

AGENDA for a Hearing by the Waikato District Council (to hear, consider submissions and make recommendations on the Proposed Waikato District Council Representation Review 2018) to be held in the Council Chambers, District Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia on **WEDNESDAY 29 AUGUST 2018** commencing at **9.00am.**

Information and recommendations are included in the reports to assist the Council in the decision making process and may not constitute Council's decision or policy until considered by the Council.

1. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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To	Waikato District Council
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Report Title	Submissions on the Waikato District Council 2018 Representation Review Initial Proposal

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At its meeting on 11 June 2018, Council resolved to consider and approve the Waikato District Council 2018 Representation Review Initial Proposal for public consultation in accordance with provisions set out in sections 19H and 19J of the Local Electoral Act 2001.

On 20 June 2018, the Initial Proposal was publicly notified with submissions invited from the public. Submissions closed 1 August 2018 following a six-week consultation period.

In summary:

- **147** submissions were received on the initial proposal;
- **19** submitters indicated their support of the initial proposal;
- **126** submitters indicated they do not support the initial proposal;
- **2** submitters made no indication if they do or do not support the initial proposal; and
- **26** submitters indicated they wished to speak to their submissions at the public hearing of the Waikato District Council 2018 Representation Review Initial Proposal.

The purpose of this hearing is to consider submissions received on the Waikato District Council 2018 Representation Review Initial Proposal and to make decisions on whether the Initial Proposal is either confirmed or amended when Council resolves its 2018 Representation Review Final Proposal at their meeting scheduled for 10 September 2018. The Final Proposal will then be publicly notified on 12 September 2018 with a one-month period for public appeals / objections closing on 12 October 2018.

The following documents are included as appendices to this report:

- **Appendix 1:** all submissions made to the Waikato District Council 2018 Representation Review Initial Proposal;
- **Appendix 2:** Schedule of Speakers for the Waikato District Council 2018 Representation Review Initial Proposal; and
- **Appendix 3:** Full submission from Federated Farmers.

2. RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report from the Chief Operating Officer be received;

AND THAT submissions to the Waikato District Council 2018 Representation Review Initial Proposal, as adopted on 11 June 2018, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council hears those submitters who wish to be heard, and then considers all submissions as to whether the 2018 Representation Review Initial Proposal is confirmed or amended when Council resolves its 2018 Representation Review Final Proposal on 10 September 2018;

AND FURTHER THAT reasons for any amendments to the 2018 Representation Review Initial Proposal and reasons for any rejection of submissions to the 2018 Representation Review Initial Proposal are provided (for inclusion in the 2018 Representation Review Final Proposal public notice on 12 September 2018).

3. BACKGROUND

The Local Electoral Act 2001 (“LEA”) requires that at least once every six years Council undertake a review of its representation arrangements. Council carried out its last review in 2012 (for the 2013 and 2016 triennial elections) and is therefore required to undertake the review again in 2018, before the 2019 triennial election.

The purpose of the review is to determine the number of councillors to be elected, the basis of election for councillors and, if this includes wards, the boundaries and names of these wards. Reviews also include whether there are to be community boards and if so, arrangements for these boards (as set out in part 1A of the LEA). Current representation arrangements in the Waikato District are as follows:

- Mayor (elected at large);
- 13 councillors (elected from 10 wards); and
- 30 community board members (elected from 5 community boards).

In 2017, Council made two decisions regarding its representation arrangements:

- to retain a first-past-the-post electoral system (14 August 2017); and
- not to introduce Māori wards (13 November 2017).

Fair representation principles set out in the LEA also dictate that Council must have careful consideration of the following key principles:

- communities of interest;
- effective representation; and
- fair representation.

Fair representation is moderated by the use of the +/- 10% rule. This rule ensures that each councillor represents about the same number of people, within a +/- 10% range. One ward – Awaroa ki Tuakau – currently does not comply with this rule.

Council chose to retain current arrangements (status quo) with some modifications to ensure compliance with LEA criteria. The following key changes to its representation arrangements were initially proposed:

- move the boundary containing the village of Mercer from the Awaroa ki Tuakau Ward to the Whangamarino Ward;
- move the boundary containing the village of Rangiriri from the Whangamarino Ward to the Huntly Ward;
- move several mesh blocks on the south-eastern border of the Whangamarino Ward to the Hukanui-Waerenga Ward;
- disestablish the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board;
- establish a Tuakau Community Board centered on the Tuakau township; and
- establish an Onewhero Community Committee with the balance of the previous Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board area.

4. DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

4.1 DISCUSSION – SUMMARY OF SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED AND STAFF COMMENTS

Council received a total of 147 submissions on its Initial Proposal, a number of these submissions were pro rata. Submitters commented on a series of issues included in the Initial Proposal. The main points of concern through the bulk of the submissions are as follows:

- *The proposal to split the current Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board into an expanded Tuakau Community Board and an Onewhero Community Committee with the balance of the previous board.*

The majority of submissions received was the proposal to split the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board. Particular reference, and repeated mention through the submission process, was made of the lack of funding and the lack of legal standing for a community committee as opposed to a community board. There were also a number of submissions that supported the proposal to review the board.

- *The proposal to move boundary containing the township of Rangiriri from the Whangamarino Ward to the Huntly Ward.*

A number of submissions received opposed the proposal to move the boundary containing Rangiriri from the Whangamarino Ward to the Huntly Ward. Generally, there was a belief that the community of interest for Rangiriri lay with Te Kauwhata in the Whangamarino Ward, and not with Huntly in the Huntly Ward.

- *Raglan Community Board covering a larger area.*

Submissions were received that called for an expansion of the current Raglan Community Board area.

- *Lack of consultation with communities on the Initial Proposal.*

Multiple submissions were received that referenced a strong belief that there had not been enough consultation with the community before and during the Initial Proposal consultation period.

4.2 OPTIONS

Council should now consider one of the following options:

- *Option 1:* confirm the Initial Proposal (un-amended) and notify this as the Waikato District Council 2018 Representation Review Final Proposal. Only those who made submissions on the Initial Proposal will be able to make an appeal on the Final Proposal.
- *Option 2:* amend the Initial Proposal and notify this as the Waikato District Council 2018 Representation Review Final Proposal. Anyone will then be able to make an objection or appeal to the Final Proposal.

The Final Proposal must be publically notified by 12 September 2018.

NOTE 1: Should amendments be made to the Initial Proposal, and any submissions are rejected, reasons must be provided and included in the public notice of the Final Proposal; and

NOTE 2: Should one or more objections or appeals be received, or the fair representation criteria (+/- 10% rule) is exceeded, the Waikato District Council 2018 Representation Review must be referred to the Local Government Commission for determination.

5. CONSIDERATION

5.1 FINANCIAL

This financial impact of consulting is within budget allocations.

5.2 LEGAL

There is a legal requirement under the Local Electoral Act 2001 to consult with the community using the special consultative procedure every 6 years.

5.3 ASSESSMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT POLICY AND OF EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS

Highest levels of engagement	Inform	Consult	Involve	Collaborate	Empower
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<i>Tick the appropriate box/boxes and specify what it involves by providing a brief explanation of the tools which will be used to engage (refer to the project engagement plan if applicable).</i>	<p>The Representation Review triggers Council's Significance and Engagement Policy through the community interest threshold, which is normal for this type of consultation.</p> <p>Consultation details on the Waikato District Council 2018 Representation Review Initial Proposal were publically notified on 20 June 2018, beginning a six week consultation period. Consultation closed on 1 August 2018. Information on the consultation (the Initial Proposal, Summary of Proposed Ward Changes, Statement of Proposal including submission form, Summary of proposed changes to the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board) was also made available to the public at all Council offices and libraries, as well as online via the "Say It" page on Councils website. Notification of consultation was also made via social media channels (along with the link to the online response collector), a media release was sent out by Council on the initial proposal also. A page in Councils newsletter the LINK covered details of the consultation and encouraged submissions – nearly 30,000 copies of the LINK are distributed to households around the district. Chairs of Community Boards and Community Committees were contacted directly when consultation opened with consultation letters and the above consultation material.</p>				

Planned	In Progress	Complete	
		✓	Internal
		✓	Community Boards/Community Committees
		✓	Waikato-Tainui/Local iwi
		✓	Households
			Business

6. CONCLUSION

The Waikato District Council 2018 Representation Review Initial Proposal has been notified for consultation. A total of 147 submissions have been received, these summarised in this hearing report. Council is now required to hear and consider all submissions and either confirm the Initial Proposal as its Final Proposal or amend the Initial Proposal as its Final Proposal at its meeting on 10 September 2018.

Reasons for any amendments to the Initial Proposal and reasons for any rejection of submissions to the Initial Proposal must be provided and published.

The Waikato District Council 2018 Representation Review Final Proposal will then be publically notified on 12 September 2018 for a one-month period inviting objections / appeals to 12 October 2018.

7. ATTACHMENTS

The following documents are included as appendices to this report:

Appendix 1: all submissions made to the Waikato District Council 2018 Representation Review Initial Proposal.

Appendix 2: Schedule of Speakers for the Waikato District Council 2018 Representation Review Initial Proposal.

Appendix 3: Full submission from Federated Farmers.

Appendix I - Waikato District Council 2018 Representation Review Initial Proposal Submissions

[in alphabetical order]

What's your name?	Postal Address	Are you making this submission on behalf of an organisation?	Which community group/organisation?	Do you wish to speak at the hearing?	Do you support the initial proposal for the Representation Review?	Can you tell us why?	Is there anything else you think we should know?
AA Anderson	58 McKinney Road, 2697	No		Yes	no	Object to the proposal to exclude the "Over the River" district from the present Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board catchment area.	
Aaron Mooar	22c Manukau Rd, Raglan 3225	No		no	no	I support most of the review but would like to see the Raglan Community Board boundaries enlarged to match the boundaries of the Raglan Ward. The rural community around Raglan and the people living in Te Mata, Te Uku and Waitetuna are very much a part of the Raglan community. Raglan is the service centre for the surrounding area and all residents should have the right to have a say in what happens in Raglan. As an example I am involved in the local junior soccer club where the teams are formed from children from throughout this area and the 4 schools. Friendships and business relationships are forged across the community board boundaries and institutions like recycle centre, school, vet, doctor's clinic, shopping centre, library, parks and boat ramps in Raglan serve the people in the community area. To all intents and purposes we are one community and the beauracracy should reflect that.	If we are to have a council that is responsive to the community I think it is important that a lot of decision making is devolved to the local community board - along with the appointment of a council employed town manager who lives in the community. The local knowledge gained from living in a community is not being utilised at the moment, instead council staff from other areas are expected to make decisions about a place they dont' know enough about. Apart from the general inefficiencies this creates it also leads to mistakes like the main street being paved incorrectly, the planning department coming up with ideas that are rejected by the community and the junior soccer club having to convince the council that there is no need to spend a million dollars building new sporting facilities when they are happy with their current location. These are just three examples of the sort of problems that occur under the current system. The staff shouldn't be blamed for a system that is inefficient, instead any decision that only affects local communities should be made by that community.
Adrian hilterman	1314 Glen Murray Road, 2695	No		no	no	I am very disappointed in the lack of information Council has provided to Glen Murray locals about this proposal. i have received nothing in the post about this. I dont understand why the change is being made to the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board.	
Adrienne Mooney	565 Matakitaki Road, Glen Murray 2695	No		no	no	I wasnt contacted that this new proposal was gong ahead. it would be appreciated if a consultant could come and speech at our community hall.	Yes! send someone out to explain or at least email so as individuals when can look into i to see how it is going to effect us out here.
Allison Robinson	13 Ponganui Road onewhero	Yes	Onewhero-Tuakau	no	no	Please can I encourage everyone to make a submission to WDC TONIGHT if you think it is unfair that they are proposing to dis-establish the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board. I know we are all busy people, but lots of us are passionate about our community! So, to make it easier you are welcome to CUT AND PASTE my submission: "Dis-establishing the Onewhero-Tuakau Community board will have a serious impact on the little community of Onewhero. By dis-establishing this board it effects nearly every community group in our village, the Adult Riding Group, the Rugby Club, the Fire Brigade, St John's Youth (who use the Fire Brigade building) the Bowling Club and the theatre (OSPA). I do not believe that the new proposed board (covering the wider district) will have the best interests of our community at heart. All of these groups at some time or other have sought assistance from the local community board and to dis-establish it will diminish our voice within the wider community and surrounding areas. Whilst our Onewhero community is spread over a large area, the village is the hub where many of the above gr ¹ ups meet, socialise and support each other. I believe with all the changes that are happening in our environment and	No


