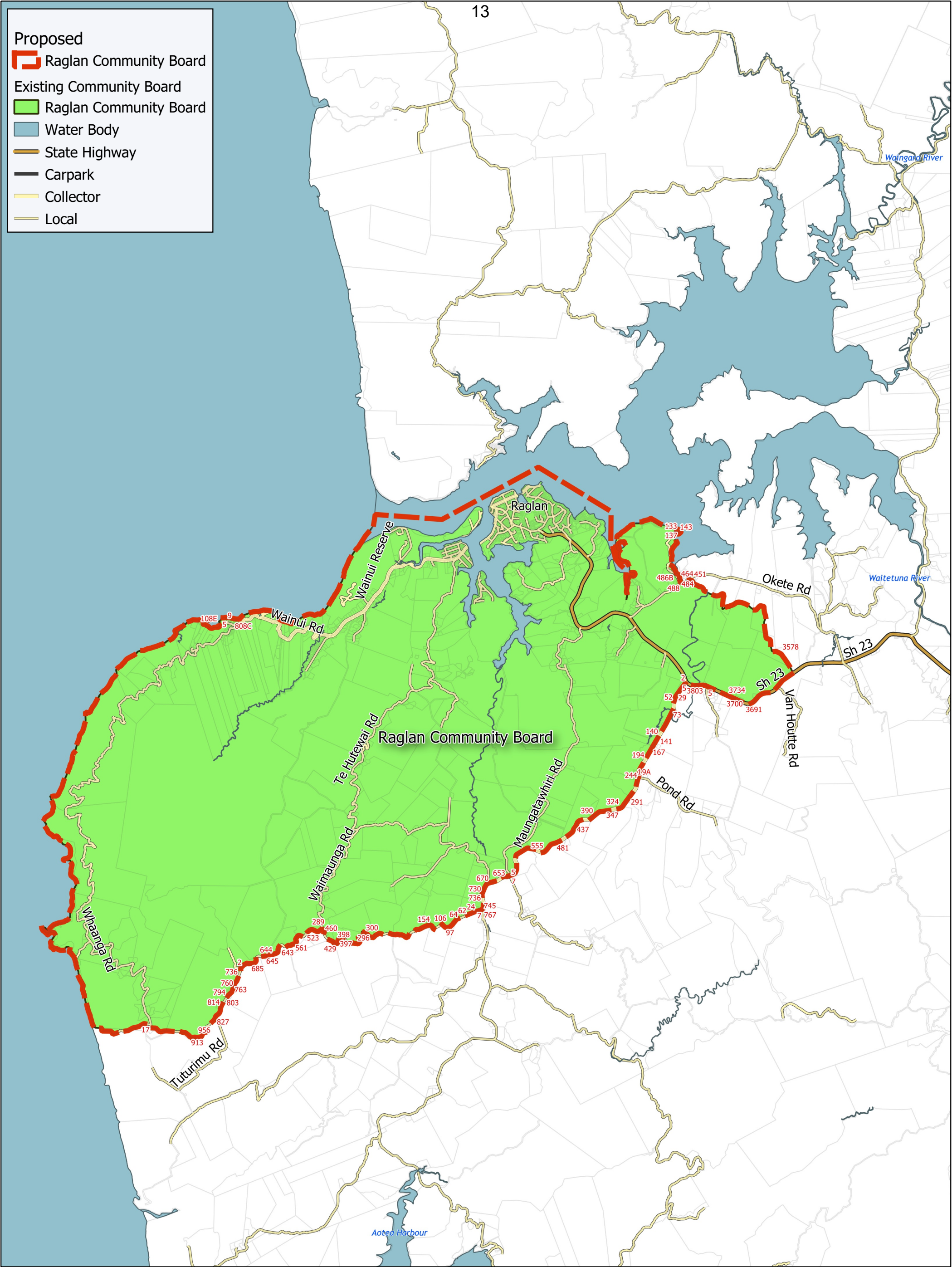
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