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Hastings District Council
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Te Rā Hui:
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Te Wā:
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Te Wāhi:
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Hastings**

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Comments from Hastings District residents or ratepayers IN FAVOUR of Māori wards

Maori maori maori..

Yes we should have Māori representation on councils so that that proportion of our society has a voice in decision making. As tangata whēnua Māori have much to contribute to the councils.

It's way overdue! Kia kamakama!

It's the right thing to do under TeTiriti

Maori have a legitlated right ,Trea

Ty Waitangi to be represented on decision making boards and councils.Non Maori can not speak on our behalf for issues that affect our cultural,whenua,or waterway traditional rights. Having Maori represented will enable us to work together to build a positive future for all

And break down the inequality that presently exist.

Maori need to be represented more fairly on all decision making boards and councils that effect them,this is a legislative right.Maori wards will encourage Maori participation and build a positive relationship with non Maori.Our views on cultural, traditional and environmental rights needs to be considered

when decision are made that effect us .Its is for all of this reason I totally support Maori Wards .

Te Tiriti O Waitangi needs to be honoured :)

For the future of our Tamariki!

We need Maori to make decisions and be part of council. Well over due

I am on the Maori roll and think it is due time to have Maori wards.

It is too long overdue having Maaori Wards so we have an equitable representation at this space.

Kia ora.

It is time to grow up and honour the Treaty...

Whakamana te tiriti o Waitangi

Kia ora, I find this whole thing offensive that I am even looking at a question that touts whether or not there should be (more) Māori representation at council, let alone anywhere in Aotearoa, and that the other determine mine and my whānau's voice and future. I have consciously decided not to take part in any of these oppressive, biased, discriminatory, and prejudiced conjectures as a waste of my time and intelligence, but have been implored by my husband to participate.

The outcome of this indolent mode of requesting information and then collection, which is pointedly lazy, ignorant, and dishonourable towards whānau and likely to work against Māori, will only result in a flawed, biased, unfair, unjust, and a misrepresentation of the Māori voice. Of course Māori tautoko Māori representation. But Māori don't respond in numbers to this type of thing. So why are you doing it? This process of engagement is poor and advantages dominant society who continue to subjugate Māori. And then the result will be used against us; how abhorrent and a slap in the face.

I would be more than happy to speak kanohi ki te kanohi about what I think but I honestly can't be bothered. I'm too busy working with and for our whānau, marae, and community. For me, if

council and society still isn't ready to respect whānau then get out of our way because we're moving forward with or without pakeha regardless of these last bastions of colonial imperial and undemocratic oppression. So hang on to your monocultural monopoly over whānau wellbeing and flourishing for as long as you can, because its fading. The wellbeing of whānau is our fundamental birthright and I would be ashamed of myself if I was part of a regime that petitioned these stupid questions and processes, and dishonoured the tamariki and mokopuna of Heretaunga and more broadly, Aotearoa. Get real. Ngā mihi, Dr Aria Graham

I appreciate that the Hastings District Council does have a number of Maori Councillors - that's great, but I believe that a Maori voice on the Council should be guaranteed for all time. Maori Wards seems to be the best way to ensure this. There is not a lot of point talking about honouring Treaty of Waitangi obligations if this most basic tenet of the Treaty is not guaranteed.

Konei Te wa. Karawhiua!

kia tika te kaupapa

It will eventually happen, just delaying the inevitable.

to ensure fullest Maori/Mana Tangata representation is on HDC

That's what our people need .

I tautoko the establishment of Māori wards in the Hastings District council.

Aotearoa-New Zealand. Equality

Let's honour the Treaty and build a greater Aotearoa for ALL of us ❤️👊

Whakamanahia Te Tiriti o Waitangi!

He takahi mana, he takahi ture anō hoki ki te kore.

I'm tired of Maori not having a voice and not being consulted about things, especially when we are the ones that have to put up with the decisions that are made at council level and yet we are the ones effected most by those decisions.

To ensure Māori have effective and equitable decision-making rights through dedicated Māori representation.

Māori constituencies at the Hastings District Council would signal recognition, respect and equality of the indigenous peoples of Aotearoa. Maori can only but enhance the table in a decision making capacity as they hold the inherent responsibility bestowed upon them by our tīpuna to protect the taiao for all of our future generations.

I write this submission in support of Māori constituencies on the Hastings District Council because I don't believe you have represented the voice of my people very well. Having Māori voices sitting at the HDC representing the interest of our people will ensure that tīkanga and Mātauranga Māori are included in all areas of decision making.

I support the establishment of Maori constituencies to the Hastings District Council because we need a fairer more equitable representation of those making decisions on our behalf.

I support the establishment of Maori constituencies because I believe only Maori have my best interests at heart.

I support the establishment of Māori Constituencies to the Hastings District Council because finally it will give Māori a voice at the decision-making table.

I support the establishment of Māori Constituencies to the Hastings District Council because I believe at this present time it is the only way Māori will gain recognition and inclusion at the decision making tables of power and control over our resources.

To ensure Māori have effective and equitable decision-making rights through dedicated Māori representation.

Māori constituencies is a recognition of Te Tiriti o Waitangi partnership and is an important constitutional mechanism of ensuring Māori voice.

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To ensure Māori have effective and equitable decision-making rights through dedicated Māori representation.

I support the establishment of Maori wards in the Hastings district council because I think it will give Maori representation and our voice will be heard.

I support Maori wards because we need to be consulted and represented at the Hastings District Council.

I totally support the establishment of the Maori wards, it's time that our people be represented and included in the decisions being made at the council.

I support the establishment of Maori Wards to the Hastings District Council because we need a fairer more equitable representation of those making decisions on our behalf.

In Aotearoa we are suppose to have a partnership with the Government. Having Maori wards is what should have been in place at the very beginning. I support the establishment of the Maori Wards fully. Long time over due.

Obviously need the Maori Wards in the Hastings District Council.

Hi my name is Dennis Morrell from Mangaroa Marae out here in Bridge Pa. I don't have an email but I'm using my mum's Kerry Jones's. I'm in full support of the Maori Wards being established at the Hastings District Council.

I'm Herbert Jackson Morrell (Snr). I don't have an email address, I use my daughters email address.

My name is Maata Morrell, I am from Mangaroa Marae in Bridge Pa and I am using my sisters email address

There needs be Maori Wards in the Hastings District Council.

