

Representation Arrangements Review Statement of Proposal

**Initial Proposal for the
2019 and 2022 Carterton
District Council elections**

**We'd like to hear your thoughts on
the governance arrangements for
Carterton.**



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Background

Under the Local Electoral Act 2001 (the Act) local authorities must review their electoral arrangements at least every six years. Carterton District Council last reviewed its arrangements in 2012 (for the 2013 and 2016 elections), removing wards and replacing them with councillors elected at-large .

That means we have to do another review before the 2019 elections.

Representation arrangement reviews look at:

1. identifying our communities of interest
how these communities of interest are best represented
 - the basis on which councillors are elected (ie at large, wards or a mixture of both)
 - the total number of councillors
 - ward numbers, names and boundaries and
 - community board arrangements (whether establish, number, names etc)
2. ensuring each councillor represents about the same number of people
3. the electoral system to be used, and
4. any arrangements for Māori wards

Council resolved on 9 August 2017 to retain the First Past the Post (FPP) voting for the 2019 elections.

Council has made no decision to introduce Māori wards.

Under the Act, Council can only formally consult on one proposal (the initial proposal).



Current arrangements

The district is represented by a mayor and 8 at-large elected members.

What is at-large?

The District is not split into wards, or sub-divisions. All councillors represent all residents.

There are no community boards.

Proposed change to arrangements

Carterton District Council proposes to continue with its current representation arrangements.

Have your say

To have your say about the proposal you can:

1. visit our website
www.cdc.govt.nz/repreview to download or complete an online submission form.
2. email submissions@cdc.govt.nz; or
3. post your submission to:

Corporate Services Manager
Carterton District Council
PO Box 9
Carterton 5743

Printed copies of the Representation Review proposal and submission forms are available at Council Offices and Library on Holloway Street.

If you would like us to send you a copy of the proposal and submission form, please phone us on 06 3794030 or email submissions@cdc.govt.nz.

Written submissions open on Saturday 11 August and close at 12 noon on Monday 17th September 2018.

Next steps

Oral submissions will be heard on 3 October.

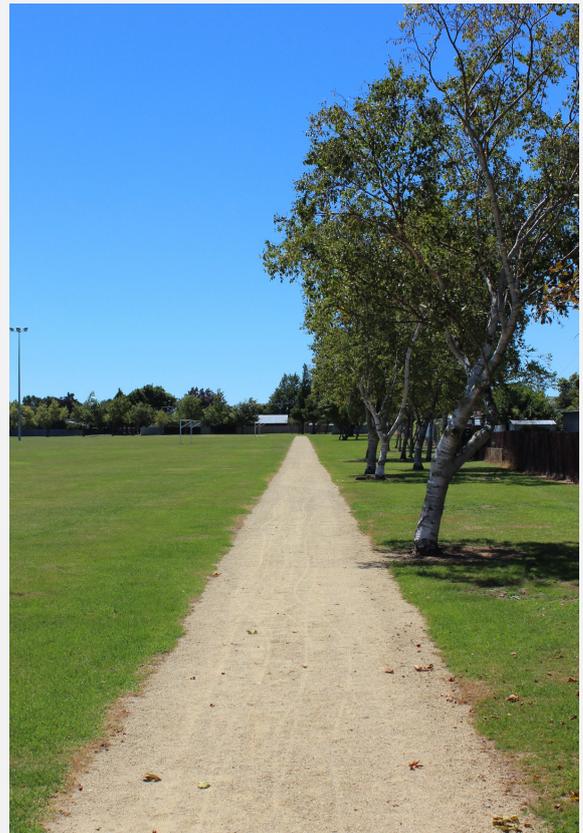
Following consideration of submissions, a final proposal will be made by Council on 24 October.

The final proposal will be publicly notified on 27 October and there is a period from 27 October to 27 November during which you can appeal the final proposal (if you previously lodged a submission) or object to the final proposal (if this changes from the initial proposal).

If there is an appeal or objection, or the final proposal does not comply with the Act's requirements for fair representation it must be referred to the Local Government Commission.

The Commission will then determine the representation arrangements for the 2019 Carterton District Council elections.

That decision must be made by 11 April 2019.

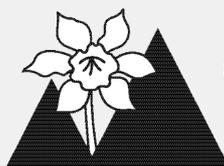


**Submissions close 12 noon
Monday 17 September 2018**

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