						<p>economy, being able to keep our rural community groups supported is imperative. Those community groups are the ones who support farmers when the going gets tough - by providing entertainment, sport and social outlets and supporting families by providing activities for children and families. By dis-establishing the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board the council is effectively pulling the support out from under our community groups which are the heart of our village. Councils small change will have a massive negative impact on our community."□</p> <p>You can enter the submission here: https://waikatodistrict.typeform.com/to/r6yRI3</p>	
Allon John Carr	1 Cobourne Place Port Waiukato RD 5 TUAKAU	No		Yes	no	As a Port Waikato Resident and ratepayer I am opposed to the changes suggested to the Onewhero Tuakau Community Board. This removes the opportunity for the Port Waikato Onewhero area to access discretionary funding from the board as has been previously available for community projects. I can see no reason why the new Board should not cover the whole ares including Pokeno.	
Angela Shortt	230 Miller Road, Onewhero 2697	No		no	no	The Onewhero Tuakau Community Board should not be replaced with a Community Board for Tuakau and Community Committee for Onewhero.	
Anna Lindstrom	216C Kaipō Flats Road, Tuakau	No		no	no	We already have a committee (Onewhero Domain Committee)- so if the intention is to disband the current OTCB and give Tuakau their own board, then I would like Onewhero to have a Board with same access as the Tuakau Board to the discretionary funding available. There has been no explanation as to how the current funds available would be divided up (or is it all going to go to Tuakau?).	
Anna & Ivan Wood	38 Rangiriri Road	No			no	We are part of Te Kauwhata and that is our local post office and shopping area. Also, Huntly properties are of lesser value than Rangiriri. Why would you shift us into another area when you cant even do the basics of local roads and berms. We bought into TK area not Huntly.	
Arean Lubbers	2696	No		no	no	Dis-establishing the Onewhero-Tuakau Community board will have a serious impact on the little community of Onewhero. By dis-establishing this board it effects nearly every community group in our village, the Adult Riding Group, the Rugby Club, the Fire Brigade, St John's Youth (who use the Fire Brigade building) the Bowling Club and the theatre (OSPA). I do not believe that the new proposed board (covering the wider district) will have the best interests of our community at heart. All of these groups at some time or other have sought assistance from the local community board and to dis-establish it will diminish our voice within the wider community and surrounding areas. Whilst our Onewhero community is spread over a large area, the village is the hub where many of the above groups meet, socialise and support each other. I believe with all the changes that are happening in our environment and economy, being able to keep our rural community groups supported is imperative. Those community groups are the ones who support farmers when the going gets tough - by providing entertainment, sport and social outlets and supporting families by providing activities for children and families. By dis-establishing the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board the council is effectively pulling the support out from under our community groups which are the heart of our village. Councils small change will have a massive negative impact on our community.	No
bob morris	610 Kohanga Road,	No		no	no	"Dis-establishing the Onewhero-Tuakau Community board will have a serious impact on the little community of Onewhero. By dis-establishing this board it effects nearly every community group in our village, the Adult Riding Group, the Rugby Club, the Fire Brigade, St John's Youth (who use the Fire Brigade	

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Brett Stone	1203 Glen Murray Road, 3772	No		no	no	I feel i was not well informed about this happening and a lot of others were probably the same. Poor on behalf of the council.	Chocolate biscuits at meetings would be good. Just saying.
Brett Titchmarsh	11 Coles Rd Tuakau.	No		Yes	Yes	Support the introduction of a Tuakau Community Board. This appears to more in line with other Community Boards in Waikato region. Also with the expected growth of Tuakau there are sure to be issues that are probably more appropriately considered by local representation.	
Brian mooney	565 Matakitaki Road, Glen Murray 2695	No		no	no	Because we havent even been notified about this proposal.	Yes! send a representative out to our community hall so we can hear 1st hand what it involves.
Bruce Cameron	RD5, Tuakau 2695	No		Yes	no	lack of consultation with the community. Lack of options for community to consider. o part of the current board area should be any worse off than it is at present. THE OTCB has always been a strong board so do not see the need to change it. Ward boundaries. The Onewhero Te Akau ward is much too large for one councillor to manage effectively. Making up approx. 3rd of the whole WDC. This needs to be addressed.	
Bruce Cameron, Chairman - OTCB		Yes	Onewhero Tuakau Community Board	Yes	no	The Onewhero Tuakau Community board would like to thank the council for the opportunity to speak to their submission. We do not support the Representation Review 2018 Initial Proposal. The board had a very good workshop working through the proposal and the implications of it. The Key points that emerged from the workshop were: *The quality of the consultation process and the way it was handled by the council was considered poorly handled by the Council. *There has been no rationale put forward to explain why the change to the OTCB is being proposed or what the Council is trying to address. *There has been only one option put up. *There was no presentation of the implication of the proposal, no description of a community committee, its purpose, how committee members are selected, scope of influence or funding yo support its activities and why this option was deemed to be the best option for "south of the river". *This was a missed opportunity that could have taken a more comprehensive approach to reviewing the boundaries and 'community of interest' since the current boundaries are based on the old Franklin Council area. The Board felt strongly that no part of the board area should be any worse off than what it is at present. The area 'south of the river' would immediately loose its discretionary funding with no guarantee that it would be replaced with any funding in the future. Boards are recognised as a formal part of the council	

						structure and the community. Various hall committees and community organisations within the board area have appreciated having this formal link to council and the support they have given to various issues and projects, where as a community committee has no status under the Local Government Act, and, from our understanding, the status of any committee can vary depending on its arrangements with council. This potentially creates a very uncertain situation for the community. The OTCB has always been a strong board with good support from the area that it serves and many communities have benefited from it. Its strength comes from the large area it covers and the diverse range of businesses and people that it represents. The board has always had the number of candidates required to have an election.	
Bryce Costar	RD 2 Tuakau 2697	No		no	no	<p>I disagree with disestablishing the Onewhero Tuakau Community Board. The over the river area, includes communities such as Port Waikato, Onewhero, Naike, Glen Murray and Pukekawa. All of these communities have their own unique issues and to reduce their level of representation by removing the OTCB and introducing a community committee would not be beneficial. The OTCB has always talked with members of our communities on relevant issues, as they arise, and to date this has been extremely successful.</p> <p>The growth in both Tuakau and Pokeno also directly affects the outlying areas and their existing infrastructure. The existing structure of the combined OTCB is highly effective and financially prudent</p> <p>Removing Onewhero and areas from the OTCB would create resentment for rural residents and give the impression that Council is only focussed on urban areas when we are all affected by growth.</p>	
Carleen Lowry	2271 Highway 22, RD5, Tuakau 2695	No		no	no	We have had no correspondence regarding this matter. we need our voices to be heard.	
Carol Deakin	567 Churchill Road Pukekawa RD 1 Tuakau	No		no	no	Pukekawa seems to lose it's voice under this proposal - Also there has been a total lack of public communications letting us know about it and the explanation lacks detail	
Carol Liddle	6 Parsons Road Onewhero	No		no	no	I do not want the Onewhero community to forgotten about or to change	No

caroline Conroy	1314 Glen Murray rd, RD 5, Tuakau 2695	No		Yes	no	<p>I do NOT support the proposed disestablishment of the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board and the creation of a Tuakau Community Board and Community Committee 'south of the river' for the following reasons:</p> <p>Inadequate discussion with affected Community Board - The only discussion about this proposal with the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board was a workshop where many members were absent. There was no report to the Onewhero-Tuakau Board where the decision of the Community Board was voted on and minuted.</p> <p>The proposal for consultation lacked sufficient detail and input from affected communities . - The survey of 60 key stakeholders which had 29 responses supported the continuation of community boards and there seems to be no basis for the disestablishment of the Onewhero- Tuakau community board. - Insufficient time has been taken to seek input from key stakeholders and affected communities into the development of the proposal - Affected communities did not receive any notification in the post about the proposed changes and this consultation process is not evident on the Home page of the Waikato District Council website - There was no information about what a 'community committee' is, how its members are selected, what's its purpose is, its access to funding and support/ resources it would expect from Council. Given a 'community committee' has no status under the Local Government Act there is nothing in the proposal to explain to the affected community what it is and how it differs from a residents or community group. - There is no detail about whether one community committee is planned for the area 'south of the river' or one for each community (ie Port Waikato, Glen Murray, Pukekawa etc)</p> <p>Missed opportunities - This review could have reviewed the boundaries of the OTCB board area because they currently reflect the boundaries of the old Franklin area. For example I live on Glenn Murray road and my farm fenceline was the old Franklin boundary. I am a 6 minute drive from Glen Murray Hall and yet am outside of the OTCB area, though this is my 'community of interest'. At this site the boundary could have been extended to the Glen Murray Rd/ Churchill Rd intersection or a nearby stream. - The review could have considered opportunities for the creation of additional Community Boards to reflect changing 'communities of interest'.</p> <p>This feels like a process that has been rushed instead of an opportunity to consider, consult and plan for the representation needs of the communities within the Waikato District Council for the next 10-20 years. Here was an opportunity to fully integrate the areas of the old Franklin council and the Waikato community into Community Boards that reflected 'communities of interest' and provide for local representation that was able to ensure the interests of all the local communities of Waikato were equitably represented.</p>	
Cass Young	PO Box 742 Pukekohe, 2340	Yes	Young Investors Ltd	no	Yes	<p>Absolutely! Hopefully this would give Tuakau area its own identity and get some more progress/enthusiasm in the surrounding area. I would like to see Pukekohe be part of this area rather than being attached to Auckland. This area Pukekohe/Tuakau should have remained as Franklin.</p>	
Chay Buchanan-Smith	216C Kaipo Flats Road	No		no	no		

Chris Halloway	2760 Highway 22, RD5, Tuakau 2695	No		no	no	Think the current structure works well. Lack of information is concerning. What else are you trying to hide? Why is council wishing to push this through w/o community consultation.	
Clyde McCabe		No		no	no	I oppose/object to the removal of the Over-the River districts from the O.-T.C.B. We wish to remain a part of the O.-T.C.B. area. A Community Committee is no substitute for a Community Board. A Community Board is a legal entity. A Community Committee is not.	
Dean Crisp	202 Thompson Tonga Road, RD1, Tuakau 2696	No		no response	no	I have had absolutely no correspondence regarding this proposal. We need to have community meetings with residents at community halls to discuss and review your proposal.	
Deborah Ann Nelson	209 Main Road, Onewhero 2697	No		no	no	A community board is a legal entity whereas a community committee is not, and there is no obligation for council to heed its recommendations.	
Deborah Phillips	21 Tuakau Bridge Port Waikato Rd	No		no	no	Keep the current Onewhero Tuakau community Board	Local representation by locals ensures grass roots problem solving
Dee Bond	Tuakau Hotel & Mercer Airport, PO Box 5 - Tuakau	No		Yes	no	Please see attachment https://admin.typeform.com/form/r6yRl3/field/jeqvs5BjcSFx/results/77df45657180-20180801_Submission_on_Representation_Review_2018_DBond.pdf/download	
Details withheld	withheld	No		no	no	I do not support the disestablishment of the Community Board. Our communities need the Community Board for funding community projects and for representing community related issues.	Please keep my personal information concealed.
Details withheld	withheld	No		no	no	I want the Onewhero Community Board to remain. The community has benefited greatly from the community board and the board provides a voice and an approachable forum for community issues.	I would like my personal information concealed please
Diane Morris	610 Kohanga Road, Onewhero	No		Yes	no	Dis-establishing the Onewhero-Tuakau Community board will have a serious impact on the little community of Onewhero. By dis-establishing this board it effects nearly every community group in our village, the Adult Riding Group, the Rugby Club, the Fire Brigade, St John's Youth (who use the Fire Brigade building) the Bowling Club and the theatre (OSPA). I do not believe that the new proposed board (covering the wider district) will have the best interests of our community at heart. All of these groups at some time or other have sought assistance from the local community board and to dis-establish it will diminish our voice within the wider community and surrounding areas. Whilst our Onewhero community is spread over a large area, the village is the hub where many of the above groups meet, socialise and support each other. I believe with all the changes in our environment and economy being able to keep our rural community groups supported is imperative. Those community groups are the ones who support farmers when the going gets tough - by providing entertainment and social outlets and supporting families by providing activities for children and families. By dis-establishing the Onewhero-Tuakau Community board the council is effectively pulling the	