Having Maori Constituencies represented on the Hastings District Council, will give acknowledgement and recognition of the partnership under Te Tiriti O Waitangi – the founding document of this country. Within this recognition and acknowledgement could lead to better understanding, acceptance and inclusion of the Maori world view and Maturanga Maori. I believe HDC will benefit enormously by having an open and inclusive representation of their Treaty partner.

Need more Maori in all councils across NZ. The fiasco we had with the tracks at Te Mata peak would not have happened with Maori consultation. Too many racist and ignorant white people in the Hastings district council. They could care less about Tangata whenua. Time for a change.

It is vital that these seats are available

Fully support Māori wards in the Hastings district

I fully support Maori Wards in Heretaunga as this is the way to ensure correct representation of Maori

It is time for growth and change. We understand our people best to help support and grow our rangatahi Maori and all youth to be more inclusive, stand up, positive citizens. When we share the responsibility we all feel equal and appreciated.

Long awaited realisation of Te Tiriti o Waitangi- Māori as autonomous and sovereign in decision making about their own lives, land, resources and ways of being, and dual partners in the governance of Aotearoa. At all levels.

Having Maori representation at the Council table means I have a voice. I live in a rural Maori community and the voices of our community are not heard or listened to; consultation on matters of importance is by way of a mail/newsletter - this is not our way, the Maori way; Council decisions on policy benefit the dominant culture yet our rates contribute towards those benefits;

our community was once a thriving economy and our tipuna financially propped up local businesses, some of these businesses are still operating today; our community is rich in culture and history yet we are not appreciated for the contribution and benefits that we can provide to the wider community; and our connection to our community is through whakapapa, our whenua, our awa - these things cannot be erased nor do they have a commercial value. Having a voice will ensure the interests of our Maori community will be acknowledged and listened to.

The people of the land of whom have a positive notion and invested interest in positive future developments...should definitely have a seat and voice within the council. Change is needed to make changes.

Makes sense to include Maori, after all we are supposed to be partners of Te Tiriti o Waitangi. It is time (180 odd years later) to trust us is it not? I'm sure you (non Maori) wouldn't like it if at the end of the maturity of your life insurance, you're told oh we've changed the rules and decided not to pay out? Well, our tipuna signed a Treaty in good faith, yes those two words GOOD FAITH and here we are all these years later still trying to be your Treaty Partner.

What are you afraid of?

Yes most definitely. Māori need to have a voice and we need to establish and have input for what's best for māori not others thinking they know what's best for our people.

we need to work together.

Treaty guarantee. Guarantee representation on councils. Partnership -this is what it means!

Kua tae te wā

I believe matters relevant to Māori would be better voiced and championed if we have Māori wards.

This is not a clear question but either way I support Maori wards. Would also like the Maori on general electoral can vote too.

Yes I agree to the establishment of a Maori ward

Kia kaha

How awesome to see such a progressive decision being made. We are Aotearoa New Zealand the home of Maori and Pakeha, and many others. This is indeed historic and of the utmost strength in leadership

It is absolutely essential that Council make a yes decision for the introduction of Māori Wards. Not only should the decision be informed by these submissions, but also by the national sentiment being expressed across the country through protests against those not introducing Māori Wards, and scenes of joy and congratulations to those choosing to say yes.

While it is our own District Council - actually this decision is about nationhood and citizenship and respecting The Treaty of Waitangi for what it was intended. We must all work together to validate The Treaty of Waitangi, which was for a large part, seen as a devious means to an end - to take Aotearoa from the Māori people with no intention of honouring such a Treaty in the first place.

Māori Wards signal that Hastings District Council is current and informed of nationhood and how local government contributes to nation building. Why stand around singing waiata and saying karakia if we can't honour the Treaty.

So sing your waiata! Say your karakia and believe it! and say YES - WHAKAĀE!

Implementation of security should be thought about , example cameras ,radios, home base with monitor 24/7, spray packs, teasers. It's a new era. Times change. People, public need protection and guidance. So does our maori Warden.

Māori and Pākehā are partners by the Treaty of Wairangi. How does the HBRC reflect that representation of this partnership when all operations and procedures are implemented and embedded through Pākehā ideologies, terminologies and frame works. Looking at all kinds of current issues from environmental to residential, from industrial to recreational, Māori are at no measure reflected as they rightfully should be! Establish these wards to allow Māori the chance they have never been given to voice and action their desires as a colonial structure like the regional councils has done for 100's of years.

It's time has come, Kua tae te wa.

Currently reside in Wellington but have a property in the Karamu area

I want my perspective to be represented, I believe in the Māori social system. I also believe it is not represented.

He mana motuhake tō te iwi Māori! Kāore i tua atu! Ka whawhai tonu matou ake ake ake!

It is integral that all ethnicities have a say with political and non-political matters. Maori are the indigenous people of Aotearoa and there is no doubt or questions in my mind that we have more wards that should stand for Maori.

Give Maori a voice at the table, as treaty partners it's time to work together and create better outcomes in all areas for everyone

I think it's really important for Maori to have a voice around the table at the Council.

I absolutely support establishing Maori wards in Hastings.

I support the establishment of Māori Constituencies to the Hawkes Bay Regional Council because I believe at this present time it is the only way Māori will gain recognition and inclusion at the decision making tables of power and control over our resources. Unfortunately because we are a minority in our own country, we are also the least group to receive the benefits of the resources, just look at the waterways throughout our region. It hasn't been Māori who have polluted the waterways with the dumping of sewerage and parū into the Wairoa river.

So I believe having Maori constituencies will force those decision makers to address their parū practices.

Yes, we Maori should be represented in Hastings District Council by a candidate chosen on our behalf to voice our issues as Tangata Whenua.

We simply need more maori representation, to address maori needs and who can better relate with maori, 3 seats hardly screams partnership

Honor Te Tiriti obligation.

I believe everyone should have the right to vote equally.

Ngāti Pārau Hapū Trust supports the establishment of Māori wards for the Hastings District Council.

Honour te tiriti o Waitangi!

Tu meke

Please establish this - we need representation so that voices of hapu are heard in this rohe. It matters for our tamariki, mokopuna and future generations. Thank you Sandra for pushing for this but please please please everyone be on board. It would be awesome to have this pass with unanimously with all council members behind this! That would send such an encouraging message to all in our region and the nation! He waka eke noa.

