



Representation Review

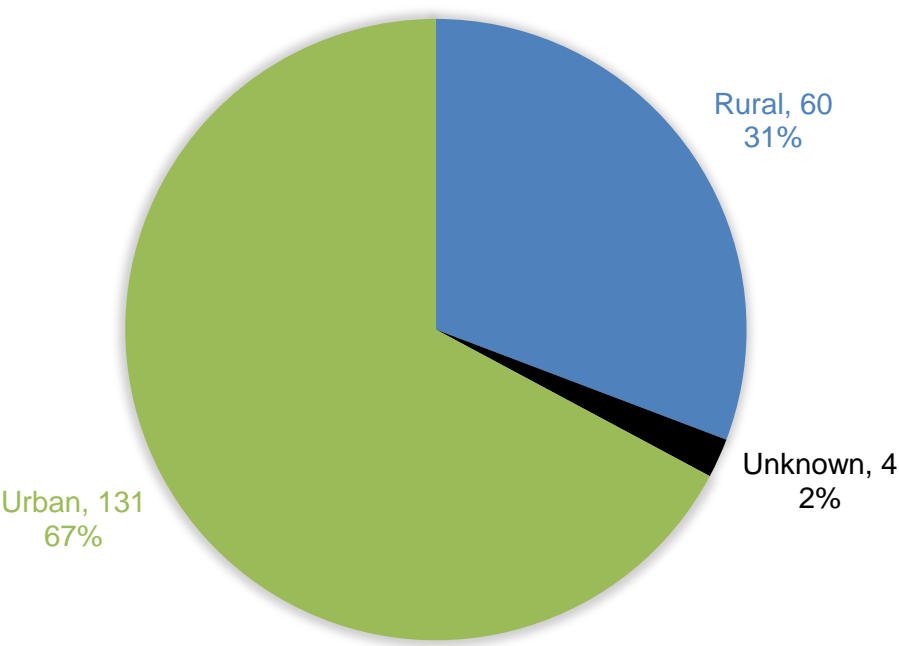
Submissions and Facebook Comments

15 August 2018 - Hearing

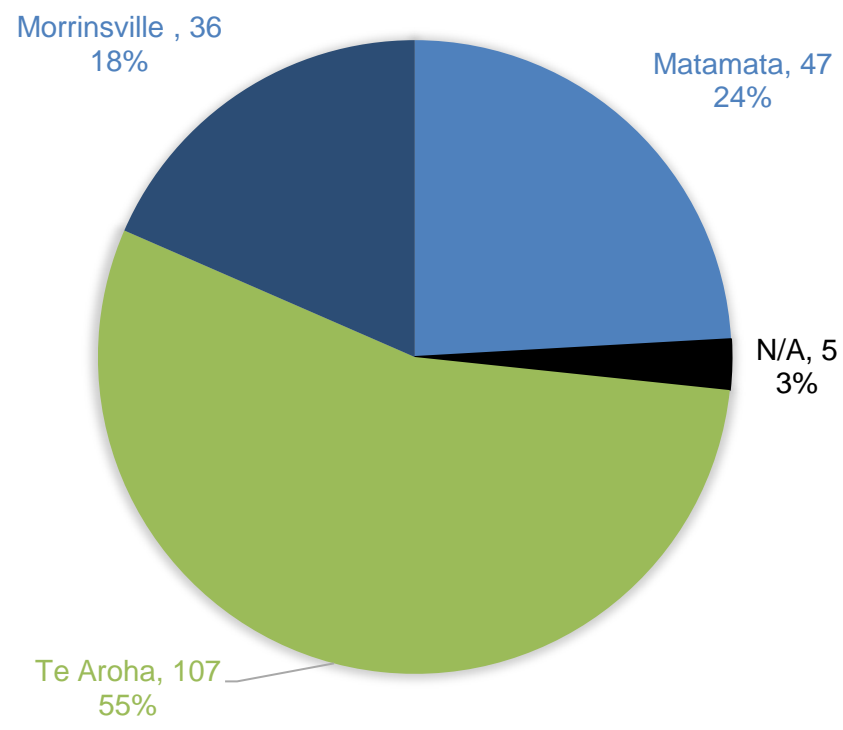
Representation Review – Submission Statistics

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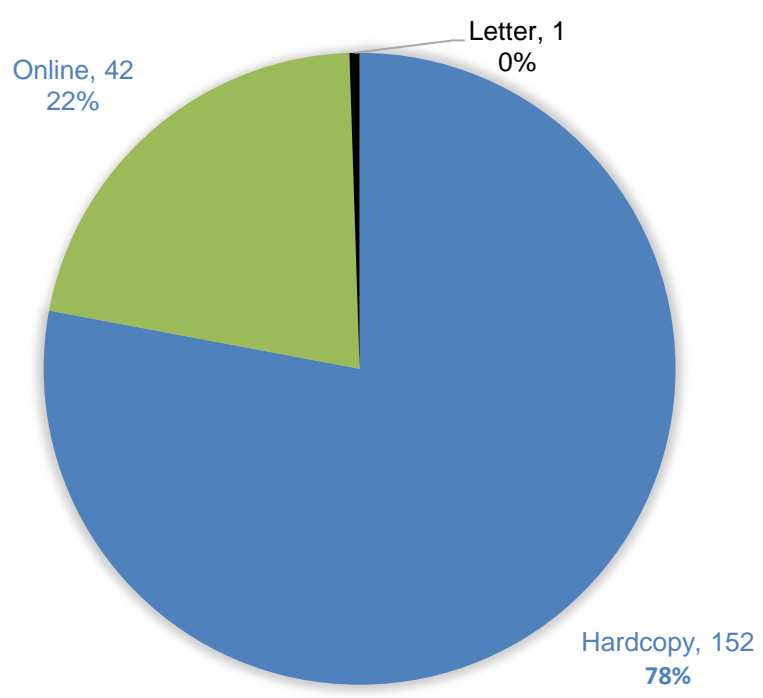
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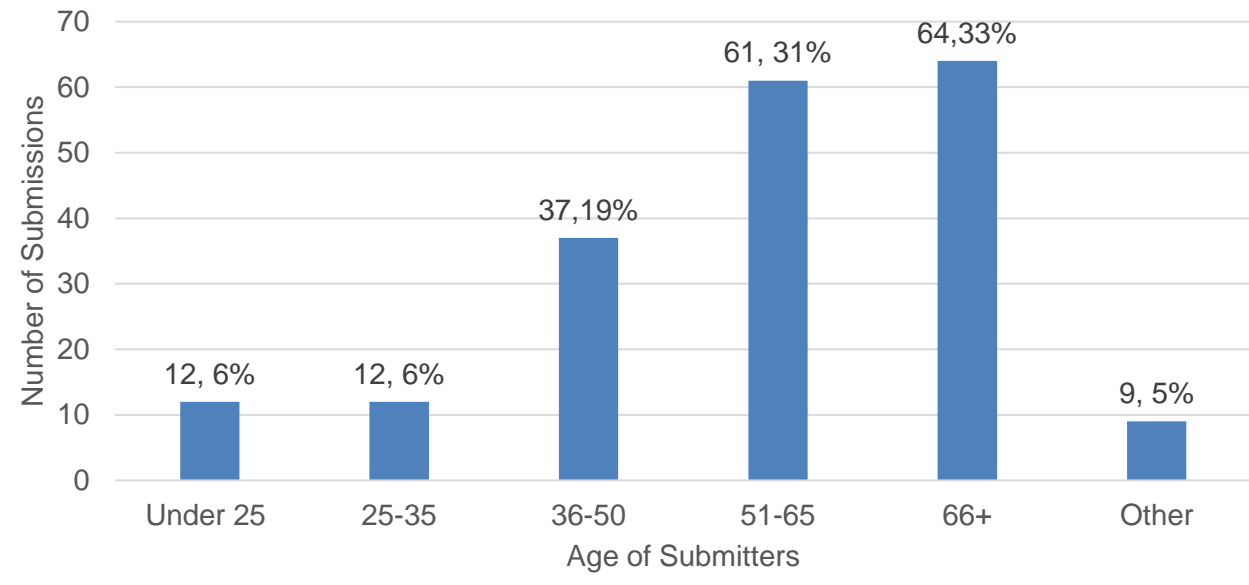
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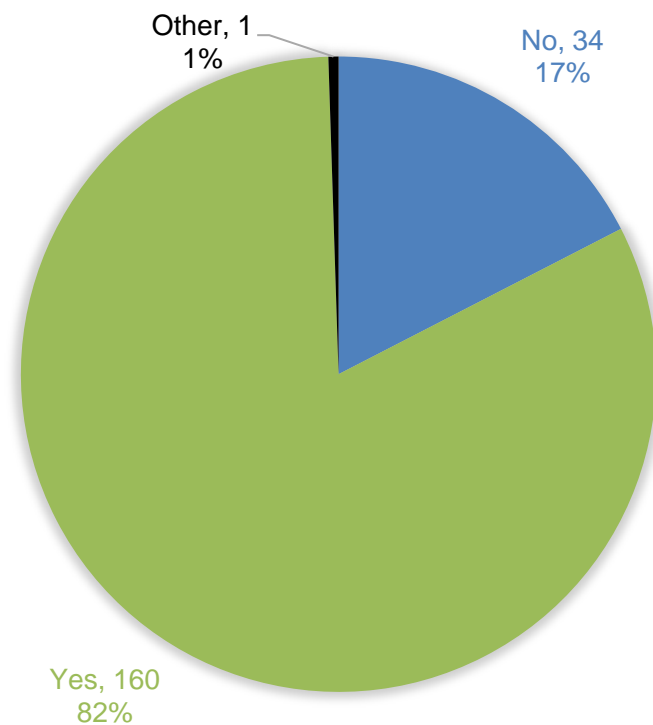
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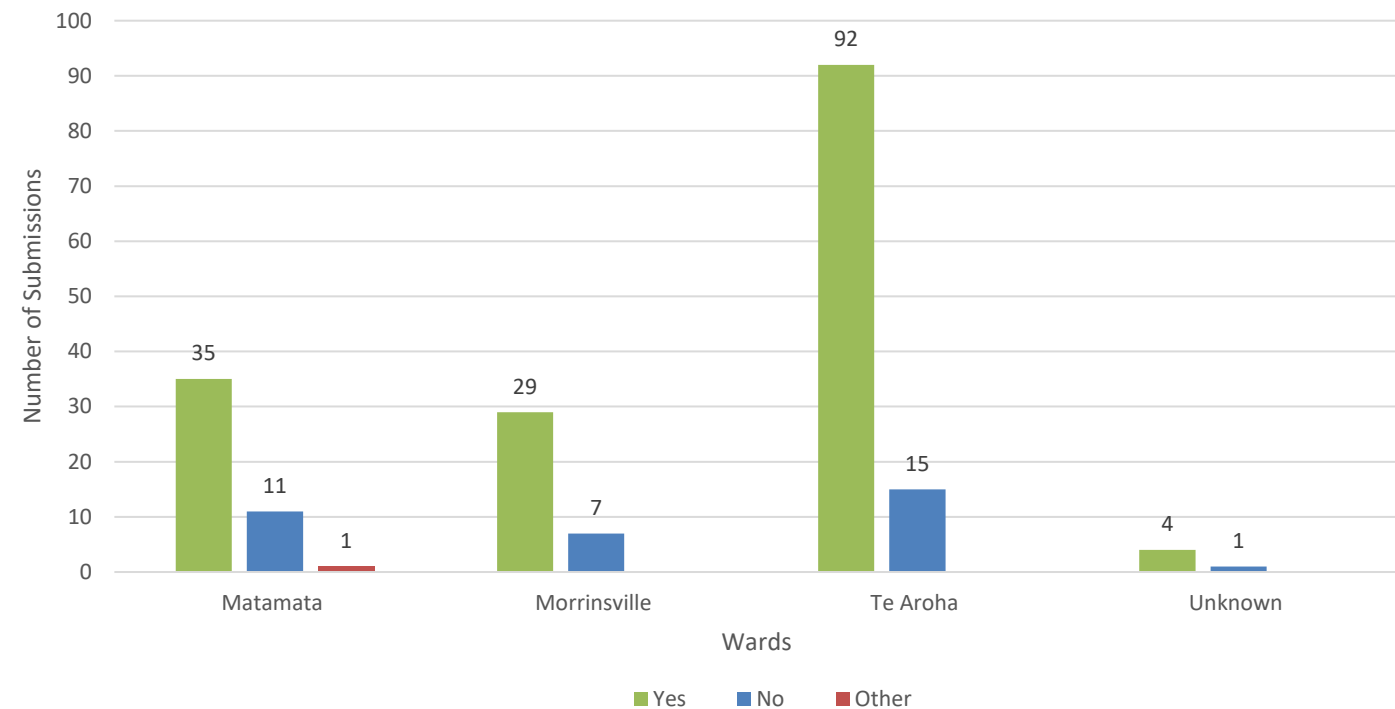
Do you support Council's initial proposal to retain the status quo?