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Donna Allely	46 Kauri Rd R D 2 Tuakau	No		no	no	<p>"Dis-establishing the Onewhero-Tuakau Community board will have a serious impact on the little community of Onewhero. By dis-establishing this board it effects nearly every community group in our village, the Adult Riding Group, the Rugby Club, the Fire Brigade, St John's Youth (who use the Fire Brigade building) the Bowling Club and the theatre (OSPA). I do not believe that the new proposed board (covering the wider district) will have the best interests of our community at heart. All of these groups at some time or other have sought assistance from the local community board and to dis-establish it will diminish our voice within the wider community and surrounding areas. Whilst our Onewhero community is spread over a large area, the village is the hub where many of the above groups meet, socialise and support each other. I believe with all the changes that are happening in our environment and economy, being able to keep our rural community groups supported is imperative. Those community groups are the ones who support farmers when the going gets tough - by providing entertainment, sport and social outlets and supporting families by providing activities for children and families. By dis-establishing the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board the council is effectively pulling the support out from under our community groups which are the heart of our village. Councils small change will have a massive negative impact on our community."□</p> <p>You can enter the submission here: https://waikatodistrict.typeform.com/to/r6yR13 —  feeling hopeful with Caroline Zeeman and 60 others.</p>	
Doreen Cook	353 Woodleigh Road, RD2, Huntly 3772	No		no	no	<p>lack of consultation. No information about why change is happening. Received nothing in post about proposal and only heard from my Community Board Members. Council need to consult with the people that vote them in.</p>	
Dougal Tilsley	95 Wairamaram a Onewhero Rd, Onewhero	No		no	no	<p>Dis-establishing the Onewhero-Tuakau Community board will have a serious impact on the little community of Onewhero. By dis-establishing this board it effects nearly every community group in our village, the Adult Riding Group, the Rugby Club, the Fire Brigade, St John's Youth (who use the Fire Brigade building) the Bowling Club and the theatre (OSPA). I do not believe that the new proposed board (covering the wider district) will have the best interests of our community at heart. All of these groups at some time or other have sought assistance from the local community board and to dis-establish it will diminish our voice within the wider community and surrounding areas. Whilst our Onewhero community is spread over a large area, the village is the hub where many of the above groups meet, socialise and support each other. I believe with all the changes that are happening in our environment and economy, being able to keep our rural community groups supported is imperative. Those community groups are the ones who support farmers when the going gets tough - by providing entertainment, sport and social outlets and supporting families by providing activities for children and families. By dis-establishing the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board the council is effectively pulling the support out from under our community groups which are the heart of our village. Councils small change will have a massive negative</p>	

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Edward Mtakwa	29 Rangiriri Road	No		no	no	I do not support the change of our existing ward to Huntley Ward. Thanks Edward Mtakwa	
Elliot	233 Parsons Road	No		no	no	What is your reasoning behind changing the Onewhero board. You're not giving us any reason why. It's stupid. As a council you should be telling us. We have a right to this information so you need to extend the period and be honest with it. Why are you actually doing it? Tell us!!!	To stop being stupid and tell us things.
Ellise Connelly	P O Box 187 Tuakau	No		no	no	Dis-establishing the Onewhero-Tuakau Community board will have a serious impact on the little community of Onewhero. By dis-establishing this board it effects nearly every community group in our village, the Adult Riding Group, the Rugby Club, the Fire Brigade, St John's Youth (who use the Fire Brigade building) the Bowling Club and the theatre (OSPA). I do not believe that the new proposed board (covering the wider district) will have the best interests of our community at heart. All of these groups at some time or other have sought assistance from the local community board and to dis-establish it will diminish our voice within the wider community and surrounding areas. Whilst our Onewhero community is spread over a large area, the village is the hub where many of the above groups meet, socialise and support each other. I believe with all the changes that are happening in our environment and economy, being able to keep our rural community groups supported is imperative. Those community groups are the ones who support farmers when the going gets tough - by providing entertainment, sport and social outlets and supporting families by providing activities for children and families. By dis-establishing the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board the council is effectively pulling the support out from under our community groups which are the heart of our village. Councils small change will have a massive negative impact on our community.	
Eloise du Toit	17A Blunt Road Te Kauwhata 3170	No		no	no	Whangamarino ward should include Rangariri and exclude Mercer. Te Kauwhata will be the center for future growth.	No
Emma	660 Onewhero Tuakau Bridge road, RD2, Tuakau	No		no	no	Dis-establishing the Onewhero-Tuakau Community board will have a serious impact on the little community of Onewhero. By dis-establishing this board it effects nearly every community group in our village, the Adult Riding Group, the Rugby Club, the Fire Brigade, St John's Youth (who use the Fire Brigade building) the Bowling Club and the theatre (OSPA). I do not believe that the new proposed board (covering the wider district) will have the best interests of our community at heart. All of these groups at some time or other have sought assistance from the local community board and to dis-establish it will diminish our voice within the wider community and surrounding areas. Whilst our Onewhero community is spread over a large area, the village is the hub where many of the above groups meet, socialise and support each other. I believe with all the changes that are happening in our environment and economy, being able to keep our rural community groups supported is imperative. Those community groups are the ones who support farmers when the going gets tough - by providing entertainment, sport and social	

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Flee Coker-Grey	1578 Glen Murray Road, Glen Murray RD5, Tuakau 2695	No		no response	no	No dont support - key points to note: - - there has been a Lack of consultancy - no assured funding attached to new proposed committee (this funding has allowed Glen Murray community to undertake a couple of small quality projects over the last few years). No info about proposed Community Committee	Small rural communities work tirelessly to fundraise for their respective projects, in the case of Glen Murray we ask for very little from the WDC, and being able to apply for additional funds from the discretionary fund has allowed us to do the small extra things that are normally out of our reach as the funds we raise can only stretch so far. The community board meetings, being held within communities on a rotating schedule, are an important way for Council reps to understand first hand the needs of those communities, the people in them and what is really going on.
Gary McGuire (Chairman TDDA)	Po Box ? Tuakau	Yes	Tuakau & Districts Development Association.	Yes	Yes	The TDDA (Tuakau & Districts Development Association) supports the formation of a new separate Tuakau Community Board centred on the town of Tuakau.	
Gemma Bardsley	2697	No		no	no	Dis-establishing the Onewhero-Tuakau Community board will have a serious impact on the little community of Onewhero. By dis-establishing this board it effects nearly every community group in our village, the Adult Riding Group, the Rugby Club, the Fire Brigade, St John's Youth (who use the Fire Brigade building) the Bowling Club and the theatre (OSPA). I do not believe that the new proposed board (covering the wider district) will have the best interests of our community at heart. All of these groups at some time or other have sought assistance from the local community board and to dis-establish it will diminish our voice within the wider community and surrounding areas. Whilst our Onewhero community is spread over a large area, the village is the hub where many of the above groups meet, socialise and support each other. I believe with all the changes that are happening in our environment and economy, being able to keep our rural community groups supported is imperative. Those community groups are the ones who support farmers when the going gets tough - by providing entertainment, sport and social outlets and supporting families by providing activities for children and families. By dis-establishing the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board the council is effectively pulling the support out from under our community groups which are the heart of our village. Councils small change will have a massive negative impact on our community.	
GJ Vuglar Antique Clock Repairs	RD2, Tuakau 2697	No		no response	no	Dont agree re OTCB	
Glen Mahoney	2820 Hwy 22, 2695	No		no	no	We have not been part of any consultation. This community board works well. Leave things as they are.	
Graeme Callander	2198 Buckland	No		no	Yes	Good idea. Tuakau would have its own identity.	

	Road						
Graham Davies	644 Onewhero-Tuakau Bridge Road	No		no	Yes	growth	"Dis-establishing the Onewhero-Tuakau Community board will have a serious impact on the little community of Onewhero. By dis-establishing this board it effects nearly every community group in our village, the Adult Riding Group, the Rugby Club, the Fire Brigade, St John's Youth (who use the Fire Brigade building) the Bowling Club and the theatre (OSPA). I do not believe that the new proposed board (covering the wider district) will have the best interests of our community at heart. All of these groups at some time or other have sought assistance from the local community board and to dis-establish it will diminish our voice within the wider community and surrounding areas. Whilst our Onewhero community is spread over a large area, the village is the hub where many of the above groups meet, socialise and support each other. I believe with all the changes that are happening in our environment and economy, being able to keep our rural community groups supported is imperative. Those community groups are the ones who support farmers when the going gets tough - by providing entertainment, sport and social outlets and supporting families by providing activities for children and families. By dis-establishing the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board the council is effectively pulling the support out from under our community groups which are the heart of our village. Councils small change will have a massive negative impact on our community.
Greg Shortt	230 Miller Road, Onewhero 2697	No		no	no	I do not support the proposal to replace the curent Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board.	
Helen & Robert Grey	1578 A Glen Murray Road, RD5, Tuakau 2695	No		no	no	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There has been a lack of consultation and information to the affected communities. 2. There is no mention in the FAQ list of the proposed Community Committee as far as to its function and status. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. The proposed changes will deny our community (Glen Murray) access to discretionary funding that is available through the Community Board, and which has supported several local projects in recent years. 4. With the rapid increase in population across the "South of the River" area, it is not an option to lose our elected Community Board Members. We totally oppose the proposal of replacing these representatives with a community committee with no status under the Local Government Act and therefore only existing at the whim of the Council. 5. It is not stated whether or not the elected members on the proposed Tuakau Community Board would in fact be from the current Onewhero-Tuakau board area, and would there be representation from the "South of the River" area. it would be totally unsatisfactory to have no representation from our area on this Board.
Ian Cook	353 Woodleigh Road, RD2,	No		no	no	Pretty disappointed at the way we have not been informed about proposal of change to our community. Lack of options. nothing in mail. No detail of anything going on why we have to change, Pretty disquisted.	

	Huntly 3772						
Irene Mtakwa	29 Rangiriri Road, Ranagiriri	No		no	no	Can we please have Rangiriri stay under the Whangamarino ward and not go under the Huntly ward.	
James Lowry	2271 Highway 22, RD5, Tuakau 2695	No		Yes	no	First of all there has been no consultation the first I heard about this was an article in last weeks community newsletter also i feel that the current system has served us well and see no reason to change.	
Jamie L'Huillier	400 Onewhero Tuakau bridge road	No		no	no	True representation for our community needs to come from within the community. These people have a deep understanding of our needs based on their life in the area. Shifting the locus of representation to a different area is an economic and efficient one but I'm not sure it gives the best representation.	
Jan Nichol		No		no	Yes	Ive lived in Port Waikato for 20+ yrs and now live in Tuakau. I have family in Port Waikato and still frequent there often. I would like to agree that Onewhero Tuakau Community board be divided so that Tuakau and Onewhero/Port Waikato area can deal with the issues that concern them only.	
Jane constant	23 kaipo flats rd	No		Yes	no	"Dis-establishing the Onewhero-Tuakau Community board will have a serious impact on the little community of Onewhero. By dis-establishing this board it effects nearly every community group in our village, the Adult Riding Group, the Rugby Club, the Fire Brigade, St John's Youth (who use the Fire Brigade building) the Bowling Club and the theatre (OSPA). I do not believe that the new proposed board (covering the wider district) will have the best interests of our community at heart. All of these groups at some time or other have sought assistance from the local community board and to dis-establish it will diminish our voice within the wider community and surrounding areas. Whilst our Onewhero community is spread over a large area, the village is the hub where many of the above groups meet, socialise and support each other. I believe with all the changes that are happening in our environment and economy, being able to keep our rural community groups supported is imperative. Those community groups are the ones who support farmers when the going gets tough - by providing entertainment, sport and social outlets and supporting families by providing activities for children and families. By dis-establishing the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board the council is effectively pulling the support out from under our community groups which are the heart of our village. Councils small change will have a massive negative impact on our community."	
Jane Hurst	14 Cordyline Road, RD5, Tuakau	No		no	no	The Onewhero area should be represented by a community board with a budget and grant funding decision-making powers so that it can properly represent the local community. A community committee is not sufficient.	The information provided on the representation review does not tell people about the limited powers of a community committee. It is very misleading. I expect that few people will know the difference between a community board and community committee.