I support Maori Wards in Hastings

Maori have a better understanding of Maori culture, lore and concepts. They relate better to Maori who are underrepresented at present.

MAKE IT HAPPEN

i feel had we already had that representation at the table the zigzag track up Te Mata peak wouldnt have made it as far as it did and bridge pa awa wouldnt be drying up.

Support Maori Wards and recognition of Tiriiti Waitangi article 2 and price of citizenship in world wars Maori contribution.

It is time we had true and equal representation on our local councils

Yes we need to have a better and more guaranteed Māori representation on our councils

Kia ora, pai tenei whakaaro

This is a no brainer! The age of marginilising Māori under the guise of “democracy” which is heavily weighted to the largest population is over!

Voting in favour of Maori wards sends a clear message of a council with genuine willingness to lift the profile and wellbeing of a culture dedicated to the Manaakitanga and Kaitiakitanga of the Heretaunga district. Inclusivity and working together is good for all.

I will be a resident in the Hastings District later this year. I am voting on behalf of the land my whanau own in the Hastings district, Kaweka Ward. In the previous two council elections I have submitted 'special vote' . I am a trustee of the Kurupo Kaukau Whanau Trust and we pay rates on our land situated in Moteo. I am currently overseeing the establishment of a papakainga on the land.

I have never felt there was or has ever been a partnership between Māori and the council other than the ticking of boxes to imply that cultural appropriation has been enacted. Māori wards would mean a legitimate voice for Māori, manaakitanga, whakawhanaungatanga, and kaitiakitanga might actually manifest, resulting in meeting the three guiding principles as set out in The Treaty of Waitangi...

The current model of council is seen more of a dictatorship, which is serving only a portion of society. When we are not part of the decision making but are told we must pay and do as you ask, then we are no more than children and are inconsequential. The council must have Maori representation going forward for credibility! Or we will truly be the same old colonised and oppressed land for a new century.

The time is now to have Māori Wards in this rohe a Kahungunu ki Heretaunga.

Ko Kahuranaki te maunga

Ko Poukawa te wai-u

Ko Pekapeka te koreporepo

Ko Kahuranaki te marae

Ko Ngai te Rangikoianake to hapū

Ko Te Hapuku te tangata

Ko Te Whatuiapiti te rangatira

Ko Lewis Hilton raua ko Marg aka Maati Timu ōku matua tīpuna

Ko Haami Te Kuru Timu Hilton raua ko Mona Te Hei o Raukawa Heke ōku mātua

Ko Dianne Hilton toku ingoa

Ko Takitimu raua ko Tainui ngā waka

Ko Ngāti Kahungunu raua ko Maniapoto ngā iwi

Tihei Kahungunu!

Submission is to have my say for future generations (āku mokopuna) leading the way in looking forward to a future of Māori Wards within Aotearoa.

Yes definitely tautoko maori wards in the heretaunga to give our people the opportunity to have a voice at the table

Māori must have a voice at the decision making level in local government.

Maori have waited 180 years for change to occur within local government in order to become active partners and participants in contributing toward the wellbeing of the Hastings District its natural environment and ALL of its people of the district. Over the last 2 years in particular the Hastings DC has enabled the voice of Maori to be on all committees of council with full speaking and voting rights afforded. This amazing demonstration of confidence that such a true model of partnership with the people of the land, tangata whenua, can work to demonstrate issues of Te Ao maori and of Te Ao pakeha when combined is a unique factor and creates benefit and results of which I've witnessed over the last decade. Maori wards is now the next step to take the community along this same journey therefore I support maori wards.

I've been very comforted to have witnessed particularly those non maori councilors prepared to voice their support of maori wards being established I wish to acknowledge those who have put their own personal reputation on the line for their stance.

This is well overdue and I totally support the Council and those Councillors for their support to date, that maori wards be established within our Hastings DC

If Maori want this then they should have it. We need to recognize their status as tangata whenua Kei te tautoko nei au i tēnei tono mō ngā rohe pōti Māori i te rohe o Heretaunga... He kaha taku whakapono ki tēnei aronga o tātou.

Either way.. there will be backlash. I believe Councils and its members need to be fully aware that there is a treaty partner and going forward in order for communities to flourish, a change needs to happen. Regardless of what the polls say, a bold decision by the Council to create Maori constituencies is inevitable. Kia kaha, make a stand now!

Maori Ake Nei

It is paramount to have Māori representation and a say for all people.

Absolutely!

E hiahia ana e au kia whakaarohia ake he aronga ki tō te hiahia o te ngākau Māori. Mā Ngāi Māori anō mātau e kawē. Kāore au e paku mōhio ki ngā kaikaunihera tauwiwi, kihai i te mea nāku ake taua hē, heoi auare ake te kitea ki waenganui i ngā hapori Māori, rawa kore nei. Engari anō ngā mea Māori, ngā kaikaunihera manene hoki ka kitea. I runga i taua whakaaro, me ētahi atu, kua hiahia rawatia kia whakaae ki te whakatūnga pōti Māori.

Maori ward is a long awaited voice needed in council.

I think having a Maori ward would be great.

Maori have a right to have a say we are tangata whenua and as part to Te Tiri o waitangi.

IT'S SIMPLE... THERE IS A NEED FOR OUR PEOPLE TO BE THE VOICE FOR OUR PEOPLE

It's great to have Maori Wards.

Long overdue. Maori need to have their say directly.

Uphold the treaty.

My name is Wilray Price of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I would like to see our people sitting at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Wi Akeake Mooney. My partner is from Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I would like to see a fairer and more equitable share of power at the decision making table of the Hastings District Council.

My name is Alfred Te Paea. My wife is from Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I would like to see more Maori sitting at the decision making table of the Hastings District Council.

My name is Morris Rangihuna. My wife is from Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I think it would be a fairer and more equitable share of decision making at the HDC.

My name is Taina Reid of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I think there should be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with the founding document of our country - Te Tiriti O Waitangi.

MY name is Chantal Maree Mitchell of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori representation at the decision making table of the HDC

My name is James Tuehu Mitchell of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori representation at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Asher Mitchell of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori representation at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Shannon Mitchell of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori representation at the decision making table of HDC.