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OVERALL SUPPORT OR OPPOSITION OF COUNCILS
INITIAL PROPOSAL



OVERALL SUPPORT/OPPOSITION BY WARD



Reasons for yes	
Yes – But have community boards*	3
Yes – But increase Maori representation	1
Yes – Various supportive comments	28
Yes – No comment provided	128
Total	160

Reasons for other	
Councillor numbers based on rate revenue and/or have no wards	1
Total	1

*Same reason given for both yes and no

Reasons for no	
No - Community Boards should be established*	11
No – 4 Councillors in each ward	2
No – More Councillors in Matamata and less in Te Aroha	3
No - More Councillors in Matamata	1
No – 5 Councillors in each ward	1
No - Seek Maori ward and Maori Mayor	1
No – Supportive comment indicated	1
No - Various comments given	4
No - No reason given for not supporting initial proposal	10
Total	34

General comments

What do we currently have? We currently have one Mayor (who is elected by the whole district) and 11 Councillors - four representing the Matamata Ward, four representing the Morrinsville Ward and three representing the Te Aroha Ward. We do not have any community boards.

What are we proposing? We're proposing to stick with the same ward boundaries, number of Councillors, and to continue with no community boards for the next two Council elections. One of the legal requirements is ensuring each Councillor represents roughly the same number of people in the district (known as the +/- 10% rule). If we stick with the same number of Councillors, that means each Councillor should represent between 2,842 – 3,473 people in our district. Matamata and Morrinsville Wards are within this range, however, the Te Aroha Ward is just outside this range (by 99 people per Councillor).

Why are we proposing to retain the status quo? Despite being slightly outside the required range, we believe that our current Council structure effectively represents our community. Councils can choose not to comply with the +/- 10% rule if they believe it would divide a community of interest or unite communities of interest with few commonalities. We think this applies in our case, because for the Te Aroha Ward to comply and stick with the same number of Councillors we would need to change the ward boundaries (i.e. shift some people who are currently in the Matamata and/or Morrinsville Wards into the Te Aroha Ward).

Based on the feedback the community gave us last year, we believe this would divide some people from their community of interest and will mean they have few commonalities of interest (e.g. they may work/shop/identify with Matamata or Morrinsville, but be required to vote for Te Aroha Councillors).

In addition to these criteria, we have also considered:

- In last year's community survey, 84% of respondents told us that the ward they live in reflects their community of interest and 80% of respondents told us they think the current representation system fairly reflects their community.
- We only just fall outside the allowable range for the number of people per Councillor in the Te Aroha Ward (by 99 people per Councillor or 297 people overall for the Te Aroha Ward).
- Our current representation arrangements have been in place for many years and are familiar to the community.
- We no longer have community boards (which a number of other councils have, in addition to Councillors).
- We could comply with the +/- 10% rule by changing the ward boundaries, or increasing or decreasing the number of Councillors. However, our community have told us they believe the current representation works well, so we don't believe these changes are required.

Communities of interest We used last year's community survey to identify if all the 'communities of interest' (the places people associate with) in the district are fairly represented. We have identified our three main towns, Morrinsville, Matamata and Te Aroha, small rural townships, rural, and Maori as our communities of interest. We believe that these are all effectively represented by what we are proposing.

Councillor remuneration The Remuneration Authority has recently determined that each Council will receive a certain amount of money to pay Councillors (based on population, assets etc. not on the number of Councillors). The amount of money will stay the same regardless of the number of Councillors, meaning, the more Councillors you have the less they get paid and the less Councillors you have the more they get paid. At this stage the Remuneration Authority has made no decision as to the pay for community board members. Of note other associated costs such as training and travel costs may increase as Councillor numbers increase.

Community Boards Council previously had 3 Community Boards covering the Morrinsville, Matamata and Te Aroha Wards with 4 members each. Council disestablished these as part of the 2012 representation review. The reasons for disestablishing these were:

- In Council's view, 11 Councillors and one mayor provides sufficient representation for the electors of Matamata-Piako District.
- The district currently has very active and effective community and interest groups that lobby Council on behalf of the community.
- There is currently a duplication of roles and representation given that the communities cover the same geographic area as Council's wards.
- The cost of maintaining the Community Boards is excessive given that they perform limited functions and provide limited value over and above representation provided by Council.

The Community Boards previously distributed \$5,000 in community grants each. Following the disestablishment of the Community Boards, Council adopted the Community Grants Policy (Policy) on 11 June 2014 to guide the administration of the \$15,000 contestable grant.

At its meeting of 26 July 2017, Council adopted the revised policy and approved an increase to the total budget per year to \$30,000, with \$10,000 available for each ward of Matamata, Morrinsville and Te Aroha. The \$30,000 contestable fund is shared evenly among the wards and is distributed in two funding rounds held in approximately August and February each financial year. The Policy gives delegated authority to the ward Councillors to determine the outcome of applications received that are relevant to their ward. The results of each application are to be reported back to Council.

In last year's community survey 64% of respondents said Council should not re-establish community boards, with 29% saying they should be. Of those that provided a reason, 45% felt the current system works well/Councillors are accessible.