Jayne	176 Onewhero- Tuakau Bridge Rd, RD2 Tuakau	No		no	no	Dis-establishing the Onewhero-Tuakau Community board will have a serious impact on the little community of Onewhero. By dis-establishing this board it effects nearly every community group in our village, the Adult Riding Group, the Rugby Club, the Fire Brigade, St John's Youth (who use the Fire Brigade building) the Bowling Club and the theatre (OSPA). I do not believe that the new proposed board (covering the wider district) will have the best interests of our community at heart. All of these groups at some time or other have sought assistance from the local community board and to dis-establish it will diminish our voice within the wider community and surrounding areas. Whilst our Onewhero community is spread over a large area, the village is the hub where many of the above groups meet, socialise and support each other. I believe with all the changes that are happening in our environment and economy, being able to keep our rural community groups supported is imperative. Those community groups are the ones who support farmers when the going gets tough - by providing entertainment, sport and social outlets and supporting families by providing activities for children and families. By dis-establishing the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board the council is effectively pulling the support out from under our community groups which are the heart of our village. Councils small change will have a massive negative impact on our community.	
JC Mitchell	147 Miller Road, Onewhero 2697	No		no	no	I strongly object to the proposal to replace the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board with a Community Board for Tuakau and a Community Committee for Onewhero & Districts.	
Jennifer Anne Storey	28/39 Pitt Street Auckland Central 1010	No		no	no	The Port Waikato community rely on the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board for some funding and therefore oppose the disestablishment. The proposed new Community Board will has no funding. This is not acceptable for our community.	We supply a lot of resource - specifically our beach - to the surrounding community and should be included in the Community Board where we can access funds.
Jennifer Butler	189 Maunsell Road RD 5 TUAKAU	No		no	Yes	Representation of communities which are constantly growing is obviously necessary	I am totally opposed to the plan to disestablish the Onewhero/Tuakau Community Board. The discretionary funding that they currently have access to is essential for the Port Waikato area in particular. I have lived in Port Waikato for over 20 years and even in the last year the numbers of people using the facilities has increased enormously. The increase in housing in the Tuakau/Pokeno area is going to put even more strain on the facilities in the Port Waikato area which seems to have been totally overlooked in the current proposal.
Jeremy Leigh	260 Bothwell Road, 2695	No		no	no	No consultation with the greater area. Limited or no public notification rurally. The survey that was conducted supported more community boards, not less. Rural areas need council representation and support.	
Joanne Fyers	123 Bothwell Loop Road, 2695	No		no	no	I dont think we have been informed well enough. We are a small community that relays on the community board for funding and support.	
Jocelyn Orlando Reep	4221 SH22, RD2, Huntly 3772	No		no	no	Not enough consultation or information provided to make an informed decision.	

John Burns	27 Wairamaram a Onewhero Road, RD2, Tukau 2697	No		Yes	no	The Onewhero public were not advised or consulted during the preliminary consultation period. There were no workshops or notices. The Onewhero Tuakau Community Board were not consulted - or at least this is not reflected in their meeting minutes. The general Onewhero public were only made aware of this proposal by key Onewhero residents (Justices of the Peace) on Tuesday 24th July.	The council does not have a standard or official definition of what a Committee is, or the legal differences between a Board and Committee. It is unreasonable and undemocratic to for the public to consider the consequences of this option without a clear understanding of what the change actually is. Furthermore, documentation is available which shows the results of a survey. In this survey 72% of the respondents want the current boards retained AND 72% would like to see new boards created. This completely goes against the planned changes. The Onewhero Tuakau Community Board has cash assets of approximately \$25,000. There is no advice on how this money will be redistributed fairly.
John Lawson	51 Cliff Street, Raglan 3225	Yes	x7 members of Raglan Greens	Yes	no	<p>72.4% of 'key stakeholders' wanted new community boards established, yet the only proposed change is to divide one board. Raglan Greens believe WDC should follow the example of Thames Coromandel, which has divided its whole district between community boards and devolved local powers to them (see https://www.tcdc.govt.nz/Your-Council/About-Us/Community-Governance/).</p> <p>It takes about an hour to drive between Ngaruawāhia and Raglan. Expansion of area offices would therefore save considerable staff time, as well as being better for the environment.</p> <p>It would also allow decisions to be made by people more familiar with the area. For example, in 2014 Raglan Community Board went to some trouble to get the views of over 300 people on priorities for spending. Despite that, the recent LTP included a proposal to spend \$161,000 on pill-box restoration, yet ignored the preferred priorities. \$850,000 is about to be wasted on a toilet and carpark scheme, which fails to increase capacity, but which will increase stormwater pollution beside a shellfish bed. The money could have been used to promote the priorities identified in 2014.</p> <p>Proposals to expand the areas of Huntly and Raglan community boards were rejected at Council's workshop on 15 May 2018 to retain, "the focus of these boards on their respective urban areas". As Raglan Community Board area includes the whole of Mount Karioi, that focus has already been lost. The RCB area should either be redrawn to include only the urban area, or, preferably, expanded to the ward boundary, so as to include Te Mata, Te Uku and Waitetuna, which all have close links to Raglan.</p>	
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John Leslie Anderson	Onewhero Road, Tuakau 2697	No		no	no	I disagree with this proposal because we are the only area being proposed to have just a community committee. It denies our area of Community Board entitlements.	
John Mitchell	C/O John Mitchell, Miller Road, Onewhero, RD 2 Tuakau 2697	Yes	Onewhero Residents and Ratepayers Group	Yes	no	<p>The Onewhero Tuakau Community Board (OTCB) has been highly successful over the years in assisting our vast area, and the many small villages within it, on a range of issues. The OTCB is our direct link to council, a link which we do not wish to relinquish.</p> <p>The OTCB has also financially supported numerous community groups and committees in the good work they do in our area. We do not wish to relinquish this either.</p> <p>Residents from our group have happily paid a targeted rate to contribute towards the cost of running the OTCB. Our group supports the continuation of this rate.</p> <p>WDC has not provided any sort of logical reasoning for the proposed disestablishment. It also seems to be acting in an inconsistent manner in that the Taupiri and Raglan Community Boards appear not to be under threat.</p> <p>Our members do not support the disestablishment in any way. Nor do we wish to become a community committee. A community committee holds no more legal standing than our existing Residents and Ratepayers Group so we fail to see how we would be better off.</p> <p>If council elects to proceed with the disestablishment of OTCB, we request that a Community Board be immediately established to cover the existing rural area of the current OTCB which is about to be disenfranchised.</p> <p>We request Council ensures our area is left no worse off than we currently are. The current OTCB has legal standing, the right for a representative to attend council workshops, a direct link to council, a discretionary fund and increased representation (through OTCB) for our large area. With the size of the Onewhero /Te Akau ward, it is unrealistic to expect that one councillor can cover the entire area effectively.</p> <p>We are extremely disappointed at WDC's complete lack of consultation with our group / area and also formally with the OTCB. We have searched through the OTCB minutes from the last 12 months and can find no reference to the OTCB's proposed disestablishment.</p> <p>As an affected party we feel we should have been included in the early consultation process. WDC consulted with Pokeno and Tuakau residents</p>	

						<p>regarding their ward boundary changes, but failed in any way to even attempt to engage with the area being disadvantaged. As regular submitters to WDC , we are extremely disappointed that you elected not to consult with us.</p> <p>Over many years Onewhero residents have been very active in engaging with WDC on relevant issues. Council's lack of consultation on this important subject reiterates to us the need for our communities to have a direct link to WDC through which accountability can be sought.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abandon the proposal to disestablish the Onewhero/ Tuakau Community Board. • Or establish two independent Community Boards – one for Tuakau and one for Onewhero. • Ensure that the area currently covered by the Onewhero part of the Community Board does not lose any of its existing rights. <p>Yours faithfully</p> <p>John Mitchell Chairman Onewhero Residents and Ratepayers Group</p>	
Joy Palaskas	166 Parsons Road,Onewhero RD2 Tuakau	Yes	Ospa ,fire brigade,riding club	no	no	Onewhero village will lose out on all that has been built up . Just because Onewhero village is small ,we still matter .	Just dont forget the small communities !!!
Julian Austin	1113 Churchill Road, 2696	No		Yes	no	I am perplexed as to why you intend to disestablish the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board, when your own early engagement was overwhelmingly in favour of retaining current community boards. To take away the representation of Onewhero , Pukekawa, Port Waikato and Glen Murray with the proposed boundary changes to the new proposed Tuakau Community board, is unconstitutional. The proposal has no details on how the communities will be represented.	
Jullie Halligan	78 George Street, Tuakau	No		no	Yes	The whole region is rapidly growing and I think it is important that the decisions for each community be made by those who inhabit that ward. Tuakau is set to grow phenomenally and I think it is appropriate that going forward it establishes its own board to cope with the road ahead. Other wards will then have the opportunity to be focused tightly on their own needs and challenges without being diluted by the needs of other wards. Change is inevitable, lets get it right from the get go as we go forward into a new future.	No.
Kathleen and Richard Solomon	PO Box 90 Tuakau, 2690	No		no	no	The fact that a community committee has no legal standing. We like the advocacy the current Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board has done for our area and would like the current arrangement to remain.	
Kathleen Solomon	308 Kauri Road Onewhero	No		no	no	We need to keep our community board so that we are represented in council	
Kay Vincent	72 Maioro Road, Otaua, WAIUKU,	No		no	Yes	The reasons given seem valid.	

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Keith Jackson	45 Brewster Road RD1 Tuakau	No		no	no	I feel the Onewhero area will miss out on representation and the committee will likely need to have decisions agreed to by the Tuakau Board - another process and one likely not to be on the best interest of Onewhero. Onewhero is a central hub for many area activities, it has a strong community and heart and is focussed on growing and developing a sense of community and where possible enhancing existing services and adding additional ones. It is however frustrating dealing with council on certain matters currently as lack of staff and time is used as reasons for certain decisions not be made - this as advised to me. We must have Onewhero represented to the maximum, where it can benefit directly from those ratepayers in the area that pay a board fee. A fair and sound arrangement is necessary and noone I suggest would accept anything less than the existing arrangement unless it was proven we all will benefit more widely with an alternative. Proof then must provide with it commitment and signature.	I would like another meeting to take place so we can all understand things much better.
Ken MacMillen	291 Kohanga Road, 2697	No		no	no	Dont want to leave the OTCB.	
Lana Vernon	17 Kohanga Rd, RD3, Tuakau 2693	No		no	no	Dis-establishing the Onewhero-Tuakau Community board will have a serious impact on the little community of Onewhero. By dis-establishing this board it effects nearly every community group in our village, the Adult Riding Group, the Rugby Club, the Fire Brigade, St John's Youth (who use the Fire Brigade building) the Bowling Club and the theatre (OSPA). I do not believe that the new proposed board (covering the wider district) will have the best interests of our community at heart. All of these groups at some time or other have sought assistance from the local community board and to dis-establish it will diminish our voice within the wider community and surrounding areas. Whilst our Onewhero community is spread over a large area, the village is the hub where many of the above groups meet, socialise and support each other. I believe with all the changes that are happening in our environment and economy, being able to keep our rural community groups supported is imperative. Those community groups are the ones who support farmers when the going gets tough - by providing entertainment, sport and social outlets and supporting families by providing activities for children and families. By dis-establishing the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board the council is effectively pulling the support out from under our community groups which are the heart of our village. Councils small change will have a massive negative impact on our community	
Lance Hamerton	512 Woodleigh Road, 3772	No		no	no	I have not hear of this proposal so some consultation first would be good.	
Leone Fleming	2699 Wairamaram a road, RD2, Tuakau 2697	No		no	no	We did not receive any posted notice about this situation. Would prefer the status quo to remain.	
Lesley Topping	161 Old Taupiri Rd	No		no	no	I simply want to say I am surprised you have no specific Maori representation in an area with such a high Maori presence.	