My name is Samuel Mitchell of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori wards so that our people can have a seat at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Naki Te Hau of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so our people can have a real say at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Poutu Kireka. My partner is from Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so our people can have a real say at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Kristal Waerea-Te Hau of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so our people can have a say at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Wiremu Te Hau of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards at the HDC.

My name is Ngahiti Todd of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so our people can have a voice at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Maera Todd of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so our people can have a say at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Izaiah Rogers of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so our people can be part of making decisions at the HDC.

My name is Trojan Rogers of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so our people can be part of making the decisions at the HDC.

My name is Te Aho O Te Rangi Rogers of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so our people can be part of making decisions at the HDC.

My name is Ray McCarthy of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so our people can have a voice at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Jackson Davis of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I would like our people to sit at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Lena Waerea of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so our people can make decisions at the HDC level.

My name is Tamaiawhitia Hokianga of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I would like to see our people sitting at the decision making table of the Hastings District Council.

My name is Ripeka Edwards of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I think our people should have a voice at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Tangata Poti of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I would like to see our people sitting at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Cydne Price of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I would like to see Maori sitting at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Arri Price of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I want to see more of our people sitting at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Wilray (junior) of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I would like to see more of our people participating in the decision making process of the Hastings District Council.

My name is Jackson Ruwhiu of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I would like to see more Maori participating at the decision making levels of the HDC.

My name is Te Rira Huata of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I would like to see a more equitable and fairer sharing of power at the decision making table of the Hastings District Council.

My name is Zion Mark of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because we need a fairer and more equitable share of the decision making seats on the Hastings District Council.

My name is Waerea Hokianga from Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because we need to have a more fairer and equitable sharing of power at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Reef Liddington of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Ward because I would like to see a more equitable and fairer sharing of power at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Riva Rose Liddington of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because there should be a more equitable and fairer share of power at the decision making table of the Hastings District Council.

I would like to speak to my submission

I would like to speak to my submission at the Hearing.

My name is Letitia Waerea of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because we should have a seat at the decision making table as the Te Tiriti O Waitangi partner.

My name is Harata Waerea from Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because as the tangatawhenua o Aotearoa we should have our voices represented at the decision making table.

I would like to speak at the submissions Hearing.

My name is Jocelyn Edwards Petera from Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because as the Treaty Party, we should have representation at the decision making tables of power.

I would like to speak to my submission at the Hearing

My name is Queenie Cooke. I am a kaumaatua of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because it is important our people have representation at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Jerry Edwards of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because as the Treaty partner of the Crown, we should be represented at the decision making table of local government.

I would like to speak to my submission.

My name is Lisa Edwards. I married a member of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori representation at the decision making table of the HDC.

I support Maori wards because we should have representation at the decision making table.

My name is Lisa Price of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so that our people can have a voice at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is George Edwards of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so our people can have a say at the decision making table of the HDC.

I would like to speak at the Hearing.

My name is Rosemarie Edwards. I am married to a member of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so that our people can have a voice at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Hikawai Edwards of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so that our people can have a say at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Janene Edwards of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori representation at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Jackie Edwards of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so our people can a say at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Marion Edwards of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so our people can have a say at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Te Rawhiti Edwards of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so our people can have a say at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Winipere Edwards of Mangaroa Marae. I support Mard Wards so our people can be represented at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Teah Waerea of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so our people can have a say at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Tahu Petuha of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so that our people can have a say at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Manuao Waerea of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so that our people can have a seat at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Thomas Waerea (Junior) of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so our people can have a seat at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Horianana Waerea of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so that our people can have a say at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Georgina Lewis of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards to the HDC.

My name is Thomas Waerea (Senior) of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so that our people can have a say at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Munro Waerea of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so that our people can have a say at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Kararaina Ngoungou of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so our people can have a meaningful say at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Rihimoana Waerea of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so our people can have a real say at the decision making table of the HDC.

I would like to speak to my submission.

My name is Harata Rapaea. I am the partner of a member of Mangaroa marae. I support Maori Wards so our people can have a real say at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Ngawai Waerea of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so that our people can have a say at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Lena Waerea of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so our people will have a voice at the HDC decision making table.

My name is Ngahiti Waerea of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so our people can have a say at the HDC decision making table.

My name is Sonee Waerea of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so our people can have a say at the HDC decision making table.

My name is Paul Cooke of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so our people can have a say at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Teresa Cooke of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards at the HDC so our people can have a real and meaningful voice at the decision making table.

My name is Letitia Te Kiri of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so our people can be part of making the decisions at the HDC.

My name is Jerree Waerea of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so our people can be part of making the decisions at the HDC.

My name is Peggy Joe Proce of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so our people can be part of the decision making to the HDC.

My name is Peggy Edwards of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so our people can have a voice at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Hinerāe Waerea of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so our people can make decisions at the HDC.

My name is Kris Manihera from Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because our people should have the right to make decisions at the HDC table.

My name is Kris Manihera from Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so our people can be part of the decision making within the HDC.

My name is Annie Davis of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Ward because I would like to see our people participating in the decision making roles within HDC.

My name is Jackson Waerea of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so our people can make decisions at the HDC.

My name is Tumatangaro Hokianga of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I would like to see Maori make decisions at the HDC.

My name is Aniray Price of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Ward so our people can be part of making decisions at the HDC.

My name is Rebecca-Paje Price of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I want our people to be part of the decision making at the HDC.

My name is Janelle Waerea of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I think our people should be part of the decision making process at the local government level in the Hastings District Council.

My name is Margaret Manihera of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I would like to see our people being part of the decision making process on the HDC.

My name is Paratene Manihera of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I would like to see our people sitting at the decision making table of the Hastings District Council.

My name is Ferne Edwards Poti of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards to the HDC.

My name is Sam Waerea of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so our people can have a say at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Louise Price of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I would like to see more Maori sitting at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Joseph Price of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I would like to see more of our people sitting at the decision making table of the Hastings District Council.

My name is Brendan Price of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I would like to see our people sitting at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Tracey Price of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I there should be more Maori sitting at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Frances Smiler Edwards of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because there needs to be fairer and equitable representation at the decision making table of the Hastings District Council.

I would like to speak to my submission.

My name is Michael James Edwards of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I would like to see more Maori sitting at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Robert William Edwards of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I want to see more Maori sitting at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Bobbi Lee Edwards of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I want to see more Maori sitting at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Lina Hauauru Edwards of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so our people can be represented at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Thompson Hokianga of Mangaroa Marae. I support Mard Wards because I would like to see more Maori represented at the decision making table of the HDC.