In June 2018 Council resolved that the Mayor and Councillors can provide fair and effective representation under the current structure and an extra layer of elected representation is unnecessary. It is noted that 10% of electors of the district's community are able to petition for the establishment of a Community Board at any time under Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Ward structure Councillors can either be elected by wards, across the whole district or a mixture of both. To be elected across the whole district generally the district needs to be relatively compact in size, have a shared common community of interest or a community of interest that spreads across the district. In last year's community survey we surveyed the general community but also specifically targeted residents living along the existing ward boundaries. Overall 84% of respondents provided feedback that the ward in which they live reflects their community of interest and 80% of respondents advised the current representation system fairly reflects their community. Feedback from some respondents, for example in the Waitoa/Ngarua area indicated more association with the Morrinsville Ward and preference to be shifted from the Te Aroha Ward into the Morrinsville Ward.

In conclusion Overall, the majority of submitters (82%) agreed with Council's initial proposal. Of those who did not support the initial proposal (17%), a variety of reasons were given, the most common reason was requesting to re-establish Community Boards. Of note 3 submissions indicated they supported the proposal but with the addition of Community Boards.

Next steps Following Council decision on the final proposal, this will be notified in the local newspapers for a period of 1 month for appeals and objections to the Local Government Commission for the final decision:

- If the final proposal is unchanged from the initial proposal (i.e. status quo), appeals can be made by submitters
- If the final proposal is different to the initial proposal, objections can be made by anyone

Regardless of whether any appeals or objections are received within the period, if the +/- 10% rule is not complied with, the matter must be referred to the Local Government Commission.

Facebook comments

Facebook post – 2 July 2018 – MPDC Facebook Page

Cover photo change – “Who represents you? We want to hear your thoughts on this proposal –tell us what you think at mpdc.govt.nz by 5pm on 20 July”.

Comments and responses –

Jan Shoemark - I would like to see a counsellor that is designated to stand for the smaller towns in the ward. If there was someone who stood and made the time to visit each smaller community and acted as spokesperson , smaller towns may feel not so left out. As it stands Morrinsville Te Aroha and Matamata are represented.

MPDC replied - “Hi Jan - the current Councillors are Ward councillors, so even though the wards are named after the three main towns, they also represent the surrounding rural settlements. E.g. Te Aroha Councillors also represent Waihou, Manawaru etc. and so on. Around 1/3 of our current Councillors are also farmers or live rurally so are very aware of rural communities and their needs. If you still think we should look at a different system, please fill in the submission form here: <http://www.mpdc.govt.nz/.../3113-make-a-submission-on-the...>”.

July 19 2018 – MPDC Facebook Page –

“We are required by law to review our representation arrangements at least every six years to ensure our community is fairly and effectively represented. Find out what we are proposing at www.mpdc.govt.nz – tell us what you think and you could go in the draw to win a \$200 MTA gift card!

Comments and responses:

Shona Rakena - Bring back Community Boards

June 29 2018 – MPDC Facebook Page –

“We're reviewing our ‘representation arrangements’ to ensure our community is fairly and effectively represented - find out more and tell us what you think at www.mpdc.govt.nz/have-your-say”.

Comments and responses:

Tehe Evaroa - Isn't that the Community Board that they dis -established a couple years ago?

MPDC - Hi Tehe - The numbers in the video are the make-up of Council - so there are 4 councillors elected from the Matamata area, 4 from the Morrinsville area, and 3 from the Te Aroha area, plus one Mayor who can be from anywhere. Community boards used to exist in addition to this council structure but were disestablished six years ago because council believed Councillors can represent the needs of their community without requiring that extra tier of representation.

Tony Black - Oh really ? So are you actually representing public citizens ? / actual payers of rates and tax...or privatised government business initiatives act...which eliminate,s rate/tax payers right to opinion on Council or Government privatised business initiatives act policy which pretty much mute,s out this really aye... local council,s/agencies of our Government privatised business initiatives act...rules out public citizens opinions. So your selected Government agency Council boards... don't care what citizens think.. why are we paying you to do that ?

Michael Gaiger - Good. Don't need any more people at council. Waste enough money on staff you don't need now.

*These Facebook comments are not counted as submissions but are used to inform Council during decision making

Hearing Attendees and Schedule - Wednesday 15 August

(Hearing schedule as at 07 August 2018)

* All submissions included in the following table are also included in the relevant tables within the document.

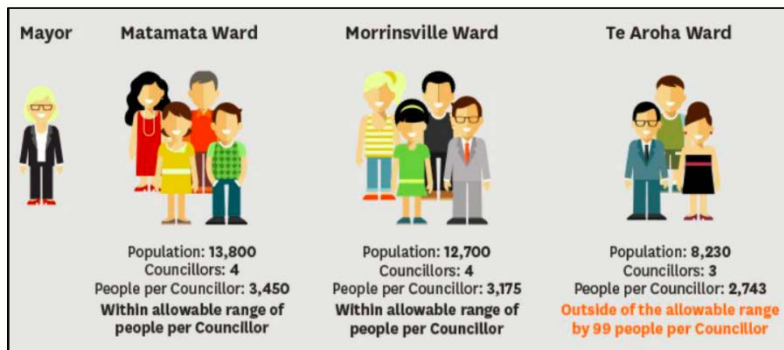












Time	Sub #	Name/ Organisation	Ward	Support Y/N	Comments	Notes
9:00am	54	Angela Thompson	Te Aroha	N	<p>I think it is important for residents in our towns to be able to formulate ideas which can be used to support local and encourage the youth of the towns ie. Te Aroha in particular, to take part in activities other than the sporting facilities that are currently on offer. Our youth are idle in many ways and are blamed for most of the petty crimes that take place, they need places to go with supervision but to be able to be in control of what they want to do. The Domain is underused for what ever reason, parts remain unkept and only a small area for young children. Skate park is dangerous near the river.</p> <p>There are many factors that could be achieved by a group of willing people to compile ideas to be presented to council and of course the Business Association. Reading from many history books which I now have the town was once alive and active in every way, and the community was to the fore, now it is behind close doors.</p> <p>Lots of groups catering for the older generation but nothing for the young people. A community board could alter this with effort.</p>	
9:10am	69	Jade	Morrinsville	N	<p>I think we need a youth worker and representative on the council to follow up and connect the youth agencies in Morrinsville and to help coordinate the great efforts that the community and council already do.</p>	
9:20am	182	Mike Gribble	Morrinsville	N	<p>Four Councillors for each ward</p>	
9:30am	29	Claire Ashton	Te Aroha	N	<p>We need a Community Board for MPDC. This could be combined with representatives from Te Aroha, Matamata, and Morrinsville. There is a disconnect between community and Council. Also the Community Boards are a good place to learn skills needed to sit on Council Boards.</p>	
9:40am (conference call)	164	Matamata Grey Power, Brian Arnott	Matamata	Y		
10:00am	160	Bruce Morgan	Te Aroha	N	<p>Community boards represent the community. Councilers represent council members of the public cannot have there voices heard.</p>	

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10:10am	168	Noel Harvey- Webb	Te Aroha	N	<p>The historic status quo should have been retained.</p> <p>1. Community Boards. Community Bards were effectively eliminated by [____redacted] H Vercoe, apparently using tactics he learnt from the Americans in Viet Nam. Community Boards in Te Aroha I believe were doing an effective job promoting the ward, including tourism - and could still do more beyond railtrail extensions to the railrail plus. NZ has some 110 community boards operating, including those in New Plymouth, Waikato, South Waikato, Waipa, Far North, Whakatane, Wanganui and often these do a more proactive job working with and for the community than do at a higher level counillors. Historically councillors had nothing to do with enhanced tracks and the railtrail. [____redacted] H Vercoe, with a blinkered view did his best to block it all. Hauraki and Thames Corromandel based staff, workers and some from Sports Waikato, provided a pleasant working environment not found in Te Aroha. Matamata-Piako Sports Waikato, rep, Ruth Stanley attended one meeting, and was summarily forbidden by the mayor from attending anymore!!!</p> <p>Matamata-Piako needs the initiatives and communication that can come with a well run community board.</p> <p>2. Maori Plus Boards. With automation plus the distirct needs to foster an environment where opportunities are generated for mokopuna and others. With increasing visitor numbers (local and overseas, will generate tourism job opportunities. Hobbiton as one of the Waikato's biggest and artificial tourist attractions shows what is possible. Over years we have seen the railway (disappear-think of it's counterpart at Glenbrook, a passenger boat chased off the river, the mountain Turtle disappear off the mountain. - we need to get some back!!). And Maori Boards Viv Fretwell's said initiatives to start a gondola up the mountain, were discourages by [____redacted] Vercoe - Since Viv died I have looked at the numbers and it looked good. It is apparent that boating on the Hauraki Gulf, Waihou and Piako would be highly complementary to the railtrail and a gondola if ever built. , and the gondola of itself, using the Cairns Kuranda gondola would directly generate 100 jobs plus hundreds of other jops The gondola if ever built , running to the top of Te Aroha, and then onto the Ohinemuri, could foster the largest Waikato Moari tourist centre.</p> <p>With Maori increasingly gaining positions on river and the Kaimai-Mamakus, their initiatives should be fostered, which would be done by having suitable Maori groups as part of council.</p>	
10:20	128	Bryan Turner	Te Aroha	N	Bring back Community Boards with greater autonomy to run their own town's.	
10:30am	Morning Tea					