Linda Silvester	20a Violet Street, Raglan 3225	No		no	no	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 72.4% of 'key stakeholders' wanted new community boards established, yet the only proposed change is to divide one board. I believe WDC should follow the example of Thames Coromandel, which has divided its whole district between community boards and devolved local powers to them (see https://www.tcdc.govt.nz/Your-Council/About-Us/Community-Governance/). • It takes about an hour to drive between Ngāruawāhia and Raglan. Expansion of area offices would therefore save considerable staff time, as well as being better for the environment. • It would also allow decisions to be made by people more familiar with the area. For example, in 2014 Raglan Community Board went to some trouble to get the views of over 300 people on priorities for spending. Despite that, the recent LTP included a proposal to spend \$161,000 on pill-box restoration, yet ignored the preferred priorities. \$850,000 is about to be wasted on a toilet and carpark scheme, which fails to increase capacity, but which will increase stormwater pollution beside a shellfish bed. The money could have been used to promote the priorities identified in 2014. • Proposals to expand the areas of Huntly and Raglan community boards were rejected at Council's workshop on 15 May 2018 to retain, "the focus of these boards on their respective urban areas". As Raglan Community Board area includes the whole of Mount Karioi, that focus has already been lost. The RCB area should either be redrawn to include only the urban area, or, preferably, expanded to the ward boundary, so as to include Te Mata, Te Uku and Waitetuna, which all have close links to Raglan. 	
Lisa Crisp	202 Thompson Tonga Road, RD1, Tuakau 2696	No		no	no	COme on you guys how the heck are we supposed to know or even agree to your Review Proposals if we havent even heard of it!!!	
Lisa-Marie Niddrie	315 Klondyke Road, Onewhero	No		no	no	"Dis-establishing the Onewhero-Tuakau Community board will have a serious impact on the little community of Onewhero. By dis-establishing this board it effects nearly every community group in our village, the Adult Riding Group, the Rugby Club, the Fire Brigade, St John's Youth (who use the Fire Brigade building) the Bowling Club and the theatre (OSPA). I do not believe that the new proposed board (covering the wider district) will have the best interests of our community at heart. All of these groups at some time or other have sought assistance from the local community board and to dis-establish it will diminish our voice within the wider community and surrounding areas. Whilst our Onewhero community is spread over a large area, the village is the hub where many of the above groups meet, socialise and support each other. I believe with all the changes that are happening in our environment and economy, being able to keep our rural community groups supported is imperative. Those community groups are the ones who support farmers when the going gets tough - by providing entertainment, sport and social outlets and supporting families by providing activities for children and families. By dis-establishing the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board the council is effectively pulling the support out from under our community groups which are the heart of our village. Councils small change will have a massive negative impact on our community." <input type="checkbox"/>	No

Lydia Richards	27 Wairamaram a Onewhero Road, RD2, Tuakau 2697	No		no	no	<p>Failure of preliminary consultation to include local public with no public workshops or notices. The late awareness of this proposal by the general public is insulting to the local ratepayers and makes this consultation process shoddy and inadequate.</p> <p>Preliminary consultation in your proposal document shows 72% of respondents want current boards retained and 72% support new board creation, this is at odds with proposal to reduce board coverage.</p> <p>The OTCB did not make this proposal known to the wider public and any discussions that have been had, have not been minuted.</p> <p>Community boards are important legal representation to council and it is wrong for this to be removed for the area which would be covered by the proposed new community committee. Council does not have any standards for Committee creation, involvement and funding so it is not reasonable to ask the public to consider this option as it is not defined.</p> <p>Current discretionary grand funding is important for the area and its removal would affect many small groups (and larger groups) and facilities which are key to the local area.</p> <p>The proposal to disband the OTCB makes no reference to the existing balance of the local discretionary fund and how this would be redistributed. This belongs to the ratepayers and its destination should be transparent to the public.</p>	Finally, if there are changes to be made to the OTCB I believe that we should be no worse off than we are now, meaning we should still have access to our own discretionary fund. The idea that groups from our area will travel to Ngaruawahia to apply to the rural discretionary fund are unrealistic as this is 2 hours travelling there and back.
Maria Hogan	160 Kauri Road	No		no	no	I think onewhero should maintain its own community board because it provides the funding and representation for our clubs. We have our own school rugby club and various other activities that are important to the village. If we get thrown in with Tuakau it will lose rural support we have as a village.	No
Martin Vose	2820 Hwy 22, 2695	No		no	no	There has been no notification to the community and no consultation with the community. Leave as the status quo.	
Michael Gerrand	Rd 2, Tuakau, 2697	No		no	no	<p>The proposal to disestablish the Onewhero-Tuakau Community board will seriously impact the Onewhero community. Many of the community groups in Onewhero have accessed successfully, funds from this group and the dis-establishment will make it difficult for them to seek funding from the proposed Community Committee for Onewhero with no access to existing discretionary funding. What is also disappointing is that the WDC does not appear to have actively engaged with the community groups on this issue instead the groups have realised that this is proposed through the small notice in the County News and from other informal mechanisms that did not ensure groups were fully informed and able to express their views to the appropriate audience. The OTCB has significantly contributed to working with the Onewhero community and the wider district on many occasions and on a diverse range of issues and there has always been the opportunity to voice concerns and for them to advocate on our behalf with WDC.</p> <p>Numerous projects in the community would not have been viable without the support with funding grants and diverse groups such as the Onewhero Area School, Te Kohanga School, Pukekawa school, OSPA, Port Waikato Surf Livesaving, Naike Community Hall, Onewhero Rugby Club, Opuatia Hall, Te Kohanga Hall, Glen Murray Community Equestrian Group, Port Waikato Yacht and Motor Boat Club, and Pukekawa Pony Club for example have all been able to access funding assistance for worthy causes from a group that know and understand the communities it represents.</p> <p>The proposed changes are inequitable as not all urban areas will have community boards and not all rural areas will have community committees. The Raglan Community Board has both rural and urban residents and WDC is not proposing any changes there and the Taupiri Community Board is clearly in a rural area, and again, no changes are proposed for them.</p> <p>Any changes should be fully consulted on and rural communities should have access to discretionary funds without the obstacles of travel for example to a group that might be functioning some distance away from the community it</p>	

						<p>serves.</p> <p>Community groups in the Onewhero district are part of the core of the community that supports social and cultural and sporting endeavours to engage the community in positive and rewarding endeavours and the proposed changes are putting at risk the ability of the community groups to continue to function and develop for the changing needs of the community.</p>	
Michelle Holloway	2760 Highway 22, RD5, Tuakau 2695	No		no	no	Lack of information available. Not happy with change from board to committee due to lack of power.	Seems a bit underhanded not informing the community regarding the changes considering it will have a significant impact.
Mischa Hull	100 Miller Rd, RD2 Tuakau	No		no	no		
Monique and Jonti Haines	120 Maunsell Rd, RD5, Tuakau 2695	No		no	no	<p>We feel strongly that the support the community receives from the current O-TCB and the direct link to Council is invaluable this would not occur under the proposed review.</p> <p>The discretionary funding available through the Board is crucial for the Port Waikato community especially for the fire service, surf club and our Residents and Ratepayers Association - the security cameras in the community is just one example of this and would not have been able to proceed without access to funding available from the O-TCB.</p> <p>If this change were to go ahead it would create a divide between urban and rural communities. Tuakau is a service town for the rural areas we need to work together for our area.</p> <p>With the growth in North Waikato, Sunset Beach is where these people come to play, yet we could be left with nothing.</p> <p>There has not been enough information or transparency with these proposed changes to the Representation Review and we vote strongly to keep the status quo.</p>	

Monique Haines	120 Maunsell Road, RD5, Tuakau 2695	Yes	Port Waikato Residents & Ratepayers Association	Yes	no	<p>The Port Waikato Residents & Ratepayers Association is against disestablishing the O-TCB as it stands and we wish to retain the status quo. This unanimous decision was made at the our AGM on Sunday 22 July. Our reasoning behind this decision are; our community has received a lot of support from the O-TCB with many community groups being heard and also making successful applications to receive funding, this discretionary funding stream is very important to our community and under a Community Committee the funding streams are unclear and not guaranteed, Community Committees have no status under the Local Govt. Act - so what is the difference between our groups which already exist in each of our 'over the river' communities? We do not wish to be a Community Committee as we will be no better off as we won't have a direct link to Council. Tuakau is a service town for the surrounding rural areas and a great deal of residents in the wider area come to Port Waikato for recreation we need to be part of one Board to be fairly represented.</p> <p>This is a review about representation in our communities yet Council has been lacking in it's consultation with the community and community groups - community engagement should be key as it will be the community who will be most at risk of losing funding and a direct link to Council!</p> <p>Port Waikato wishes to retain the status quo and keep the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board for the benefit of our community.</p>	Transparency and communication has been woefully lacking and at the last moment for us it was 21 July!
Neil Young	PO Box 742 Pukekohe, 2340	Yes	Young Group of Companies	no	Yes	I think the proposed changes are fair/common sense approach.	
Nicola Pressnell	578 Onewhero Tuakau Bridge Rd, Tuakau, RD2 2697	No		no	no	<p>Dis-establishing the Onewhero-Tuakau Community board will have a serious impact on the little community of Onewhero. By dis-establishing this board it effects nearly every community group in our village, the Adult Riding Group, the Rugby Club, the Fire Brigade, St John's Youth (who use the Fire Brigade building) the Bowling Club and the theatre (OSPA). I do not believe that the new proposed board (covering the wider district) will have the best interests of our community at heart. All of these groups at some time or other have sought assistance from the local community board and to dis-establish it will diminish our voice within the wider community and surrounding areas. Whilst our Onewhero community is spread over a large area, the village is the hub where many of the above groups meet, socialise and support each other. I believe with all the changes that are happening in our environment and economy, being able to keep our rural community groups supported is imperative. Those community groups are the ones who support farmers when the going gets tough - by providing entertainment, sport and social outlets and supporting families by providing activities for children and families. By dis-establishing the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board the council is effectively pulling the support out from under our community groups which are the heart of our village. Councils small change will have a massive negative impact on our community.</p>	
Nicole Langi	21 Bothwell Road, 2695	No		no	no	not enough info sent out. Do not understand what i am agreeing to.	
Nigel Wagstaff	141a Andrews Road Onewhero RD2 Tuakau 2697	No		no	no	<p>I object to this proposal. A Community Committee is no substitute for a Community Board.</p> <p>A Community Board is a legal entity. A Community Committee is not.</p>	