I would like to speak to my submission.

My name is Alayna Hokianga of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I would like to see more Maori sitting at the decision making table of the HDC.

I would like to speak to my submission.

My name is Rana Hemi Kingi Huata of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so that our people can be represented at the decision making table of the HDC.

I would like to speak to my submission.

My name is Cordry Tawa Huata of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I would like to see a fairer and more equitable share of decision making within the HDC.

I would like to speak at the submissions Hearing

My name is Eddie Huata. I support Maori Wards because I would like to see better representation for Maori at the decision making table of the Hastings District Council.

My name is Huia Te Rina Ripeka Huata. I support Maori Wards because I think there should be a fairer and equitable share of power at the decision making table of the Hastings District Council.

My name is Raiha Huata of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I think there needs to be a more equitable and fairer sharing of power at the decision making table of the Hastings District Council because Maori are the equal Treaty of Waitangi partner.

My name is Hinemihi Te Kahurangi Huata of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because there should be a fairer and equitable share of decision making powers at the Hastings District Council.

My name is Wairakei Huata Sa'ena of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because there should be a fairer and equitable share of decision making power at the Hastings District Council because Maori are the Treaty of Waitangi partner - the founding document of Aotearoa.

My name is Rana Kireara Huata of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards as I would like to see greater Maori representation at the decision making table of the Hastings District Council.

My name is Kara Huata of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I would like to see a more fairer and equitable sharing of the decision making powers in the Hastings District Council.

My name is Tawa Huata of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I would like to see a fairer more equitable share of decision making powers in the Hastings District Council. We are the tangatawhenua of Aotearoa which is recognised under the Treaty of Waitangi. Council needs to truly recognise this.

My name is Nathan Huata of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I would like to see a much fairer and equitable share of the decision making powers within the HDC.

My name is Te Aorangiariki Huata of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I would like to see a more fairer and equitable sharing of power at the decision making table of the Hastings District Council.

My name is Tipare Paengawhaha Huata of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I think there should be a fairer and more equitable sharing of power at the decision making table of the Hastings District Council.

My name is Rahina Marie Huata of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I think there should be a far fairer and equitable share of power at the decision making table of the Hastings District Council.

My name is Parehuia Huata of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I would like to see more Maori sitting at the decision making table of the Hastings District Council.

My name is Te Moananuiakiwa Pahauwera Huata of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I would like to see better representation for Maori at the decision making table of the Hastings District Council.

My name is Charles Paringatai. My partner has whakapapa ties to Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I would like to see a fairer and equitable share of power at the decision making table of the Hastings District Council.

My name is Darren Eden. My partner is from Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I believe there needs to be a more equitable and fairer share of decision making powers in the Hastings District Council.

My name is Kohika Naera. My partner is from Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I would like to see a fairer and more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council.

My name is Te Aniwa Huata. My husband is from Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori to have a greater say at the decision making table of the Hastings District Council.

My name is Kereama Peni. My partner is from Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I would like to see a fairer more equitable sharing of power at the decision making table of the Hastings District Council.

My name is Dana Johnson. My partner is from Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I would like to see a more fairer and equitable sharing of power at the decision making table of the Hastings District Council.

My name is Kahurangi Waerea of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because we need a fairer and more equitable share of decision making powers to the HDC.

My name is Rangiwhiua Robin of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because it will give us a great say at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is John Robin. My wife is from Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so we can have a fairer and more equitable share of the decision making process on the HDC.

My name is Donna Robin from Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I want to see that our people have a fairer and equitable chance of being represented at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Mei-Ana Ave of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because it will give us a better chance of being represented at the decision making table of the Hastings District Council.

My name is Abrielle Robin of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because it will give tangatawhenua a fairer and more equitable chance of representation at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Lorraine Rangihuna of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I think there should be a fairer and more equitable sharing of decision making at the HDC.

My name is Graham Liddington. My partner is from Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because our people should be part of the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Terei Liddington of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because there should be a fairer and more equitable share of decision making table at the HDC.

My name is Alexandra Liddington of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I think there should be a more equitable and fairer share of decision making power at the HDC table.

My name is Tracey Liddington. My partner is from Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I think there should be a fairer more equitable sharing of power at the decision making table of the Hastings District Council.

My name is Ani Tipare Edwards-Price of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so that Maori can have more of a say at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Shirley-Ann Hutana. My partner is from Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so that our people will have a seat at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Glenville Rogers. My wife is from Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori wards so our people will have a voice at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Rose Smith. My husband is from Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because it will give our people a real say at the decision making table of the HDC

My name is Ihaka Waerea (Sn) of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I would like to see more Maori sitting at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Kem Noel Smith of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because it would give our people a greater say at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Lee Waerea of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so our people can have a real say at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Ihaka Waerea (Jn) of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so our people can have more of a say at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Nadia Hide. My partner is from Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I want to see better representation by Maori at the decision making table of the Hastings District Council.

My name is Kori Waerea of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because Maori should have a seat at the decision making table of the Hastings District Council,

My name is Iraia Edwards of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I think there should be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with the founding document of our country - Te Tiriti O Waitangi.

My name is Teremoana Edwards of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I think there should be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with the founding document of our country - Te Tiriti O Waitangi.

My name is Hopaea Walker of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I think there should be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with the founding document of our country - Te Tiriti O Waitangi.

My name is Aaron Edwards of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I think there should be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with the founding document of our country - Te Tiriti O Waitangi.

My name is Cala Maraea Edwards of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I think there should be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with the founding document of our country - Te Tiriti O Waitangi.

My name is Wairakei Rangihuna of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I would like see fairer and equitable representation at the decision making table of the Hastings District Council.

My name is Preston Reid of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I think there should be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with the founding document of our country - Te Tiriti O Waitangi.

My name is Atalya-Emma Reid of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I think there should be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with the founding document of our country - Te Tiriti O Waitangi.

My name is Milton Reid of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I think there should be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with the founding document of our country - Te Tiriti O Waitangi.

My name is Moran Waerea of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I think there should be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with the founding document of our country - Te Tiriti O Waitangi.

My name is Hemi Waerea of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I think there should be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with the founding document of our country - Te Tiriti O Waitangi.

My name is Randle Cooke. I married a member of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I think they should have representation at the HDC.