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10:50am	3	Mapuna Turner	Te Aroha	N	<p>TREATY OF WAITANGI MAORI & CROWN 2018-1840 ; 178 years of Breaches Of the Treaty Maori Worldview is about sustaining renewable resources. Crown view is about abuse and violence Pollution and profit before people. MPDC lip servers. Racism rife underground vineyards Land grabbing. 10 years National removal of Maori empowering laws under the nose of the Maori Party Coalition. 2018 -1880 = 130 years land grabbing pakeha systems designed to take every bit of remaining land off Maori owners. Latest 10 year plan has Maori invisible because ' Maori haven't spent their last allocation'. What kind of management planning denies the rights of the Maori community to participate fully. One like Taranaki. They are the ones the British soldiers gave Maori land to as if they had a God given rights just like Waikato. Maori standing up for their land stripped of it by Grey. When does the pakeha community acknowledge this. When do they let the schools teach the real stories. When do you admit Maori are intelligent. When do you say yes to working in equal partnership instead of boss/slave relationships.</p> <p>Support 12 people for the district. 2 Maori 2 non Maori per ward/township 1 Maori 1 non Maori =2 Mayors</p>	

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11:00am	127	Wolfgang Faber	Te Aroha	N	<p>There should be only two(2) wards i.e. 2 councillors for Te Aroha as per the rules book. The present "over-representation" has not worked, but rather resulted in overspending for an unnecessary "Events Centre"; it has created an excessive parochialism and unnecessary costs.</p> <p>The district needs a better overall and inclusive thinking mentality. Further (and instead) I wish to see the re-introduction of COMMUNITY BOARDS in the whole district! When they were abolished, it was argued by the Council that the functions and closeness of the community boards would be taken over easily and willingly by the Council.</p> <p>That has not happened.</p> <p>There was just very briefly an agenda item called "Open forum" as an invitation for the public to address the Council at the opening of meeting/sessions. That item disappeared long ago, and is no longer even encouraged by public notice. The Council is as remote and aloof as ever.</p> <p>Community boards are the "grass-roots" contacts, and have to be given speaking rights at the council meetings and be given a big enough budget to be meaningful, and that they must be heard at least about matters of significance. And they must have the right to create their own sitting agenda. i.e. create any item they wish to talk about to be put on the agenda without interference from the council's administration. Such boards are legal bodies in their own right.</p> <p>Community boards must come back now!</p> <p>Further, the mayor must not be given and have a casting vote! This second vote of the same person is undemocratic and must be abolished! (This vote does not even exist in Parliament). If motions are lost, so be it. That what votes are for! No twisting of results in the name of so-called progress. Democracy takes time.</p> <p>Further I wish to see the abolition of any unelected , (i.e. not by public ballot) chair-person for the "audit and risk committee"; there is no need to have such people as chair persons, when the public has no insight as to how those people were appointed and why and whose closeness to industry or parties is unclear. (This is meant only as a matter of principle).</p> <p>Democracy is about accountability at all levels!</p> <p>Further there must be only two (2) terms available for elected Council members; otherwise members may see that they have a right to sit there and lose sight of reality (the common phrase is---oh, there is still so much to do---nonsense it is). CEO's position should be renamed as "CLERK" and be purely administrative; if that's legally presently not possible, then three terms (at the most) should be enough and then change must come with a new person.</p>	

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11:10am	142	Gisela Ludtke- Faber	Te Aroha	N	<p>We miss Community boards-closer repies of constituency, community-minded, as opp. to financially interested.</p> <p>Two votes for any pers. is an aberration, espec. When that p. is the mayor. She/he has already unlimited power over the agenda, and holds the chair.</p> <p>Abolish the casting vote; play fair to the voting results.</p> <p>Limit terms of sitting to 2; making the most of fresh energy and ideas.of fresh energy and ideas.</p>	

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11:20am	139	Waikato Province of Federated Farmers, Debbie Bidlake	District Wide	Y	<p>Submission comment: Federated Farmers thanks the Matamata-Piako District Council (“MPDC”) for the opportunity to comment on its 2018 Representation Review. We acknowledge and support any feedback provided by individual members of Federated Farmers.</p> <p>Introduction Federated Farmers appreciates that MPDC is required to review its representation arrangements every six years by the Local Electoral Act 2001 (“LEA”). We also accept that this representation review is necessary since the last review was carried out in 2012 (for the 2013 and 2016 elections).</p> <p>Consultation We congratulate MPDC on its use of simple language, the inclusion of diagrams, clear formatting and referencing. The use of Plain English in local government is essential for transparency and effective participation. We also commend MPDC for holding a series of community meetings to ensure people could have their say in person. Not everyone is comfortable making written submissions.</p> <p>Initial Representation Proposal The diagram below (sourced from MPDC’s website) shows the current representation system. MPDC has clearly identified that the Te Aroha ward is non-compliant with the +/-10% fair representation rule in s 19T of the Local Electoral Act. No ward boundary adjustments are proposed on the basis that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It would divide communities of interest in Morrinsville and/or Matamata wards; and• It would artificially unite two or more communities of interest; and• Preliminary consultation supports the retention of the status quo and suggests it is working well; and• The non-compliance is small; and• The current system is long standing and familiar to the community. <p>In our view, MPDC’s approach is pragmatic; Minor non-compliance in the Te Aroha ward would seem to be acceptable given that representation across the District is otherwise fair and effective.</p> <p>Our members consider that the existing representation structure is suitable for the communities within the jurisdiction of MPDC. There are sufficient councillors for fair and effective representation and to attend to core MPDC functions. Federated Farmers has a constructive relationship with MPDC in a range of policy and activity areas. Our farming members see no imperative for major changes to the governance structure.</p> <p>We also support MPDC’s proposal not to establish community boards. The performance of community boards in other regions is highly variable (much seems to depend on their terms of reference, budget and level of delegated authority). Overall, we consider that community boards are of little benefit to farmers. Some people promote community boards as being the same, if not better for rural representation as ward elected councillors. This is incorrect. A community board reports to a council, they do not sit on it and set policy/make fiscal and regulatory decisions like a Councillor does. A rural community board is more akin to a rural consultation group (which already exist).</p> <p>In summary, Federated Farmers supports MPDC’s proposal to retain the status quo.</p> <p>Federated Farmers is a not-for-profit primary sector policy and advocacy organisation that represents the majority of farming businesses in New Zealand. Federated Farmers has a long and proud history of representing the interests of New Zealand’s farmers.</p> <p>The Federation aims to add value to its members’ farming businesses. Our key strategic outcomes include the need for New Zealand to provide an economic and social environment within which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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; and• Our members adopt responsible management and environmental practices. <p>This feedback represents the views of our members and reflects the fact that resource management and governance decisions have a daily impact on our member’s lives, both as farmers and members of their local communities. 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11:30am *Awaiting Confirmation	187	Maurice Steffert	Morrinsville	N	In 1989 Piako County amalgamated with Matamata County to form M.P.D.C. in which 3 wards were created. The councillors represent the districts, make decisions for the districts not only for their own wards I therefore believe there should be 4 councillors per ward not worked on a population basis even if boundaries have to be shifted. I do not support the representation arrangement to retain the status quo? When I went to the council office in M'ville last week to get a submission form last Friday, the 3 staff didnt even know what I was asking for they had to ring Te Aroha. I can't believe this happens as we were told in our local paper they were available in each town, may be this is one of the reasons people don't submit. I won't be able to attend the hearing I might be away. If I can attend I will come. Yours faithfully, Maurice. P. Steffert	
11:40am *Awaiting Confirmation	36	Justin Hirawani	Te Aroha	Y	We need more people to stand for use. Ash Tanner speaks for me	
11:50am *Awaiting Confirmation	28	Dean Hohua	Te Aroha	Y		
12:00pm *Awaiting Confirmation	38	Benjamin Tairakena	Te Aroha	Y	Need to keep it the same.	