Pam Buckley	21 Rangiriri Rd, RD2, Te Kauwhata	No		no	no	<p>This is the most ridiculous thing I have heard. Rangiriri is part of Te Kauwhata. To change us from the Whangamarino ward to Huntly ward why. Apart from recently having the fantastic walkway joining Rangiriri to Te Kauwhata, all our amenities are linked with Te Kauwhata. Jan is so easy to contact talk to, see her around Te Kauwhata and discuss what to do about what, Jan gives you the advise sends you in right direction.</p> <p>Jan is constantly coming through here to make sure/ see things progressing, or pick up on road/weed maintenance etc.</p> <p>I can't see this happening being part of Huntly, we are out of the way for Huntly 10-15 mins away, just five from Te Kauwhata. Easy to pop in. People don't want to come a 10-15 min drive for a 5 min look.</p> <p>We have an still are going thru a lot with the roading. Jan knows all our problems we have been thru and what we have accomplished so far.</p> <p>I feel Rangiriri will be left in the too hard basket, out of the way basket if lumped into the Huntly ward.</p> <p>When asked where do you live we say Te Kauwhata, we attend meetings, meet up in Te Kauwhata.</p> <p>Please don't move us to Huntly Ward just for convenience, we are linked to Te Kauwhata more than you think.</p>	All our amenities are Te Kauwhata, mail, water, refuse collection, recycling, we are Te Kauwhata not Huntly, how confusing will this be. We are not Huntly.
Paul Swift	124 Klondyke Road	No		no	no	<p>By dis-establishing the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board the council is effectively pulling the support out from under our community groups which are the heart of our village. Councils small change will have a massive negative impact on our community. Dis-establishing the Onewhero-Tuakau Community board will have a serious impact on the little community of Onewhero. By dis-establishing this board it effects nearly every community group in our village, the Adult Riding Group, the Rugby Club, the Fire Brigade, St John's Youth (who use the Fire Brigade building) the Bowling Club and the theatre (OSPA). I do not believe that the new proposed board (covering the wider district) will have the best interests of our community at heart. All of these groups at some time or other have sought assistance from the local community board and to dis-establish it will diminish our voice within the wider community and surrounding areas. Whilst our Onewhero community is spread over a large area, the village is the hub where many of the above groups meet, socialise and support each other. I believe with all the changes that are happening in our environment and economy, being able to keep our rural community groups supported is imperative. Those community groups are the ones who support farmers when the going gets tough - by providing entertainment, sport and social outlets and supporting families by providing activities for children and families.</p>	
Peter Jackson	139 Dominion Road Tuakau	No		no	Yes	It is more appropriate	No
Rachel Jefferis	13 Main Street Te Kauwhata	No		no	no	<p>We see Rangiriri as part of Te Kauwhata with very close connections, it would make sense for them to be within our ward. Te Kauwhata is a fast growing town and with that we want to ensure that the WDC focus on us and our neighbouring areas, this not being distracted by activities expanding northwards.</p>	

Raglan Community Board	PO Box 180	Yes	Raglan Community Board	Yes	no	<p>The Raglan community Board thanks the council for the opportunity to make this submission on the 2018 Representation Review.</p> <p>The board was disappointed at the outcome after the presentation to the community in which the community overwhelmingly supported including Te Mata, Te Uku and Waitetuna as part of the Raglan Community Board representation area.</p> <p>Our reasoning is that in identifying communities of interest, our neighbouring communities have a high portion of our (Raglan) school children participating in their schools during the day, and participation in sports and arts events during the evenings in Raglan.</p> <p>Two, effectively representing these communities of interest was brought to our attention in the parking by-law review where we did not engage with these community needs.</p> <p>Three, fair representation of elections, is not fair, not to include these communities around the board table.</p> <p>Finally we believe that the numbers do not fairly represent the number of residents in our area.</p> <p>Bob MacLeod Raglan Community Board Chair</p>	
Rebekah	37 Kauri Road Onewhero	No		no	no	<p>"Dis-establishing the Onewhero-Tuakau Community board will have a serious impact on the little community of Onewhero. By dis-establishing this board it effects nearly every community group in our village, the Adult Riding Group, the Rugby Club, the Fire Brigade, St John's Youth (who use the Fire Brigade building) the Bowling Club and the theatre (OSPA). I do not believe that the new proposed board (covering the wider district) will have the best interests of our community at heart. All of these groups at some time or other have sought assistance from the local community board and to dis-establish it will diminish our voice within the wider community and surrounding areas. Whilst our Onewhero community is spread over a large area, the village is the hub where many of the above groups meet, socialise and support each other. I believe with all the changes that are happening in our environment and economy, being able to keep our rural community groups supported is imperative. Those community groups are the ones who support farmers when the going gets tough - by providing entertainment, sport and social outlets and supporting families by providing activities for children and families. By dis-establishing the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board the council is effectively pulling the support out from under our community groups which are the heart of our village. Councils small change will have a massive negative impact on our community."</p>	No
Renee	342 Klondyke Road, Onewhero	Yes	Onewhero Community Group	no	no	<p>Dis-establishing the Onewhero-Tuakau Community board will have a serious impact on the little community of Onewhero. By dis-establishing this board it effects nearly every community group in our village, the Adult Riding Group, the Rugby Club, the Fire Brigade, St John's Youth (who use the Fire Brigade building) the Bowling Club and the theatre (OSPA). I do not believe that the new proposed board (covering the wider district) will have the best interests of our community at heart. All of these groups at some time or other have sought assistance from the local community board and to dis-establish it will diminish our voice within the wider community and surrounding areas. Whilst our Onewhero community is spread over a large area, the village is the hub where many of the above groups meet, socialise and support each other. I believe with all the changes that are happening in our environment and economy, being able to keep our rural community groups supported is imperative. Those community groups are the ones who support farmers when the going gets tough - by providing entertainment, sport and social outlets and supporting families by providing activities for children and families. By dis-establishing the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board the council is effectively pulling the support out from under our community groups which are the heart of our village. Councils small change will have a massive negative</p>	

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Richard Gardner	Private Bag 92-066 Auckland, 1142	Yes	Federated Farmers	Yes		Refer to Appendix 3 – Additional Submission Information.	
Rima Taua		Yes	Nгаа Tai E Rua	no	Yes	Tena Koutou. My name is Rima Taua a local kaumatua and a long time local resident of Tuakau. My wife and i along with our 3 grown children all of whol have thier own families and all of whom reside in Tuakau wish to fully support Tuakau having its own Community Board. I have also spoken to a large number of other whanau members whom are all very supportive in future developments and the growth of our wonderful township.	
Robin Ranga	7 Cobourne Place, Port Waikato, RD5, TUAKAU	No		no	Yes		It appears a practical proposal. Port Waikato is a rural settlement and significantly more aligned to the balance of others in the amended rural area, rather than the current urban Tuakau. I consider it will a benefit to our entire area to share a close association with others of common interest.
Roger Gordon	RN 2202 Highway 22	No		no response	no	There has been a complete lack of advance notice or publicity. Very short time frame in which to digest or consider the proposal or what they are. When this area came under the counties of Waikato District Council under boundary changes the WDC rate paying area increased by 33% so surely the district should receive appropriate funding or does the extra rate income go to cities and urban areas and again the rural powerhouse is done short.	
Roger Stone	337 Waikaretu Vly Road, RD5, Tuakau 2695	No		no	no	Absolutely no consultation. Feel we are being treated like we dont matter.	
Rose Easter	PO Box 677, Pukekohe 2340	No		no	no	Dis-establishing the Onewhero-Tuakau Community board will have a serious impact on the little community of Onewhero. By dis-establishing this board it effects nearly every community group in our village, the Adult Riding Group, the Rugby Club, the Fire Brigade, St John's Youth (who use the Fire Brigade building) the Bowling Club and the theatre (OSPA). I do not believe that the new proposed board (covering the wider district) will have the best interests of our community at heart. All of these groups at some time or other have sought assistance from the local community board and to dis-establish it will diminish our voice within the wider community and surrounding areas. Whilst our Onewhero community is spread over a large area, the village is the hub where many of the above groups meet, socialise and support each other. I believe with all the changes that are happening in our environment and economy, being able to keep our rural community groups supported is imperative. Those community groups are the ones who support farmers	No

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Rosemarie Costar	RD 2 Tuakau 2697	No		Yes	no		<p>I do not support the disestablishment of the Onewhero Tuakau Community Board. The OTCB provides a vital, formal, and direct link with WDC.</p> <p>I do not support the formation of an “over the river” community committee. We already have a number of very active residents and ratepayers groups, hall and community committees throughout our area.</p> <p>As community committees have no legal standing, they are no different to the existing community groups we have. I understand that community committees also do not receive any funding from WDC and do not have access to discretionary funds although I am aware there are a few historical exceptions. To remove these from our community, by disestablishing the OTCB would leave us worse off than we are now.</p> <p>For council to propose the disestablishment of our Community Board without engaging with our community is beyond belief to say the least. I understand that there was discussion within Council about the Taupiri Community Board becoming a Community Committee, and that an elected member spoke with the group to seek their thoughts. The Taupiri Community Board elected to remain a Community Board, and WDC has supported this. Why were Onewhero and the surrounding areas not given the same courtesy?</p> <p>I understand that Council feel Community Boards are for urban areas, and community committees are for rural areas however I have no idea of the rationale behind this. I also struggle to understand that if this is really how council feel, why have changes not been made to other Community Board boundaries? Raglan Community Board includes a large rural area. The proposed new Tuakau Community Board is extending the rural area it encompasses. If these are genuinely your thoughts, why is only our Community Board proposed to be modified?</p> <p>The fact that we have to even write this submission shows that there is a real and genuine lack of engagement with our “over the river” community. I fail to see how removing our representation from the Community Board will improve this.</p> <p>I have also read through the OTCB minutes for the last 12 months and found no record of any formal consultation with them by WDC on the disestablishment. I struggle to understand how this proposal could have even got off the ground without discussion with those affected by it.</p> <p>One of the challenges our ward faces is its own size. With the entire ward representing a third of the districts land mass, removing representation from the more populated Community Board areas will disadvantage our communities. To think one councillor can do justice to</p>

							ward this size is completely unrealistic, as I submitted to you in the last representation review and still firmly believe. My personal belief is that the current Community Board structure works exceptionally well. Communities have their own committees but have that formal link with the Community Board when they are unable to resolve their own issues. Creating another informal committee and removing the Community Board does not gain anything – it just creates another informal layer and removes the accountability a Community Board gives.
Ross Mclean - Chairman, MRRC		Yes	Mercer Residents & Ratepayers Committee	no response	Yes	This submission is lodged by the MRRC to advise the council, the community support towards the 2018 Representation Review Initial proposal notified on 20 June 2018. MRRC aim is to work collaboratively with the community and Waikato District Council (WDC) in dealing with local issues in the township of Mercer and its surrounding rural area. Mercer comprises of 3 wards, Awaroa ki Tuakau, Whangamarino and Onewhero-Te Akau, within a 2 kilometer radius of Mercer Township. Being allocated to 3 wards has divided the community leading to miscommunication and confusion when in discussion on matters of Mercer. Changing the ward boundaries will enable Mercer community to have a clear direction when consulting representatives of Council on matters of Mercer. The MRRC would like more representation and correspondence with the council through our councillor to develop Mercer into a key town. Members of the community may still make individual submissions.	
Russell Green	Po Box 404258 Puhoi 0951	No		no	no	I think The existing structure has worked well for the Rural Settlement of Onewhero and it should be maintained going forward.	Please pay heed to the needs of small rural villages like Onewhero because they need all the representation possible to survive against the larger centres that by nature of their size suck the resources away from the smaller places.
Sally Wagstaff	141a Andrews Road Onewhero	No		no	no	1. Lack of public notice and consultation 2. A community committee has no legal standing 3. the current board is already funded by my rates 4. There does not appear to be any mention of what will happen to existing funds already collected for our Board.	
Sam Vernon	17 Kohanga Road	No		no	Yes	NA	NA
SamVernon	17 Kohanga Road	No response		no	no	Dis-establishing the Onewhero-Tuakau Community board will have a serious impact on the little community of Onewhero. By dis-establishing this board it effects nearly every community group in our village, the Adult Riding Group, the Rugby Club, the Fire Brigade, St John's Youth (who use the Fire Brigade building) the Bowling Club and the theatre (OSPA). I do not believe that the new proposed board (covering the wider district) will have the best interests of our community at heart. All of these groups at some time or other have sought assistance from the local community board and to dis-establish it will diminish our voice within the wider community and surrounding areas. Whilst our Onewhero community is spread over a large area, the village is the hub where many of the above groups meet, socialise and support each other. I believe with all the changes that are happening in our environment and economy, being able to keep our rural community groups supported is imperative. Those community groups are the ones who support farmers when the going gets tough - by providing entertainment, sport and social outlets and supporting families by providing activities for children and families. By dis-establishing the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board the council is effectively pulling the support out from under our community groups which are the heart of our village. Councils small change will have a massive negative impact on our community.	