I would like to speak to my submission at the Hearing.

My name is Marcus Lawrence. My partner is from Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I think Maori should by right of them being the indigenous people of this country to have a greater voice at the decision making table of the Hastings District Council.

Āe Tautoko tenei , It's Our Turn to stand Now,
We Māori only know how to take care of Māori and What is Required

Be great to have our views voiced by our own.

I fully support the establishment of Maori Wards for the next Local Body Elections. I feel that Maori voice should be heard in a local body voice as decisions made at this level directly effect the local tangata whenua. If the mandate is to get a general consensus from all eligible voters, then Maori are again becoming victims of the overwhelming Pakeha majority. Which was very evident the last occasion this council abdicated their moral responsibility to Maori constituents by electing to run with the majority voice and not promote Maori Wards.

This is a no-brainer, you've got this survey in Māori for goodness sakes, Te Reo Māori is one of the national languages of NZ, representation of the indigenous voice/people is fair on every council, the statistics of Māori and Polynesian call for representation and is democratic, it is racist mindsets that cower and are afraid to do what is just and right by allowing this to be done - even in saying, "allow Māori wards," is uncomfortable like we have to be, "allowed," at the table, just do what should have been done 180yrs ago!

Let Māori sit at the table!

We've waited long enough 181yrs to have a voice in local government. It is time for Maori to be at the decision table.

Treat of Waitangi needs to be upheld in our councils. Maori need a voice at the table so that local government hear Maori issues. The council up north created Maori wards dont be the last in the chain Hastings. There is nothing to be scared about with creating Maori wards. More voices, more opinions, more issues to discussed and being called out is not a challenge it is the role of councilors who sit at the table.

Let us as tangata whenua paticipate, to protect our whenua and taonga in this so called partnership that the treaty was signed to provide!!

it shouldn't need to be decided. they should already be in place in every council honouring te tiriti

I am passionate about the establishment of Maori Wards in Heretaunga ki Kahungunu
Because Maori have a better understanding of all things Maori.

MAORI VOICE ITS OUR RIGHT

My people whakapa north of Ahuriri to Mohaka/ Raupunga. Ngai Tahu proud. Our tipuna were told to speak pakeha language or wash your mouth with soap, take on pakeha names, clothes traits and they were treat us equals like we promised them or they promised us. But it hasn't happened so hope fully this will lead to more involvement between us. Ka pai HDC. Keep up the good mahi

My name is Rangitumai Vercoe. I support Maori Wards for the Hastings District Council because as the tangatawhenua of Aotearoa, by rights according to the Treaty of Waitangi, we should be represented at every level of decision making.

My name is Te Kahurangi Huata of Mangaroa marae . I support Maori Wards for the Hastings District Council because as the tangatawhenua of Aotearoa, by rights according to the Treaty of Waitangi, we should be represented at every level of decision making.

I would like to speak to my submission.

My name is Karl Pay of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards for the Hastings District Council because as the tangatawhenua of Aotearoa, by rights according to the Treaty of Waitangi, we should be represented at every level of decision making.

My name is Jeffrey Morunga of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards for the Hastings District Council because as the tangatawhenua of Aotearoa, by rights according to the Treaty of Waitangi, we should be represented at every level of decision making.

My name is Justin Morunga of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards for the Hastings District Council because as the tangatawhenua of Aotearoa, by rights according to the Treaty of Waitangi, we should be represented at every level of decision making.

My name is Jahnesta Morunga of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards for the Hastings District Council because as the tangatawhenua of Aotearoa, by rights according to the Treaty of Waitangi, we should be represented at every level of decision making.

My name is Rodney Pay of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards for the Hastings District Council because as the tangatawhenua of Aotearoa, by rights according to the Treaty of Waitangi, we should be represented at every level of decision making.

My name is Te Aniwaniwa Johnson of Whakatu. I support Maori Wards for the Hastings District Council because as the tangatawhenua of Aotearoa, by rights according to the Treaty of Waitangi, we should be represented at every level of decision making.

My name is Hamiora Kennedy of Whakatu. I support Maori Wards for the Hastings District Council because as the tangatawhenua of Aotearoa, by rights according to the Treaty of Waitangi, we should be represented at every level of decision making.

My name is Tina Mahia. I support Maori Wards for the Hastings District Council because as the tangatawhenua of Aotearoa, by rights according to the Treaty of Waitangi, we should be represented at every level of decision making.

My name is Hinemanuhiri Vercoe. I support Maori Wards for the Hastings District Council because as the tangatawhenua of Aotearoa, by rights according to the Treaty of Waitangi, we should be represented at every level of decision making.

My name is Riri Ripeka Honotapu. I support Maori Wards for the Hastings District Council because as the tangatawhenua of Aotearoa, by rights according to the Treaty of Waitangi, we should be represented at every level of decision making.

My name is Sonna Waerea of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards for the Hastings District Council because as the tangatawhenua of Aotearoa, by rights according to the Treaty of Waitangi, we should be represented at every level of decision making.

Looking forward to a 100 percent "Tautoko" from the HDC.

He pai katoa, he pai mo te katoa kia noho ai whakaaro māori o roto o te kaunihera a Heretaunga. Maha ngā hua mo te katoa kia kite, kia rongo whakaaro māori o roto o tēnei kōeke hai whakatūpā anō. What a blessing to have the right Māori voices on this Council.

Local Māori need to know that they will have a voice. Also, many Pākehā need education around what actually happened in NZ's history, then they may understand better.

You have obligations and this is one way to meet them - but its not the only way.

This is an obligation of the crown as a treaty partner!

I support the right to have māori representation on the Hastings district council.

Yes I support the establishment of Māori wards in the Hastings district. What is good for Māori is good for everyone!

Yes I agree that the establishment of Māori wards will benefit our people into the future on the Hastings district council

I support the establishment for the Māori wards for the Hastings district council, we as a people need to be present at the decision table to make change for the betterment of our future

Yes I am in support of the maori wards being established in the Hastings district.

Yes i agree with the establishment of having Māori wards in the Hastings District Council. I believe it is needed so that Māori have a voice and we are represented properly as the tribe of Hawkes Bay, Ngāti Kahungunu

We need fair and equitable representation on all councils.

I pay several different rates. I own my own home.