Submissions in support of initial proposal, without comments

Sub #	Name/Organisation	Ward	Support Y/N
1	Ngaire Atmore Pattison	Te Aroha	Y
4	Te Ao Marama Maaka	Morrinsville	Y
5	Steve Southall	Te Aroha	Y
6	Sebo Bruins, Fantail Farms	Matamata	Y
7	Suzanne Evans	Te Aroha	Y
9	L & B Cook	Te Aroha	Y
12	Robert Morton	Te Aroha	Y
13	Irene Morton	Te Aroha	Y
14	Betty Sullivan	Te Aroha	Y
15	Patricia Cross	Te Aroha	Y
16	Paula Hey	Te Aroha	Y
17	Graham Davis	Te Aroha	Y
18	David Gardiner	Te Aroha	Y
19	Michael Jackson	Te Aroha	Y
20	Wanda Brittain	Te Aroha	Y
21	L.R McCowatt	Te Aroha	Y
22	Michelle Walton	Te Aroha	Y
24	St Joseph's Catholic School Matamata, Yvonne Marshall	Matamata	Y
27	Trudy Haines	Te Aroha	Y
28	Dean Hohua *may attend hearing	Te Aroha	Y
33	Lynley	Te Aroha	Y
34	Karen Fox	Te Aroha	Y
35	Mary Massey	Te Aroha	Y
37	John Conway	Te Aroha	Y

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39	Phyllis Sheehan	Te Aroha	Y
40	Patricia O'Grady-Conway	Te Aroha	Y
41	Atareremoana Sherry	Te Aroha	Y
42	Shane Merfey	Te Aroha	Y
43	Don Edwards Photography , DA Edwards	Te Aroha	Y
44	Delma Worsley	Te Aroha	Y
45	Valerie Eruera	Te Aroha	Y
48	Sandy Barnes	Te Aroha	Y
49	Reuben Jones	Matamata	Y
50	Cameron Scott	Matamata	Y
51	Michael Gaiger	Morrinsville	Y
53	Maurice O'Neil	Te Aroha	Y
55	Louise Dixon	Morrinsville	Y
56	Carlie Arnold	Morrinsville	Y
57	Te Aroha Holiday Park, Anna Blattler	Te Aroha	Y
58	Ryan Law, Micheal Ryan	Te Aroha	Y
59	Twenty/20 Concrete Ltd, Sarah Matafeo-Ross	Te Aroha	Y
60	Sue Rope	Te Aroha	Y
61	The Nunnery, Denise Herbert	Te Aroha	Y
62	Wisper Communications Ltd, Bryan Booten	Te Aroha	Y
63	Ellen Gibbons	Te Aroha	Y
64	Rochelle Rogers	Te Aroha	Y
65	Health Te Aroha , Hayley Scott	Te Aroha	Y

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66	Megan Wilson	Te Aroha	Y
67	Framing Quilt and Craft, Karen Larsen	Te Aroha	Y
68	Kay Hopkins	Te Aroha	Y
70	Alison Karika	Te Aroha	Y
71	Ivan Udy	Morrinsville	Y
72	Anne Udy	Morrinsville	Y
73	Joan Coffey	Morrinsville	Y
74	Gillian Vincent	Morrinsville	Y
78	Gail Clayton Idea Services Wings	Morrinsville	Y
81	Kelvyn Pritchard	Morrinsville	Y
82	Pip Feast	Morrinsville	Y
85	Lynne Avery	Te Aroha	Y
86	Barry Avery	Te Aroha	Y
87	Robyn and Kevin Wooller	Morrinsville	Y
88	Fezkebab Te Aroha Gagandeep Kaur	Te Aroha	Y
89	Lynette Heath	Te Aroha	Y
90	Winton Heath	Te Aroha	Y
91	Harvist Williams	Te Aroha	Y
92	Meesha Ross	Te Aroha	Y
93	Tiara Matafeo	Te Aroha	Y
94	Rachael Singh	Te Aroha	Y
95	David King	Te Aroha	Y
96	Lisa Hawke - Vercoe Insurance Brokers	Matamata	Y

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97	Scott Cowdell – Fitzzone	Out of district	Y
98	Nathan Every – Fitzzone	Te Aroha	Y
99	Tasha Bright – Fitzzone	Te Aroha	Y
100	Carla McGraw	Matamata	Y
101	Ivan and Phyllis Wilcock	Matamata	Y
102	Helen Puamanuka	Te Aroha	Y
103	Carole Greenville	Morrinsville	Y
104	Rural Woman NZ, Jennifer Nickel	Te Aroha	Y
106	Lance Riches	Morrinsville	Y
107	Rita Jeffrey	Matamata	Y
108	Sarah Reichardt	Matamata	Y
109	Jordan Morrison	Matamata	Y
110	Patrice Morrison	Matamata	Y
111	Nina Martin	Matamata	Y
114	Ann Reichardt	Matamata	Y
116	Tayla Thomas	Matamata	Y
117	Vivienne Daisley	Matamata	Y
118	Margo Cooke	Matamata	Y
119	Rhonda Fawcett	Matamata	Y
120	Allison Ward	Te Aroha	Y
121	Graham Ward	Te Aroha	Y
124	Peter Barker	Te Aroha	Y
125	Suzanne Barker	Te Aroha	Y
126	Kays Way Hair Design, Kay Russel	Te Aroha	Y

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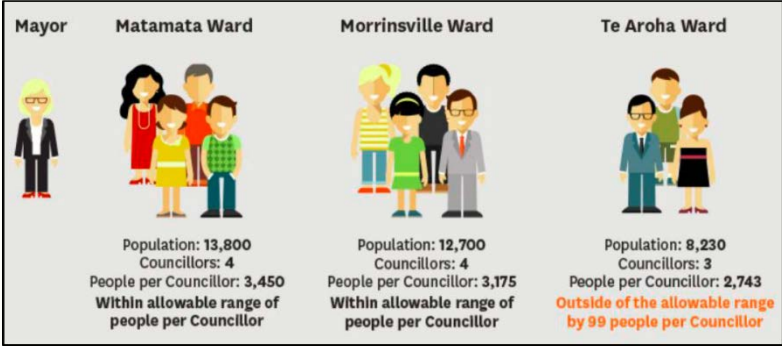
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134	Gordon Eddy	Te Aroha	Y
135	Vaughan Heath	Te Aroha	Y
141	Patrica Gavin	Matamata	Y
143	Miranda Thomson	Matamata	Y
145	Tika Café, Phil Mackay	Matamata	Y
146	Craig Marshall, Property Brokers	Matamata	Y
147	Hester Morkel, Westpac Matamata	Matamata	Y
148	Margret Osborne	Te Aroha	Y
149	Brett Williams Williams Furniture & Hardware	Te Aroha	Y
150	Andrina Williams Williams Furniture & Hardware	Te Aroha	Y
151	Dennis Williams Williams Furniture & Hardware	Te Aroha	Y
152	Janice Parsell	Te Aroha	Y
153	Te Aroha & District Museum Society Inc, Janice Parsell	Te Aroha	Y
155	Lesley McVeigh	Matamata	Y
156	Ernie Keene	Matamata	Y
157	Raungaiti Marae, Alan day Mokoro	Matamata	Y
158	Malcolm Chubb	Matamata	Y
159	Margaret Calder	Matamata	Y
161	Matamata Grey Power, Brian Arnott *attending hearing	Matamata	Y
163	Barbara Dalziel	Morrinsville	Y
169	Lewis Stephen and Ruth McLeod Hale	Te Aroha	Y
171	Pat Walding	Te Aroha	Y
172	Beverley Jones, Lasergraph	Morrinsville	Y

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173	Jocelyn Evison, Rural Women New Zealand	Te Aroha	Y
175	Peter Pene	Morrinsville	Y
176	Weka Pene	Morrinsville	Y
177	Erika Chamberlain	Te Aroha	Y
178	Brian Evison	Te Aroha	Y
179	Tracey Tanner	Te Aroha	Y
180	Rod Tanner	Te Aroha	Y
181	Michele Ramsay	Matamata	Y
192	Rexine Hawes	Matamata	Y
194	Carol de Haas	Morrinsville	Y
195 (Late SUB)	Morrinsville Grey Power Association (150 members), Valerie Rodda	Morrinsville	Y

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8	Paul Worsley	Te Aroha	Y	Yes it would be silly to reduce to 2 councillors - 4,100 / councillor	
23	John Watson	Te Aroha	Y	Given the size of our district and the population numbers I see no need for more representatives. Any increase in representation numbers would incur costs for those persons and their support staff needed. We are very ably represented by the Mayor and Councillors we have now.	
26	Job Huizinga Bruins	Matamata	Y	Your team is still pretty young. I would like to see this team as is doing a few more years together (and 6 more years is still a short period). At the next review I could well change my mind on this as Matamata keeps growing fast.	
30	Barry Dodge	Te Aroha	Y	11 Council members seem adequate and we don't require anymore.	
32	Gary Carr	Te Aroha	Y	More councillors more cost keep same	
36	Justin Hirawani *may attend hearing	Te Aroha	Y	We need more people to stand for use. Ash Tanner speaks for me	
38	Benjamin Tairakena *may attend hearing	Te Aroha	Y	Need to keep it the same.	
47	Rodereck Iain Hunter	Te Aroha	Y	Basically I agree with the exception of the decision to continue without community boards. I believe community boards should be re-initiated.	
52	Anthony J Arnet	Te Aroha	Y	I support the status quo. The only change that can be made is to shift the ward boundary's but the only people that will be changed are the rural people in the wards the council biggest problem is the rural divide of people to number of the people living in towns in the whole council area	
75	Manu Ikkala	Te Aroha	Y	I live in Te Aroha and want to make sure we have representation in council.	
76	Shirley Ikkala	Te Aroha	Y	I live in Te Aroha and want to ensure my views are represented at council and decision making.	
77	Murray Clayton	Morrinsville	Y	Matamata should have the same number Councillors as Morrinsville as population is the same.	
80	Jory Tamainu	Out of district	Y	Under provision that resorce management is equally distributed.	
83	Hannah Burndred	Morrinsville	Y	I believe decreasing our representation would be detrimental to all of us as there will be an increase in people in the coming years. I appreciate seeing Council representation on social media. Being a positive face for the Council & showing you care for the people & their issues. Thanks for that Paul!!	