Sandra Keizer	RD 2 Tuakau 2697	No		no	no	<p>Why would I support something that is taking so much away from our community?????</p> <p>A community committee is not going to give us anything more than our very active existing residents and ratepayers group does. Being removed for the OTCB will mean we not longer have access to the discretionary fund that supports so many small local community groups who do so much "good" for the area.</p> <p>Council could have saved themselves a lot of time and our money (rates) if you have simply talked to us before coming up with such a useless proposal.</p> <p>I have recently heard significant community exasperation and annoyance with how council come up with these ideas.</p>	
Sandra penny	104 Hira Access Rd RD2 Tuakau	Yes	Onewhero- Tuakau Community Board	no	no	<p>"Dis-establishing the Onewhero-Tuakau Community board will have a serious impact on the little community of Onewhero. By dis-establishing this board it effects nearly every community group in our village, the Adult Riding Group, the Rugby Club, the Fire Brigade, St John's Youth (who use the Fire Brigade building) the Bowling Club and the theatre (OSPA). I do not believe that the new proposed board (covering the wider district) will have the best interests of our community at heart. All of these groups at some time or other have sought assistance from the local community board and to dis-establish it will diminish our voice within the wider community and surrounding areas. Whilst our Onewhero community is spread over a large area, the village is the hub where many of the above groups meet, socialise and support each other. I believe with all the changes that are happening in our environment and economy, being able to keep our rural community groups supported is imperative. Those community groups are the ones who support farmers when the going gets tough - by providing entertainment, sport and social outlets and supporting families by providing activities for children and families. By dis-establishing the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board the council is effectively pulling the support out from under our community groups which are the heart of our village. Councils small change will have a massive negative impact on our community." <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
Sarah pointon	53 kauri road RD2 tuakau	Yes	Onewhero	no	no	<p>"Dis-establishing the Onewhero-Tuakau Community board will have a serious impact on the little community of Onewhero. By dis-establishing this board it effects nearly every community group in our village, the Adult Riding Group, the Rugby Club, the Fire Brigade, St John's Youth (who use the Fire Brigade building) the Bowling Club and the theatre (OSPA). I do not believe that the new proposed board (covering the wider district) will have the best interests of our community at heart. All of these groups at some time or other have sought assistance from the local community board and to dis-establish it will diminish our voice within the wider community and surrounding areas. Whilst our Onewhero community is spread over a large area, the village is the hub where many of the above groups meet, socialise and support each other. I believe with all the changes that are happening in our environment and economy, being able to keep our rural community groups supported is imperative. Those community groups are the ones who support farmers when the going gets tough - by providing entertainment, sport and social outlets and supporting families by providing activities for children and families. By dis-establishing the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board the council is effectively pulling the support out from under our community groups which are the heart of our village. Councils small change will have a massive negative impact on our community." <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
Sateki Langi	21 Bothwell Road, 2695	No		no	no	<p>Communication was not transparent across the community. Not enough input via post etc.</p>	

Shane Fleming	2699 Wairamaram a Road, 2697	No		no	no	No information in the mail. Why does it need to change? I would like current community board to remain.
Sharon Rydon	RD 2, Tuakau	Yes	Onewhero Recreation Reserve Management Committee	Yes	no	<p>The proposal to disestablish the Onewhero-Tuakau Community board will seriously impact the Onewhero community. Many of the community groups in Onewhero have accessed successfully, funds from this group and the dis-establishment will make it difficult for them to seek funding from the proposed Community Committee for Onewhero with no access to existing discretionary funding. What is also disappointing is that the WDC does not appear to have actively engaged with the community groups on this issue instead the groups have realised that this is proposed through the small notice in the County News and from other informal mechanisms that did not ensure groups were fully informed and able to express their views to the appropriate audience. The OTCB has significantly contributed to working with the Onewhero community and the wider district on many occasions and on a diverse range of issues and there has always been the opportunity to voice concerns and for them to advocate on our behalf with WDC.</p> <p>Numerous projects in the community would not have been viable without the support with funding grants and diverse groups such as the Onewhero Area School, Te Kohanga School, Pukekawa school, OSPa, Port Waikato Surf Livesaving, Naike Community Hall, Onewhero Rugby Club, Opuatia Hall, Te Kohanga Hall, Glen Murray Community Equestrian Group, Port Waikato Yacht and Motor Boat Club, and Pukekawa Pony Club for example have all been able to access funding assistance for worthy causes from a group that know and understand the communities it represents.</p> <p>The proposed changes are inequitable as not all urban areas will have community boards and not all rural areas will have community committees. The Raglan Community Board has both rural and urban residents and WDC is not proposing any changes there and the Taupiri Community Board is clearly in a rural area, and again, no changes are proposed for them.</p> <p>Any changes should be fully consulted on and rural communities should have access to discretionary funds without the obstacles of travel for example to a group that might be functioning some distance away from the community it serves.</p> <p>Community groups in the Onewhero district are part of the core of the community that supports social and cultural and sporting endeavours to engage the community in positive and rewarding endeavours and the proposed changes are putting at risk the ability of the community groups to continue to function and develop for the changing needs of the community.</p>

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
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Shaun Jackson	Po Box 856 Pukekohe	No		no response	Yes	<p>Would like to get better representation for the growing town of Tuakau... Also think that Onewhero community committee will get better representation as well</p>	
Simon Craggs	29 Hall Road, Onewhero	Yes	Onewhero Area School	no	no	<p>Onewhero Area School does not support the proposed disbanding of the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board. Onewhero Area School has a roll of 530 students, many of these students come to us from Tuakau. Over the years our students have received a number of grants from the community board. For example, in 2017 our Kapa Haka group received a grant to fund new piupiu. We could not have accessed these funds from elsewhere. If the proposed changes occur then we will no longer be able to access these grants to help fund special projects. In addition, our community board considers the needs of the whole area, not just a small geographical zone. I cannot understand how council believes that this proposal would better serve the needs of the wider community, especially with the projected population growth expected in the area.</p>	
Some Dalbeth	18 Aislabie Road, Onewhero, RD2, Tuakau 2697	Yes	Onewhero- Tuakau community Board	no	no	<p>I don't feel that it is in the best interest for the Onewhero community to discontinue the current board. Keeping these small boards is an intragal factor in keeping the community as a whole, supported heard and understood. When it becomes a larger area that these boards are covering the smaller communities get forgotten about. The current board is an intragal part of the well-being of the community.</p>	Not at this stage
Steve Edwards	2 Centreway Road, Port Waikato	No		no		<p>The Port Waikato Community vehemently oppose the disestablishment of the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board.</p>	

Sylvia Devlin	PO Box 90, Tuakau 2342	Yes	Onewhero Society of Performing Arts Inc. (OSPA)	no	no	<p>OSPA has no issue with representation based on population numbers, but is concerned that no consultation has been carried out with the affected parties in the proposed new Onewhero Community Committee area. The Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board (OTCB) has supported many projects and groups in the large "over-the-river" area with funding grants, and represented their issues at Council. These include schools, sports clubs, community halls and the arts.</p> <p>OSPA is opposed to the creation of a Community Committee to represent our rural communities on the basis that whilst a Community Board has legal standing, a Community Committee does not; nor does it have guaranteed access to discretionary funding for future community projects. Should the proposed changes occur, we would be unfairly disadvantaged. It is our understanding that there is a considerable unallocated sum in the OTCB discretionary fund. What would become of these unspent funds? The matter of the ongoing availability of funding will need to be addressed.</p> <p>There are other rural/urban mixed communities within Council's jurisdiction that will not be split, e.g. Raglan and Taupiri, as is the proposal for the current OTCB area. This lack of consistency is a concern.</p>	
Tamaryn Peddie	1203 Glen Murray Road, 3772	No		no	no	I feel that the area i live in will no longer be well represented with the new proposal.	
Tarn carly	Aislabie Road, Onewhero, RD2 Tuakau	No		no	no		
Taylor Shrimpton	1 Oceanview Rd Port Waikato	Yes	Sunset Beach Lifeguard Service	no	no		The Port Waikato community vehemently oppose the disestablishment of the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board.

<p>Teresa Phillips on behalf</p>	<p>Rocky Flats 31A Ponganui Road Onewhero RD2 Tuakau 2697</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Rural Women New Zealand - Onewhero Branch</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>no</p>	<p>Firstly if we look at The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals - Goal 8 is Decent work & economic growth, Goal 9 is Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure, Goal 10 is Reduced Inequalities, Goal 11 Sustainable Cities and Communities And Goal 17 is Partnerships for the Goals- where we all need to work together to achieve agreed outcomes.</p> <p>The proposal of removing the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board & creating a Community committee for our area certainly will not help achieve the UN goals. There has been no rural impact analysis put over this that we are aware of.</p> <p>The deletion of the O-T Community Board also means that a large area of the Waikato district has little representation and as a Committee it has much less power than a Board.</p> <p>There is no discretionary funding as there is with a Board, which the Ward has used for a number of successful projects.</p> <p>The communities on the south side of the Waikato River in the Onewhero Te Akau Ward are small but active, and appreciate and need the support that the current Community Board provides and under the proposed structure they will miss out on.</p> <p>Communities such as Raglan which has a similar population as our Ward, still have a Board. Taupiri has a Community Board and is only a small area and yet it has a Community Board</p> <p>Many of the small communities in the area already have residents and rate payers to look after their areas- they need a strong connected Board to act as an umbrella overseeing and supporting them.</p> <p>Many residents are involved in activities both sides of the river, and splitting it is not the answer as both sides benefit from a strong united voice for those who live there</p> <p>The district was surveyed and 72.4% wanted current Community Boards retained and 72.4% wanted new Community Boards established (as per the statement of proposal). The voters have spoken. Why is the Council not listening to the people who voted?</p> <p>If this scheme goes ahead, and a Community Committee is formed, Onewhero Te Akau need to be paid the respective funding from targeted rates that has gone to or is presently going into the Community Board, and continue to get discretionary funding to carry on doing the role of community support that the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board has been doing, as many of the grants have gone "over the river".</p>	
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Tim Buckley	21 Rangiriri Rd, RD2, Te Kauwhata	No		no	no	All our amenities are thru Te Kauwhata, our mail/address is Te Kauwhata, our rubbish collection is Te Kauwhata, we are part of Te Kauwhata not Huntly. Te Kauwhata community includes us in there meetings for instance the new Cycle/ walkway. It takes 5 minutes for the councillor to come see us at present, it will take 10 - 15 mins for Huntly to come. If you pay for mileage this is not cost effective, an if you say they will not need to come up often so will be more cost effective you have got that wrong. Rangiriri has had a lot to put up with concerning the new roading, we still have a lot to put up with. Jan has been there for us an understands what has been happening in our village, will the Huntly lot know NO. So once again Rangiriri Historical village will be out in the cold. Dealing with one councillor who knows you an your village an previous history is an easy choice, we are linked to Te Kauwhata.	
Tim Orlando Reep	Highway 22, RD2, 3772	No		no	no	Doesnt look after Glen Murray and Naike communities. Takes away any voice. Not enough consultation or information need to consult.	
Toni Grace	94 Swan Rd, RD 1, Te Kauwhata 3781	Yes	Te Kauwhata Community Committee	Yes	Yes	With population growth and the subsequent changing community dynamics, a review of how those communities are best and fairly represented is warranted.	Whilst we support the review we do have some concerns regarding the boundary changes for the Whangamarino Ward. - Rangiriri is geographically and socially aligned with Te Kauwhata as the main community of interest. - The inclusion of Mercer into Whangamarino Ward will increase the community workload (including up to 5 community meetings per month) for our local Councillor, which will limit their ability to maintain strong focus on our growing community of Te Kauwhata.
Tony Oosten	16 james street raglan	No		no	no	The raglan community board should be expanded to align with the raglan ward as the community of the raglan ward are active users of the Raglan community.	
Tracey Dixon-Neale	642 Kohanga Road	No		no	no	I don't want the Onewhero-Tuakau community board disestablished	
Valerie McCabe (Onewhero resident and ratepayer)		No		no	no	I oppose to the removal of the Over-the River districts from the O.-T.C.B. We wish to remain a part of the O.-T.C.B. area. A Community Committee is no substitute for a Community Board. A Community Board is a legal entity. A Community Committee is not. Why have we not been consulted?	
Vanessa Rose	45 Brewster Road, Rd1, Tuakau 2696	No		no	no	Amongst other things, because the new Onewhero area would lose funding currently available	No
Veneen Williams	248 parsons rd Onewhero	No response		no response	no	Dis-establishing the Onewhero-Tuakau Community board will have a serious impact on the little community of Onewhero. By dis-establishing this board it effects nearly every community group in our village, the Adult Riding Group, the Rugby Club, the Fire Brigade, St John's Youth (who use the Fire Brigade building) the Bowling Club and the theatre (OSPA). I do not believe that the new proposed board (covering the wider district) will have the best interests of our community at heart. All of these groups at some time or other have sought assistance from the local community board and to dis-establish it will diminish our voice within the wider community and surrounding areas. Whilst our Onewhero community is spread over a large area, the village is the hub where many of the above groups meet, socialise and support each other. I believe with all the changes that are happening in our environment and economy, being able to keep our rural community groups supported is imperative. Those community groups are the ones who support farmers	