As a rate payer it would be appreciated to see Maori Wards in Hastings for the following reasons:

- 1 to develop on--going relations between the Treaty partners.
2. It may have the potential to create a better/ healthier environment.
3. Job opportunities may arise.

Let's work together on an equal plain.

I would appreciate speaking to my submission if time permits.

Nga mihi

Charmaine Pene.

Our new Māori Mother's need a place to be able to go too when they're feeling down, unsure and vulnerable as their children hit the toddler stages. Mothers who suffer from detachment anxiety after their children turn one find it hard to let their children go day care etc. Having someone to talk too, to listen and to help them get through this would help them a lot.

I tautoko Maori wards..

Mauri ora!

To be able to work as one and establish processes and guidelines that work in conjunction for the betterment of all, should be a must to progress forward in New Zealand / Aotearoa. Consultation with Maori is a major concept of healing and trying to change the way forward. Ngati Paarau Whanau of Waiohiki.

Māori representation

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Maori representation

This is such a big conversation.

Tautoko Heather & Marks korero. What will you be remembered for. More so, you will ONLY be remembered if you allow Maori seats.

Ae he tautoko te mea Maori, tikanga maori he mana Maori.

We hold true to our culture, share our world and encompass our diversity with yours.

Let us action our words as we can be leaders too.

Fully support Maori Wards

Definitely support Maori wards

Under Te Tiriti, Tangata Whenua have the right to Maori representation at local council. Show courage and leadership, and get it done. Show your Napier counterparts how it's done!

I believe now is the time for more Māori representation in local government decision making. Having the Māori ward established will show unity within the district and bring forth positive change for our community.

Yes there should. If we followed the three principles of the Treaty of Waitangi We should have Maori Wards.

Yes to Māori wards!

I support the establishment of Māori wards in the Hastings' district as I think this would make it more likely Māori voices are heard, in accordance with The Treaty of Waitangi. In a majority vote, it is often difficult for those in a minority, to be truly represented.

All the best and goodluck ♥

TOW, Human Rights, World Indigenous peoples Group ensures my inclusiveness to this process. Rights of fellow Indigenous peoples of the world endorse peoples rights to water even though NZ didn't sign the accord alongside a few other countries that I do have rights to water and its sanitation. Individually I, Hera Tahau have a unimpeded human right to safe water. My Whakapapa entitles me to cup my hand and drink freely its goodness.

I will point out that you omitted to add an important question for the public on this questionnaire.

" Do you support the establishment of Māori wards in the Hastings district (to be elected by voters on the general roll?")

Te tiriti o waitangi partnership in action

I believe this is necessary to ensure obligations and principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi are upheld. I also believe it will enrich our community to have a stronger Māori voice in governance.

My name is Hirini Price of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I think there should be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with the founding document of our country - Te Tiriti O Waitangi.

My name is Miria Kaukau of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I think there should be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with the founding document of our country - Te Tiriti O Waitangi.

My name is Joanna Kaukau of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I think there should be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with the founding document of our country - Te Tiriti O Waitangi.

My name is Huara Kaukau of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I think there should be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with the founding document of our country - Te Tiriti O Waitangi.

My name is Mere Kaukau of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I think there should be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with the founding document of our country - Te Tiriti O Waitangi.

My name is Raymond Kaukau of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I think there should be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with the founding document of our country - Te Tiriti O Waitangi.

My name is Mel-rose Kaukau of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I think there should be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with the founding document of our country - Te Tiriti O Waitangi.

My name is Paora Kaukau of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I think there should be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with the founding document of our country - Te Tiriti O Waitangi.

My name is Ropata Johnson Waerea. I am a resident of Whakatu. I support Maori Wards because as the tangata whenua we have a right to be part of making the decisions at the Hastings District Council as per the Treaty of Waitangi.

My name is Opal Hale. I support Maori Wards because as the tangatawhenua of our country and in accordance with the Treaty of Waitangi, we should be sitting at the decision making table of the Hastings District Council.

My name is Ella Hale. I support Maori Wards for the Hastings District Council because as the tangatawhenua of New Zealand, our people should have representation at the decision making table in accordance with the Treaty of Waitangi.

My name is Barron Hale. I support Maori Wards for the Hastings District Council because as the tangatawhenua of Aotearoa, by rights according to the Treaty of Waitangi, we should be represented at every level of decision making.

My name is Tuhoe Huata. I support Maori Wards for the Hastings District Council because as the tangatawhenua of Aotearoa, by rights according to the Treaty of Waitangi, we should be represented at every level of decision making.

My name is Mereana Huata. I support Maori Wards for the Hastings District Council because as the tangatawhenua of Aotearoa, by rights according to the Treaty of Waitangi, we should be represented at every level of decision making.

My name is Maku Huata. I support Maori Wards for the Hastings District Council because as the tangatawhenua of Aotearoa, by rights according to the Treaty of Waitangi, we should be represented at every level of decision making.

My name is Panache Ropitini. I support Maori Wards for the Hastings District Council because as the tangatawhenua of Aotearoa, by rights according to the Treaty of Waitangi, we should be represented at every level of decision making.

My name is Tiahuia Ropitini. I support Maori Wards for the Hastings District Council because as the tangatawhenua of Aotearoa, by rights according to the Treaty of Waitangi, we should be represented at every level of decision making.

My name is Erica Cameron. I support Maori Wards for the Hastings District Council because as the tangatawhenua of Aotearoa, by rights according to the Treaty of Waitangi, we should be represented at every level of decision making.

My name is Barbara Cameron. I support Maori Wards for the Hastings District Council because as the tangatawhenua of Aotearoa, by rights according to the Treaty of Waitangi, we should be represented at every level of decision making.

My name is Phyllis Timu. I support Maori Wards for the Hastings District Council because as the tangatawhenua of Aotearoa, by rights according to the Treaty of Waitangi, we should be represented at every level of decision making.

My name is Sydney Harris. I support Maori Wards for the Hastings District Council because as the tangatawhenua of Aotearoa, by rights according to the Treaty of Waitangi, we should be represented at every level of decision making.

My name is Jaimee Lolo. I support Maori Wards for the Hastings District Council because as the tangatawhenua of Aotearoa, by rights according to the Treaty of Waitangi, we should be represented at every level of decision making.

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My name is Rangimarie Freeman Marsh of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Ward because there should be a fairer and more equitable share of power at the decision making table of the Hastings District Council in accordance with NZ's founding document Te Tiriti O Waitangi.