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84	Pounamu Orchards Ltd, Roger Matthews	Morrinsville	Y	13 seems to be a reasonable number for an effective council.	
105	Irene Collins	Te Aroha	Y	I do think having eleven people currently benefits the Matamata-Piako District.	
113	Paul McCormack	Matamata	Y	Numbers are right.	
115	Jennifer McCormack	Matamata	Y	The system works currently. Don't change if it isn't broken.	
122	Margaret Hunter	Te Aroha	Y	As the current Councillor representation works well, this should remain as is. However, many residents would appreciate the return of Community Boards. Looked on as preferable to deal with directly, rather than Council hierarchy.	
123	Wayne Butler	Morrinsville	Y	Yes I think 1 mayor and 11 councillors I because Matamata, Morrinsville and Te Aroha are getting very big soon, because came up here to work in 1970 and stayed, over 40 years ago. Yes keep 1 mayor and the 11 councillors.	
136	Phil & Jenny Nickel	Te Aroha	Y	We need to hold on to our current representation as in a lot of things with Council Te Aroha always miss out. why fix it when its NOT BROKEN.	

139	Waikato Province of Federated Farmers, Debbie Bidlake *attending hearing	District Wide	Y	<p>Submission Comment: Federated Farmers thanks the Matamata-Piako District Council (“MPDC”) for the opportunity to comment on its 2018 Representation Review. We acknowledge and support any feedback provided by individual members of Federated Farmers.</p> <p>Introduction Federated Farmers appreciates that MPDC is required to review its representation arrangements every six years by the Local Electoral Act 2001 (“LEA”). We also accept that this representation review is necessary since the last review was carried out in 2012 (for the 2013 and 2016 elections).</p> <p>Consultation We congratulate MPDC on its use of simple language, the inclusion of diagrams, clear formatting and referencing. The use of Plain English in local government is essential for transparency and effective participation. We also commend MPDC for holding a series of community meetings to ensure people could have their say in person. Not everyone is comfortable making written submissions.</p> <p>Initial Representation Proposal The diagram below (sourced from MPDC’s website) shows the current representation system. MPDC has clearly identified that the Te Aroha ward is non-compliant with the +/- 10% fair representation rule in s 19T of the Local Electoral Act. No ward boundary adjustments are proposed on the basis that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It would divide communities of interest in Morrinsville and/or Matamata wards; and • It would artificially unite two or more communities of interest; and • Preliminary consultation supports the retention of the status quo and suggests it is working well; and • The non-compliance is small; and • The current system is long standing and familiar to the community.  <p>In our view, MPDC’s approach is pragmatic; Minor non-compliance in the Te Aroha ward would seem to be acceptable given that representation across the District is otherwise fair and effective.</p> <p>Our members consider that the existing representation structure is suitable for the communities within the jurisdiction of MPDC. There are sufficient councillors for fair and effective representation and to attend to core MPDC functions. Federated Farmers has a constructive relationship with MPDC in a range of policy and activity areas. Our farming members see no imperative for major changes to the governance structure.</p> <p>We also support MPDC’s proposal not to establish community boards. The performance of community boards in other regions is highly variable (much seems to depend on their terms of reference, budget and level of delegated authority). Overall, we consider that community boards are of little benefit to farmers. Some people promote community boards as being the same, if not better for rural representation as ward elected councillors. This is incorrect. A community board reports to a council, they do not sit on it and set policy/make fiscal and regulatory decisions like a Councillor does. A rural community board is more akin to a rural consultation group (which already exist).</p> <p>In summary, Federated Farmers supports MPDC’s proposal to retain the status quo.</p> <p>Federated Farmers is a not-for-profit primary sector policy and advocacy organisation that represents the majority of farming businesses in New Zealand. Federated Farmers has a long and proud history of representing the interests of New Zealand’s farmers.</p> <p>The Federation aims to add value to its members’ farming businesses. Our key strategic outcomes include the need for New Zealand to provide an economic and social environment within which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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; and • Our members adopt responsible management and environmental practices. <p>This feedback represents the views of our members and reflects the fact that resource management and governance decisions have a daily impact on our member’s lives, both as farmers and members of their local communities. Federated Farmers thanks the Matamata-Piako District Council for considering our submission.</p>	
140	Bruce Gavin	Matamata	Y	<p>BUT - I support the arrangements for the number of District Councillors. However I believe that each Ward should have a local community board (this could be the four</p>	

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				district councillors with possible extra people co-opted for special projects etc where needed. However each of these 'Boards' would need funding of a much greater amount than the previous community boards so they can undertake projects of substance within their ward to give each Ward some individuality.	
144	Deborah Briscoe	Morrinsville	Y	The system as it stands allows for secure representation of every resident of the Matamata Piako District. The number of councillors & their make up is equable and fair and we are well represented.	
154	David Sing	Morrinsville	Y	The current arrangement works. Te Aroha may be over represented but it provides and sense of equity by for the community.	
162	John Harris	Te Aroha	Y	In the event of the Local Government Commission requiring strict adherence to the +/- 10% rule, a possible method of overcoming this, while retaining the status quo of 11 Councillors, consideration could be given to two possible options: Block funding allocation for 10 Councillors, but dividing it by 11; or, on the grounds that the total population could conceivably support 12 Councillors (2,894 / Councillor) within the +/-10% rule, retain block funding for 11, as the current level of 11 has operated successfully and economically for a number of years without any of the wards having a monopoly, in spite of 1 ward having 1 less representative than the other 2 wards.	
164	Peter	-	Y	Whilst I support them I wouldn't have a clue as to what is going on with the council other than what is in the local paper and I suspect that this is the same with many people in the district as most people have don't have any close association with the council other than paying the rates	
170	DR Trim Ltd, Denise Boyles	Morrinsville	Y	So we have a good range of representation.	
174	Vicki Nightingale	Morrinsville	Y	I would also like to see more Maori representation, interest & acknowledgements on Council etc. This also means use Te Reo Maori and attitudes to change. To change in order to have REAL equal opportunities and so on. Why are Maori students for example on average, still not achieving at Morrinsville College.	
183	Pauline Raphael	Matamata	Y	Works well now -	
184	Piako Group, Darrell Russell	Morrinsville	Y	Morrinsville is a town of growth and needs direction going forward. Having less councillors would be a very bad move. This must not happen -	
191	Irene Harris	Te Aroha	Y	In the event of the Local Government Commission requiring strict adherence to the +/- 10% rule, a possible method of overcoming this, while retaining the status quo of 11 Councillors, consideration could be given to two possible options: Block funding allocation for 10 Councillors, but dividing it by 11; or, on the grounds that the total population could conceivably support 12 Councillors (2,894 / Councillor) within the +/- 10% rule, retain block funding for 11, as the current level of 11 has operated successfully and economically for a number of years without any of the wards having a monopoly, in spite of 1 ward having 1 less representative than the other 2 wards.	

Submissions where support was not indicated

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186	Dale Ertel	Matamata	-	<p>Dear Matamata-Piako District Council Submission to: Who represents you?</p> <p>I have two submissions to present for discussion</p> <p>1. Allocating the number of councillors based on the RATES revenue taken from each ward. As I believe the money contributed should be reflected in who decides where and when it is spent.</p> <p>2. Do away with the wards. The wards are divisive in that historical amalgamations continue to get in the way of what's good for the District. Although I am currently in one ward I may wish to vote for someone in another ward that I feel would bring value and leadership to the district. To achieve a dismantling of the historical amalgamations I believe the District should change it's title.</p> <p>The current title reflects and continues to force the differences of old to remain. I believe that the District title be changed to Kaimai Valley District Council. That name removes alliances and historical amalgamations. I am not proposing logo change at all - I believe the current logo should remain as it reflects the district well. In fact very little needs to be changed and thus it would not require exorbitant consultation fees. The branding change and cost would be minimal. All three towns/wards can see the Kaimai Ranges and lastly quite simply Kaimai Valley District Council is a more attractive name than the current. Obviously, the Council's services division already has that name. It seems to make a lot of sense.</p> <p>Sincerely, Dale Ertel.</p>	

Submissions not in support of initial proposal, without comments

Sub #	Name/Organisation	Ward	Support Y/N
11	Felix Hohener	Te Aroha	N
79	Di Hazelton	Out of district	N
129	Chris Flavell	Morrinsville	N
130	Lisa Dowd	Morrinsville	N
131	Connor McClelland	Te Aroha	N

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132	Ian Hauraki	Te Aroha	N
133	Carol Dowd	Morrinsville	N
189	Stephen Mead	Matamata	N
190	Sara Probets	Matamata	N