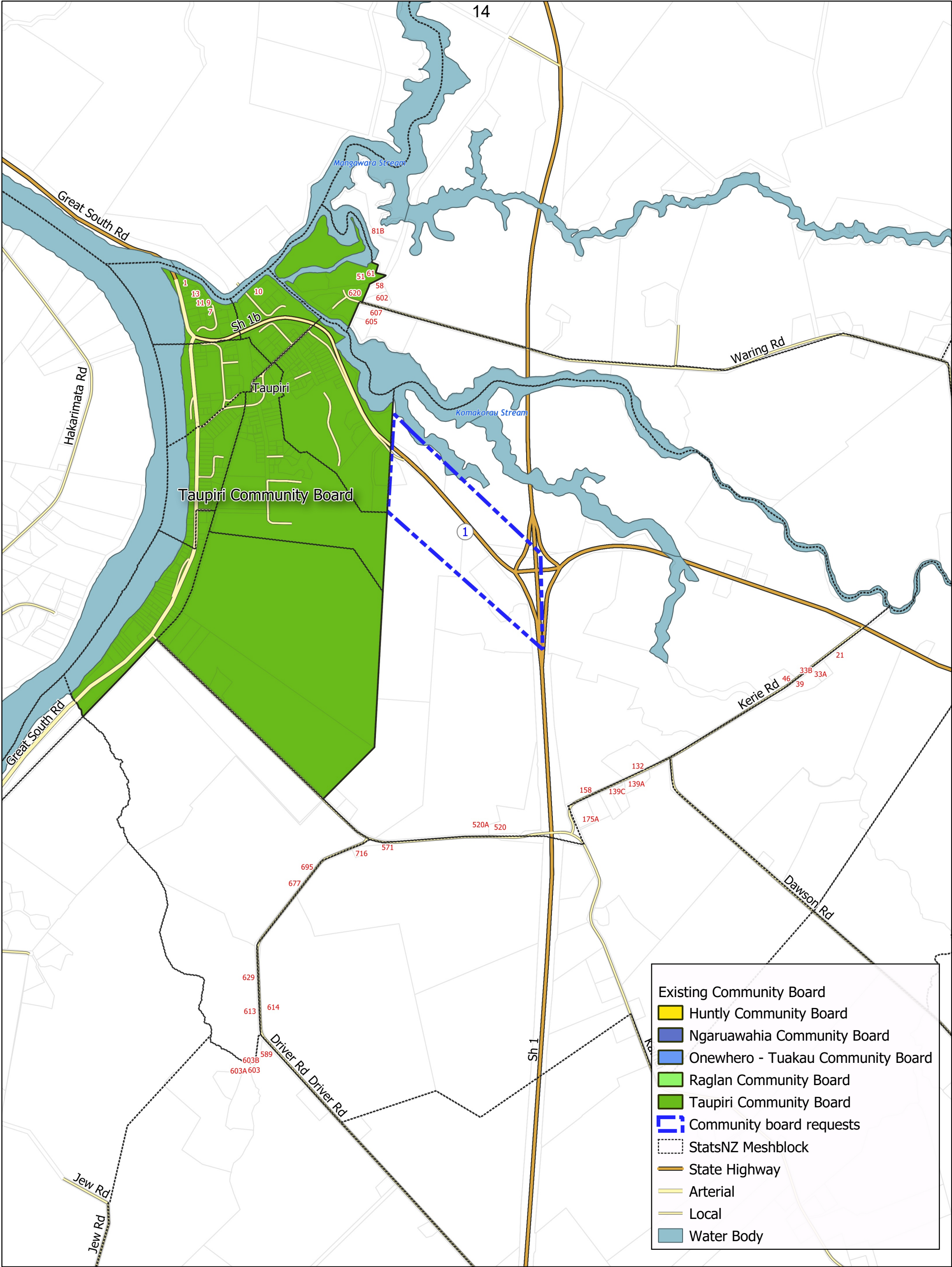
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