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Vern Reeve		Yes	Tuakau and District Realty	Yes	Yes	Agree to the splitting off from the existing Onewhero Tuakau Community Board to a more focused Tuakau Community Board with its projected population growth and economic development and to the revised boundary as per the map. I also believe that the opportunity exists for a stronger rural voice should they choose to form their own committee with or without a target rate. Also suggest that Mercer be added to the Whangamarino Ward.	
Verne Reeve		No		Yes	Yes	I agree to the splitting off and Tuakau Remaining as a Community Board. Agree to the change of boundarys around Tuakau. For the rural communities i request that council allows sufficient timing for coconsideration by these communities to consult on community committee and or targeted rate. Agree that Mercer be added to the Whangamarino Ward.	
Vivien Anderson	293 Waikaretu Wairamarama Road, RD2, Tuakau 2697	No		no	no	I am not happy that there are going to be lots of changes to our local government without any consultation to the communities concerned. what is the outcome for my community? Are we going to be better off or worse? Will this affect the rates bull etc. What about our representation?	
Wayne Beaver	68 Rangiriri Rd, RD2, Te Kauwhata	No		Yes	no	Rangiriri village must stay in Whangamarino Ward. It is linked in hand with Te Kauwhata in the vital services of water,sewage, waste water an rubbish collections. Now we also have a partial completed walkway/cycle link to Te Kauwhata. The dealing with one councillor is vital in my view who knows both villages so closely linked	
Wendy Hamerton	512 Woodleigh Road, RD2, Huntly 3772	No		no	no	Not enough information/community consultation. I am happy with the status quo as our local community's dont ask for a lot but would like to keep what we have. We need local voices to be heard thru our community boards.	
Wendy Hamerton & Kate Logan-Smith	512 Woodleigh Rd, RD2, Huntly, 3772.	Yes	Naike Community Incorporated Society	no	no	The proposal to disestablish the Onewhero/Tuakau Community Board. Reasons being the loss of funding for community projects, loss of representation in council, the loss of a platform to speak on community issues that affects our area. We already have multiple community committees south of the river.	Lack of consultation and information about the review leaves us with to many questions to be able to support this proposal.

Wenny lubbers	445 Kauri road	No		no	no	<p>Dis-establishing the Onewhero-Tuakau Community board will have a serious impact on the little community of Onewhero. By dis-establishing this board it effects nearly every community group in our village, the Adult Riding Group, the Rugby Club, the Fire Brigade, St John's Youth (who use the Fire Brigade building) the Bowling Club and the theatre (OSPA). I do not believe that the new proposed board (covering the wider district) will have the best interests of our community at heart. All of these groups at some time or other have sought assistance from the local community board and to dis-establish it will diminish our voice within the wider community and surrounding areas. Whilst our Onewhero community is spread over a large area, the village is the hub where many of the above groups meet, socialise and support each other. I believe with all the changes that are happening in our environment and economy, being able to keep our rural community groups supported is imperative. Those community groups are the ones who support farmers when the going gets tough - by providing entertainment, sport and social outlets and supporting families by providing activities for children and families. By dis-establishing the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board the council is effectively pulling the support out from under our community groups which are the heart of our village. Councils small change will have a massive negative impact on our community."□</p> <p>You can enter the submission here: https://waikatodistrict.typeform.com/to/r6yR13 —  feeling hopeful with Donna Taylor and 60 others.</p>	People in the community think that it is needles to react because the decision is already made anyway and that this submission is only for the show
Yvonne Cameron	2443 Highway 22, RD5, Tuakau	No		no	no	<p>There has been no consultation with "over the river". no public notification - must be done by mail as no local papers deliver out here, Survey results show support for more community boards, not less. Must keep community board status to have a voice and project support.</p>	

**Appendix2 - Waikato District Council 2018 Representation Review
Initial Proposal Hearing
Schedule of Speakers**

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This submission is made on behalf of Federated Farmers of New Zealand (Auckland Province) Incorporated ("Auckland Federated Farmers").

Auckland Federated Farmers thanks the Waikato District Council for the opportunity to participate in its review of the Waikato District Council Representation Arrangements ("the Proposal").

General Comments

In general terms, Auckland Federated Farmers recognises that there is a legislative requirement on Council to review its representation arrangements. However, it is also a requirement of the legislation that the review result in fair and effective representation for the individuals in the District and the communities that make up the District.¹

It is also a principle of the legislation that the outcome of such a review promotes public confidence in, and public understanding of, local electoral processes.

Auckland Federated Farmers' interests in respect of the Proposal lie in the arrangements as regards the proposed Tuakau Community Board.

It is Auckland Federated Farmers' view that the representation arrangements proposed by the Council, as regards the proposed Tuakau Community Board and in respect of the present Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board, will not result in fair and effective representation, and will not promote public confidence in local electoral processes, insofar as the proposals relate to the people and communities of the Onewhero area of the District.

The Council's website records the following, in respect of the Community Boards in the District:²

Community Board members are elected to look after local interests and to be a link between the community and the Council. Community Boards were established to enable communities to have a voice in decisions affecting them and to ensure people have their say on local issues.

It is Auckland Federated Farmers' understanding that the Council is proposing to establish a "community committee" in respect of the Onewhero area. The Council's website records the following, in respect of the community committees in the District:

Community Committees are set up by the Council to deal with local issues [in some townships, and in the north-east of the District].

¹ Local Electoral Act 2001, section 4.

² Available at <<https://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/your-council/council-committees-boards/community-boards-and-committees>>.

Plainly, the representation arrangements for the people of the Onewhero area will be greatly reduced if the Proposal proceeds. Many farmers on the Onewhero area rely on their ability to access the Council through their Community Board and through the members of their Community Board. Accordingly, a workable set of representation arrangements is important to them.

Thus, Auckland Federated Farmers opposes the proposal to split the present Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board, and to establish the Tuakau Community Board, to represent Tuakau and the area around Tuakau north of the Waikato River. Auckland Federated Farmers considers that, in general terms, the present arrangements for the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board, which represents the whole of the Onewhero and Tuakau areas, being in large measure the part of the district that, prior to the formation of the Auckland Council in 2010, was a part of the former Franklin District Council, should be retained.

Further details of Auckland Federated Farmers' opposition to what is proposed is provided below.

Recommendation: That Council not proceed with its proposal to establish the Tuakau Community Board, and instead reinstate the present Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board.

Specific Comments

As discussed above, Auckland Federated Farmers has several concerns with what is proposed by way of representation for the people and communities of the Onewhero-Tuakau area of the Waikato District, which can be summarised briefly follows:

Lack of adequate notice and consultation

Auckland Federated Farmers considers that the Proposal has not been adequately notified to those who will be affected by it, and there has been inadequate prior consultation with those who will be affected by it, particularly those in the Onewhero area, who stand to lose their representation at Community Board level.

The Statement of Proposal, by which the Council advised of the requirement on it to review the representation arrangements for the District, makes no mention that there are changes which are proposed which differ from the present arrangements. This is particularly unsatisfactory, in that potential submitters such as Auckland Federated Farmers have no formal case to respond to, and are left to prepare their submissions based entirely on information obtained from other sources.

It is understood that the Council held meetings in Tuakau and Pokeno regarding the proposals to alter the electoral ward boundaries, but the Council has apparently not considered it appropriate to consult with those who might be affected by the proposals regarding the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board.

The lack of consultation has also meant that there has been no opportunity for people to consider different options that might be available for better representing the interests of the residents, interest groups and communities of the District as a whole.

Inadequate representation for large part of the District

The Onewhero area comprises around a third of the land 400,000ha land area of the District, is sparsely populated in comparison to other parts of the District, and the Onewhero Community is itself made up of a number of small communities, all of whom have come to value the relationships with their local Community Board, yet the Council's proposal will deprive those communities of that direct representation to the Council.

The area has its own unique issues, so should not be short-changed in its representation. The size of the area, the diverse range of landscapes and land uses and the pressures coming on by way of far-reaching environmental protections, mean that it is crucial that the area has strong representation at an official level.

As Auckland Federated Farmers sees it, the present Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board has been successful in advocating on behalf of the Onewhero community, particularly as regards freedom camping, roading issues and issues regarding the Onewhero Reserve.

It is understood that the Council proposes to replace the representation of the Onewhero community on the formal Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board, with an informal Onewhero Community Committee. Yet, both the relevant legislation and the Council's own information make it plain that this is a lesser form of representation.

The Local Government Act 2002 makes specific provision for Community Boards, but not for the informal community committees. Section 52 sets out the roles of Community Boards, which includes:

- representing and acting as an advocate for the interests of their communities;
- considering and reporting on matters of interest or concern to the community board;
- maintaining an overview of services provided by the Council within the community;
- submitting to the Council annually regarding expenditure within the community;
- communicating with community organisations and special interest groups within the community.

As noted earlier, the Council's website also records that the District's community boards look after local interests, provide a link between the community and the Council and enable local people and their communities to have a say on local issues and in decisions affecting them. The Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board has been self-funding, funded by way of a targeted rate on the local community, a situation which has existed for many years, including many years prior to the local government reorganisation in Auckland, which resulted in the Onewhero-Tuakau area becoming part of the Waikato District.

On the other hand, there is no formal provision in the legislation for community committees, and it seems that they have been established solely to deal with local issues, and then only in some places and some areas. In many cases it seems that the community committees do no more than look after the local hall.

As Auckland Federated Farmers sees it, the present arrangements regarding the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board are serving the Onewhero-Tuakau community effectively and successfully, and there is no good reason to, in effect, disband it.

Unfairness in relation to other communities in the District

Auckland Federated Farmers considers that the changes proposed in respect of representation for the Onewhero area mean that the area will be disadvantaged in comparison with other rural areas in the District. Auckland Federated Farmers understands that both the Raglan Community Board and the Taupiri Community Board service large rural areas in addition to their townships, and that no changes are proposed for those Community Boards, (although it is understood that changes were proposed in respect of the status of the Taupiri Community Board, which were rejected by the local community at an early stage).

It is considered to be unbalanced for some rural areas to have representation at Community Board level, while others do not, and that reducing the representation of the large Onewhero area at community board level will result in this unbalanced situation becoming even more unbalanced.

Auckland Federated Farmers

Federated Farmers of New Zealand is a primary sector organisation that represents the majority of the country's farming businesses. Federated Farmers of New Zealand has a long and proud history of representing the interests of New Zealand's farming communities, primary producers, and agricultural exporters. Auckland Federated Farmers is a province of Federated Farmers of New Zealand, representing the local interests of members of Federated Farmers of New Zealand in Federation's Auckland Province.³

Federated Farmers of New Zealand aims to add value to its members' farming business. Our key strategic outcomes include the need for New Zealand to provide an economic and social environment within which:

- Our members may operate their business in a fair and flexible commercial environment
- Our members' families and their staff have access to services essential to the needs of the rural community
- Our members adopt responsible management and environmental practices.

The total agricultural sector is even more important to the economy than it was fifteen years ago. Its contribution to the New Zealand economy has risen from around 14.2 percent of GDP in 1986/87 to around 17 percent today (including downstream processing). Some authorities consider agriculture's current contribution to the New Zealand economy to be about 20 percent of GDP.

Auckland Federated Farmers looks forward to further consultation with the Waikato District Council on these and other topics, as well as to continued participation in the overall development of the Waikato District.

Auckland Federated Farmers wishes to be heard in connection with this submission.

³ The Auckland Province of Federated Farmers of New Zealand is the Auckland Council area, and that area of the Waikato District which was part of the former Franklin District.



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