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2	Miriam Cohen-Krajden	Matamata	N	<p>Matamata is growing at a far higher rate than Te Aroha. As it currently stands, Matamata is only 2 dozen people away from hitting the councillors maximum allowed.</p> <p>It would make more sense to have 5 in Matamata, 4 in Morrinsville, and 2 in Te Aroha, and shift some of the boundaries (say part of Wardville) to Matamata or Morrinsville to account for it.</p> <p>Unless Council wants to waste taxpayer money by reviewing this in a matter of weeks when 23 more people move in to Matamata(!), they need to rethink this. A bit suspect that Council is suggesting maintaining the status quo despite this - self-serving on the part of some of the councillors perhaps?!</p>	
3	Mapuna Turner *attending hearing	Te Aroha	N	<p>TREATY OF WAITANGI MAORI & CROWN</p> <p>2018-1840 ; 178 years of Breaches Of the Treaty Maori Worldview is about sustaining renewable resources. Crown view is about abuse and violence</p> <p>Pollution and profit before people. MPDC lip servers. Racism rife underground vineyards Land grabbing. 10 years National removal of Maori empowering laws under the nose of the Maori Party</p> <p>Coalition. 2018 -1880 = 130 years land grabbing pakeha systems designed to take every bit of remaining land off Maori owners.</p> <p>Latest 10 year plan has Maori invisible because ' Maori haven't spent their last allocation'. What kind of management planning denies the rights of the Maori community to participate fully. One like Taranaki. They are the ones the British soldiers gave Maori land to as if they had a God given rights just like Waikato. Maori standing up for their land stripped of it by Grey. When does the pakeha community acknowledge this. When do they let the schools teach the real stories. When do you admit Maori are intelligent. When do you say yes to working in equal partnership instead of boss/slave relationships.</p> <p>Support 12 people for the district. 2 Maori 2 non Maori per ward/township 1 Maori 1 non Maori =2 Mayors</p>	

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10	Rebecca Bruins, Fantail Farms	Matamata	N	I think more people should be allocated to the Matamata Ward and less to Te Aroha. i.e. Allocate Councillors to each ward according to how many people live there. I like there being 3 separate wards.	
25	Door Bruins	Matamata	N	I would like to see a more balanced representation of councillors between Matamata, Te Aroha, Morrinsville. Maybe we could have an extra councillor in Matamata?	
29	Claire Ashton *attending hearing	Te Aroha	N	We need a Community Board for MPDC. This could be combined with representatives from Te Aroha, Matamata, and Morrinsville. There is a disconnect between community and Council. Also the Community Boards are a good place to learn skills needed to sit on Council Boards.	
31	Sheryl Dodge	Te Aroha	N	If its not broke don't change it	
46	Michaeal L Earl	Te Aroha	N	<p>Submission on representation review</p> <p>I note that it is the intention of the present council to continue with the existing arrangements for future council representation.</p> <p>I do not consider we are in any way truly represented at council inasmuch as there is little or no feedback from councillors as to what is happening in council and there appears to be little desire for interaction with ratepayers by individual councillors.</p> <p>It would, in my opinion, be much better if we were to return to community boards. These would in turn react with their communities in a robust way rather than ratepayers being left in the dark. The consequence of concentration on the grandiose schemes and lack of interaction with the local community on the more immediate things is only too evident. One only has to observe the neglect of basic infrastructure to see what this means, To mention one: the Te Aroha Domain. Footpaths in a shocking state, old skating rink and buildings in dis-repair, Domain House being left to the elements. And so on. Property owners become discouraged and they get on the neglect trail also.</p> <p>In summary, therefore, I would urge a return to community boards from which the councillors could be drawn in whatever proportion is legally required, if permissible. Alternatively elect the minimum required in the normal way.</p>	
54	Angela Thompson *attending hearing	Te Aroha	N	<p>I think it is important for residents in our towns to be able to formulate ideas which can be used to support local and encourage the youth of the towns ie. Te Aroha in particular, to take part in activities other than the sporting facilities that are currently on offer.</p> <p>Our youth are idle in many ways and are blamed for most of the petty crimes that take place, they need places to go with supervision but to be able to be in control of what they want to do.</p> <p>The Domain is underused for what ever reason, parts remain unkept and only a small area for young children. Skate park is dangerous near the river. There are many factors that could be achieved by a group of willing people to compile ideas to be presented to council and of course the Business Association.</p> <p>Reading from many history books which I now have the town was once alive and active in everyway, and the community was to the fore, now it is behind close doors. Lots of groups catering for the older generation but nothing for the young people. A community board could alter this with effort.</p>	

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69	Jade *attending hearing	Morrinsville	N	I think we need a youth worker and representative on the council to follow up and connect the youth agencies in Morrinsville and to help coordinate the great efforts that the community and council already do.	
112	Casey Shelden	Matamata	N	I think there should be 5 in each ward and the reason being 5 is there is an uneven number so that if they had to vote the 5th person could make the final decision. No one should be related - conflict of interest - Trials are good but always ask the community for the final decision.	

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127	Wolfgang Faber *attending hearing	Te Aroha	N	<p>There should be only two(2) wards i.e. 2 councillors for Te Aroha as per the rules book. The present "over-representation" has not worked, but rather resulted in overspending for an unnecessary "Events Centre"; it has created an excessive parochialism and unnecessary costs.</p> <p>The district needs a better overall and inclusive thinking mentality. Further (and instead) I wish to see the re-introduction of COMMUNITY BOARDS in the whole district! When they were abolished, it was argued by the Council that the functions and closeness of the community boards would be taken over easily and willingly by the Council.</p> <p>That has not happened.</p> <p>There was just very briefly an agenda item called "Open forum" as an invitation for the public to address the Council at the opening of meeting/sessions. That item disappeared long ago, and is no longer even encouraged by public notice. The Council is as remote and aloof as ever.</p> <p>Community boards are the "grass-roots" contacts, and have to be given speaking rights at the council meetings and be given a big enough budget to be meaningful, and that they must be heard at least about matters of significance. And they must have the right to create their own sitting agenda. i.e. create any item they wish to talk about to be put on the agenda without interference from the council's administration. Such boards are legal bodies in their own right.</p> <p>Community boards must come back now!</p> <p>Further, the mayor must not be given and have a casting vote! This second vote of the same person is undemocratic and must be abolished! (This vote does not even exist in Parliament). If motions are lost, so be it. That what votes are for! No twisting of results in the name of so-called progress. Democracy takes time. Further I wish to see the abolition of any unelected , (i.e. not by public ballot) chair-person for the "audit and risk committee"; there is no need to have such people as chair persons, when the public has no insight as to how those people were appointed and why and whose closeness to industry or parties is unclear. (This is meant only as a matter of principle).</p> <p>Democracy is about accountability at all levels!</p> <p>Further there must be only two (2) terms available for elected Council members; otherwise members may see that they have a right to sit there and lose sight of reality (the common phrase is---oh, there is still so much to do---nonsense it is). CEO's position should be renamed as "CLERK" and be purely administrative; if that's legally presently not possible, then three terms (at the most) should be enough and then change must come with a new person.</p>	
128	Bryan Turner *attending hearing	Te Aroha	N	Bring back Community Boards with greater autonomy to run their own town's.	

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137	Katharyn Henderson	Matamata	N	<p>I suggest we have a community board representative and it should be a paid position. I know it is time that we as a community became more responsible and communicate and contribute our thoughts and actions for local decisions because it is a Kaitiaki roll of every human to be accountable. If we had a community board, this can be a chance to connect with this energy.</p> 	
138	Josie Ashworth Our Village Garden: Te kete o Te Aroha Inc.	Te Aroha	N	<p>I would recommend council consider reinstating community boards. Despite the fact that the Te Aroha Ward currently has slightly more than its quota of councillors per head, I am not convinced that the average Te Aroha resident feels empowered by this. Like it or not, councillors are often seen to be less accessible and approachable than someone on the more humble Community Board. It concerns me that because of this, grass-roots concerns are not being heard, picked up on or responded to.</p> <p>My own experience in setting up the community garden back in 2009/2010 would bear this out. This was a community-based initiative brought into being because the then Community Board, responding to suggestions from several members of the public, held an open meeting to gauge public interest. The Community Board meeting was not seen as an intimidating forum, and at that level, different groups and individuals were able to freely discuss the possibility of creating a community garden in the town. Out of that environment, the current thriving garden in Te Aroha was born. One of the most daunting parts of the set-up process was, in fact, the garden steering group's subsequent presentation of our proposal to Council. Without the earlier and ongoing support of the Community Board, there might not be a community garden today.</p> <p>I understand that there may be a desire to 'cut out the middle-man', with all the advantages of efficiency and cost-cutting that implies. If, however, the duty of Council is to serve and represent the interests of its community, perhaps this is one area where wisdom rather than bean-counting should be applied. Who knows, Council may even find that potential community board members would be prepared to work as volunteers, with just their expenses being met.</p>	
142	Gisela Ludtke-Faber *attending hearing	Te Aroha	N	<p>We miss Community boards-closer repies of constituency, community-minded, as opp. to financially interested.</p> <p>Two votes for any pers. is an aberration, espec. When that p. is the mayor. She/he has already unlimited power over the agenda, and holds the chair.</p> <p>Abolish the casting vote; play fair to the voting results.</p> <p>Limit terms of sitting to 2; making the most of fresh energy and ideas.</p>	