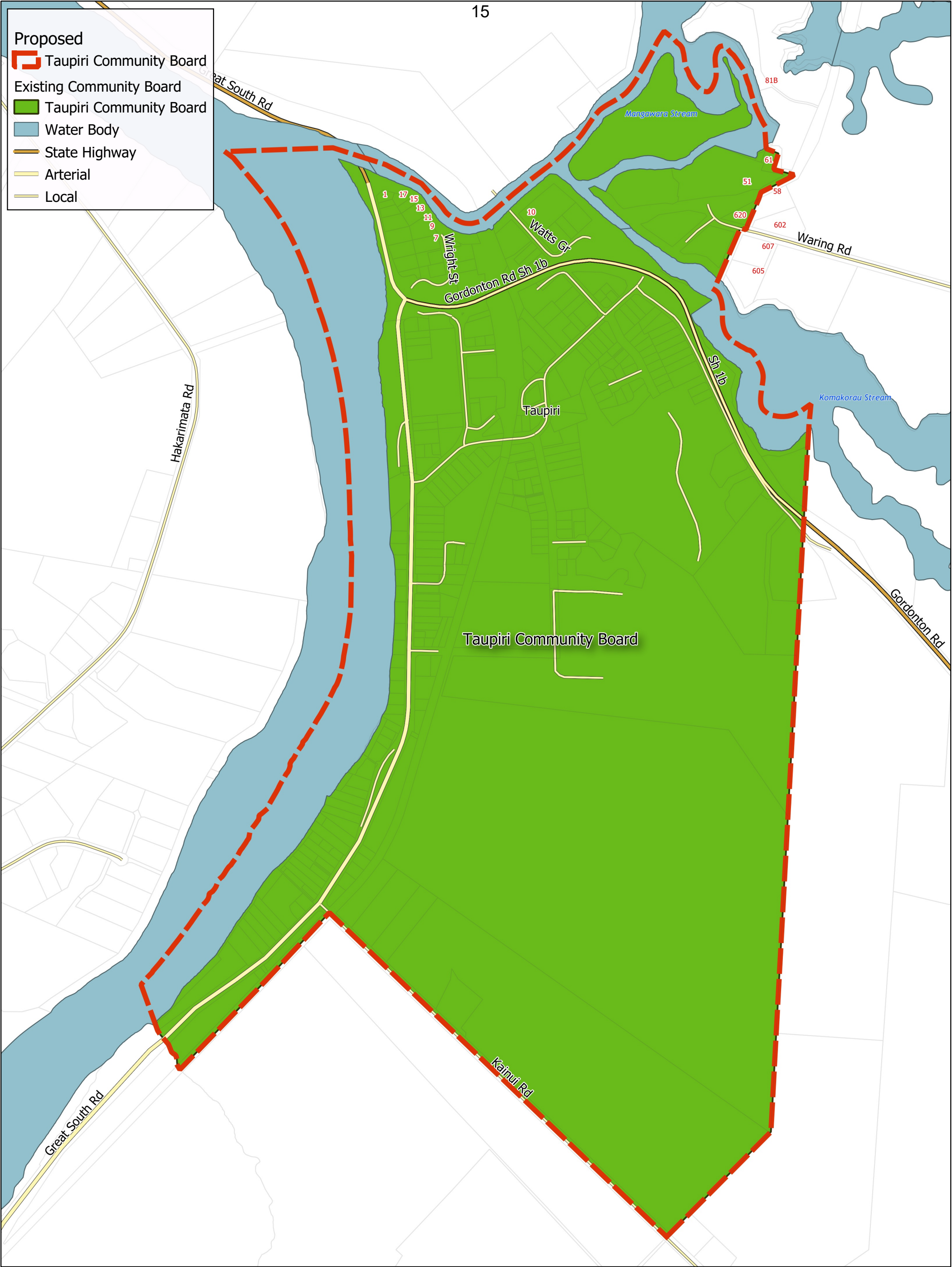
















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