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160	Bruce Morgan *attending hearing	Te Aroha	N	Community boards represent the community. Councillers represent council members of the public cannot have there voices heard.																																																														
165a and 165b	Tim Hampton	-	N	<p>Submission A: I believe that Matamata is under-represented considering the large population increase. This means that Matamata should have 5 Councillors, however rather than burden the rate payer with the cost of 1 more Councillor my recommendation would be to balance the ratio with a decrease of one Councillor in Te Aroha.</p> <p>I believe that with the council's excellence marketing job of a great 'lifestyle' will see an increase in Matamata's population at a greater rate than Morrinsville and Te Aroha, due to Matamata having great well-funded facilities, such as Pohlen Hospital which are appealing to the aging population.</p> <p>I feel that Matamata has been short changed on a number of occasions recently with the lack of spending on the Civic centre (no stage, when the old centre had a stage).</p> <p>If Matamata was represented fairly and proportionality, then basic issues such as replacing community assets in Matamata with equivalent or better assets would be done with more ease and would deliver better equality across the three towns.</p> <p>Submission B: Table 1</p> <table><tr><th rowspan="2"></th><th rowspan="2">Settlement area</th><th colspan="3">Historical change (2001 - 2017)</th><th colspan="3">Projected 10 year change (2018 - 2028)</th><th colspan="3">Projected 30 year change (2018 - 2048)</th></tr><tr><th>Total Growth</th><th>Average Annual Growth</th><th>Average Annual Growth Rate</th><th>Total Growth</th><th>Average Annual Growth</th><th>Average Annual Growth Rate</th><th>Total Growth</th><th>Average Annual Growth</th><th>Average Annual Growth Rate</th></tr><tr><td rowspan="4">Resident Population</td><td>District</td><td>4,286</td><td>268</td><td>0.8%</td><td>1,560</td><td>156</td><td>0.4%</td><td>1,970</td><td>66</td><td>0.2%</td></tr><tr><td>Matamata Ward</td><td>2,036</td><td>127</td><td>1.0%</td><td>702</td><td>70</td><td>0.5%</td><td>1,147</td><td>38</td><td>0.3%</td></tr><tr><td>Morrinsville Ward</td><td>1,754</td><td>110</td><td>0.9%</td><td>657</td><td>66</td><td>0.5%</td><td>949</td><td>32</td><td>0.2%</td></tr><tr><td>Te Aroha Ward</td><td>496</td><td>31</td><td>0.4%</td><td>202</td><td>20</td><td>0.2%</td><td>-126</td><td>-4</td><td>-0.1%</td></tr></table> <p>Figure 1</p> <p>Spread of growth All three wards in the district are projected to experience population and dwelling growth. The total population and dwellings increase is highest in the Matamata Ward, followed by the Morrinsville Ward and then the Te Aroha Ward. Nearly 80% of the population growth and 70% of the dwelling growth is forecast to occur in the three urban towns (Matamata, Morrinsville and Te Aroha). The population growth in the rural settlements is noticeably lower than the main towns, and in some areas a slight decline is forecast. However dwellings are projected to increase in all the outlying rural settlement areas.</p> <p>Household size The average household size of a given area is the total resident population divided by the total number of households. A household can be one person who usually lives alone, or two or more people who usually live together and share facilities in a dwelling. There may be more than one family in a household. The average household size for the district has been declining over time and is projected to continue to decline.</p> <p>Please find attached additional council documentation supporting my previous submission, showing the expected population increase for Matamata being at a greater rate than Te Aroha (which is strong evidence to suggest the planned 'status quo' is NOT the suitable option for going forward into the foreseeable future).</p>		Settlement area	Historical change (2001 - 2017)			Projected 10 year change (2018 - 2028)			Projected 30 year change (2018 - 2048)			Total Growth	Average Annual Growth	Average Annual Growth Rate	Total Growth	Average Annual Growth	Average Annual Growth Rate	Total Growth	Average Annual Growth	Average Annual Growth Rate	Resident Population	District	4,286	268	0.8%	1,560	156	0.4%	1,970	66	0.2%	Matamata Ward	2,036	127	1.0%	702	70	0.5%	1,147	38	0.3%	Morrinsville Ward	1,754	110	0.9%	657	66	0.5%	949	32	0.2%	Te Aroha Ward	496	31	0.4%	202	20	0.2%	-126	-4	-0.1%	
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166	Gillian Bygrave	Te Aroha	N	Because we would be better off being represented by a Community Board. Their members mix and are associated with organisations & individuals regularly and could voice their collective concerns to Council; unlike our Councillors who have work commitments. Te Aroha's population 3,800 has grown little in 50yrs Unlike Matamata whose ward & town numbers will soon require additional Councillor as per Ward Review requirements. Te Aroha does not have lobby group, like Morrinsville Business Promotions and Matamata Public Relations.	
167	Ernie Bygrave, Retired Farmer	Te Aroha	N	<p>Because Te Aroha's population of 3,800, with minimum growth in 50years would be better represented by a "Te Aroha Committee Board". Remain ward numbers do not necessary frequent or shop in Te Aroha. Present Councillors who have full time work commitments spend no time mixing within ratepayers circles. Matamata's population will continue to grow, to warrant an additional Councillor. Its industries, employment opportunities & close proximity to Tauranga would encourage commuters to travel to work there.</p> <p>Matamata Public Relations & Morrinsville Business Promotions are funded \$100,000.00 by MPDC... Te Aroha i-Site is not a public relations or promotions association. A community board elected by our community to voice our concerns to council, would be of benefit to all concerned. While past councils proposals e.g. Long Term Plan - Have not been influenced by our ratepayers submissions I ask you to consider my submission favourably.</p>	

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168	Noel Harvey-Webb *attending hearing	Te Aroha	N	<p>The historic status quo should have been retained.</p> <p>1. Community Boards. Community Bards were effectively eliminated by [____inappropriate text removed____] H Vercoe,[____inappropriate text removed ____].</p> <p>Community Boards in Te Aroha I believe were doing an effective job promoting the ward, including tourism - and could still do more beyond railtrail extensions to the railrail plus.</p> <p>NZ has some 110 community boards operating, including those in New Plymouth, Waikato, South Waikato, Waipa, Far North, Whakatane, Wanganuiand often these do a more proactive job working with and for the community than do at a higher level counillors.</p> <p>Historically councillors had nothing to do with enhanced tracks and the railtrail. [____inappropriate text removed ____] H Vercoe, with a blinkered view did his best to block it all.</p> <p>Hauraki and Thames Corromandel based staff, workers and some from Sports Waikato, provided a pleasant working environment not found in Te Aroha. Matamata-Piako Sports Waikato, rep, Ruth Stanley attended one meeting, and was summarily forbidden by the mayor from attending anymore!!!</p> <p>Matamata-Piako needs the initiatives and communication that can come with a well run community board.</p> <p>2. Maori Plus Boards. With automation plus the distirct needs to foster an environment where opportunities are generated for mokopuna and others.</p> <p>With increasing visitor numbers (local and overseas, will generate tourism job opportunities. Hobbiton as one of the Waikato's biggest and artificial tourist attractions shows what is possible.</p> <p>Over years we have seen the railway (disappear-think of it's counterpart at Glenbrook, a passenger boat chased off the river, the mountain Turtle disappear off the mountain. - we need to get some back!! And Maori Boards</p> <p>Viv Fretwell's said initiatives to start a gondola up the mountain, were discourages by [____inappropriate text removed ____] Vercoe - Since Viv died I have looked at the numbers and it looked good.</p> <p>It is apparent that boating on the Hauraki Gulf, Waihou and Piako would be highly complementary to the railtrail and a gondola if ever built. , and the gondola of itself, using the Cairns Kuranda gondola would directy generate 100 jobs plus hundreds of other jops</p> <p>The gondola if ever built , running to the top of Te Aroha, and then onto the Ohinemuri, could foster the largest Waikato Moari tourist centre.</p> <p>With Maori increasingly gaining positions on river and the Kaimai-Mamakus, their initiatives should be fostered, which would be done by having suitable Maori groups as part of council.</p>	
182	Mike Gribble *attending hearing	Morrinsville	N	Four Councillors for each ward	

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185	Rangitonga Kaukau	Matamata	N	I worry that only Manawhenua forum was approached and not marae or hapu.	
187	Maurice Steffert *may attend hearing	Morrinsville	N	In 1989 Piako County amalgamated with Matamata County to form M.P.D.C. in which 3 wards were created. The councillors represent the districts, make decisions for the districts not only for their own wards I therefore believe there should be 4 councillors per ward not worked on a population basis even if boundaries have to be shifted. I do not support the representation arrangement to retain the status quo? When I went to the council office in M'ville last week to get a submission form last Friday, the 3 staff didnt even know what I was asking for they had to ring Te Aroha. I can't believe this happens as we were told in our local paper they were available in each town, may be this is one of the reasons people don't submit. I won't be able to attend the hearing I might be away. If I can attend I will come. Yours faithfully, Maurice. P. Steffert	
188	Helen Mead	Matamata	N	It concerns me that we do not currently have community representation in the form of a Community Board. I believe this should be introduced.	