My name is Derek James Hokianga of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I think there should be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with the founding document of our country - Te Tiriti O Waitangi.

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Maori wards ensure that Maori have a voice at the decision making tale. And that Maori considerations are heard in regard to our taiao and wellbeing.

> He whāinga mā Māori mō Māori

> Nā te Tiriti o Waitangi i whakamana

> Not implementing Māori wards IS institutional racism within a system thats dominated by Whiteness and presented and disguised as Democracy

Rau Rangatira mā

Ka nui te mihi kia koutou whai tika mo ngā tangata katoa kei roto i te rohe o Heretaunga.

Ko te mea nui, ko te aroha. Time for sensitivity, caring & compassion shared equally & harmoniously across both parts of the Treaty partnership. Article 2 of Te Tiriti goes further to state “Her Majesty the Queen of England confirms and guarantees to the Chiefs and Tribes of New Zealand and to the respective families and individuals thereof the full exclusive and undisturbed possession of their Lands and Estates Forests Fisheries and other properties which they may collectively or individually possess so long as it is their wish and desire to retain the same in their possession ...”. It is time to assist the delivery of the guarantee, albeit the natural estate / taonga tuku iho being barely recognisable to our tīpuna today. It is time to share the reigns, to lift all within the governance, management, delivery & wellbeing in our tūrangawaewae, Heretaunga 🙏

As Tangata Whenua we have the right

to have Māori Wards. Mauriora.

Kia kaha maori ma , whakatinanahia to mana motuhake .

Āe tautoko!

Representation is needed so we can hear the Māori voice even this forum is likely to be drowned out by pākehā with a sense of entitlement -Māori will be the first to say they want to work together with the pākehā community -lets invite their voice to be heard -kia kaha

1. I do feel those elected Māori councillors will mirror my thoughts and values in their decision making

2. Maori voice will add a greater appreciation to our tikanga/values in our everyday lives

3. Maori councillors will also have the ability to share information, services and their counsel more directly with their Maori constituents

4. It will activate more interest by Māori in their local government decision making

5. By association Māori will feel their opinion and voice will be heard in a respectful leadership forum.

It's time for Maori wards to have a voice & not dictated by the current .

We have our own values & needs .

We have the same amount of seats that pakeha have

We need more representation at a local level to support positive changes and avoid ethnocentric views.

We need to hear and see both world views....

Not just one sided

I believe Maori wards will allow better representation for Maori. People argue that the current system is sufficient for their voice to be heard however Maori are a minority voice in our community. The majority group Pakeha are probably more likely to vote in councillors that represent their Pakeha interests as opposed to Maori Councillors who want to make Maori voice heard, meaning Maori are less likely to get a look in. With Maori ward councillors then they are able to have a consistent voice at the table amongst the predominantly Pakeha councillors.

Yes. Long overdue, the current "law" is not for the benefit of ALL and never will be UNLESS central government, the beehive and law reform is put to the test. HDC councillors of today who currently sit in the seats of POWER you do not seem to have the courage to do what is right for ALL.

Surely, you ALL must carry a form of shame, guilt, unease. Your devastating actions in the last few years has caused consequences of chaos. It is through these actions that you ALL will be remembered by ALL who reside in Hastings.

Its quite obvious the HDC status quo infrastructure "syndrome" doesn't work for ALL who reside in Hastings. It merely lines the pockets of horticulturists, viticulturelists, agriculturalists, investors etc.

For the sake of "ALL" our mokopuna who are with us today and, those yet to be born. I say to you HASTINGS DISTRICT COUNCILLORS it is the SEATS that you sit in that holds the power, be bold, be brave. If the guiding legislation allows for 3 Maori Councillors then so be it. Be the first Hastings District Councillors in our history to cement change with acknowledging and welcoming Maori wards in the Hastings district.

Establishing the Maori wards would guide, lead, negotiate, navigate in partnership with challenging the current infrastructure of HDC principles and law reform. Therefore benefiting ALL who reside in Hastings, including Maori.

I agree that we already have Maori on the current council but they are there because they are the only Maori who put themselves out there to be elected so its notlikewehada lot of choice!?!? It doesn't mean the ones there are the est to represent us!?!? It means they were the only ones available to be elected

Its the financial costs the intimidation of going up against Non Maori who's families renames are well established within the area so why would a person who is Maori and not very financial humiliate themselves by running for a position they know they are capable and passionate about doing but they won't get it purely because we don't fit the personal criteria!?!?

I think having Maori wards will give more Maori the opportunity to put themselves out there and represent their Hapu and have a say about things Te Ao Maori

Be their voice at the table with Te Ao Maori being the priority not wheelie bins and the like!?!?

I just want us to be represented at the table when its decisions that will affect us as a culture as a people

And represented by people who are passionate not because they like being the token Maori fronting the cameras or because they have a large community base who know them personally and they can afford the election costs!!

Equal representation please

It is our legal right as the Treaty Partner to the Crown. Refer to The Treaty of Waitangi Article 3.

This allows for guaranteed Māori representation on the council.

Finally after over 180years of occupation we see not honouring, but some way towards honouring the treaty.

Honour the treaty 50/50 partnership. Maori (tangata whenua/mana whenua) and the crown (to which everyone else belongs)two parties to the partnership.

Excellent for the treaty partners to finally be at the table it's just in what capacity is worryng!

Na Jake Pihema

Well overdue.

Overdue to bring treaty partner in and is it a partnership or are you looking for a tick the box scenario?

Treaty partner should have been at the table when local government began as a treat partner not a certain amount of representation but a full on treaty partner.

Yes I support The treaty partner

Come on

Challenge that guiding legislation you want to honour the treaty!

Na te wai Inu morrell

I think it will be beneficial to the Hastings District Council and peoples in the community to have a Maori ward established as it will offer up a different way of looking at things and a different point of view.

Would a Māori ward be a councillor who already sits on the council or is it likely to have its own entity.

Ensure Maaori voice is represented at the Council table which is important.

Teu le va.

Working together for all people of Heretaunga.

Cherish all relationships as equally important.

I believe that establishing a Maori Ward is a very positive move

Mana Whenua Maori need to be at the table. Maturanga Maori (learnings) would be so useful for all things moving forward as it's a big picture kaupapa and Maori have some good processes that will in fact be beneficial to all.

Of course it's about all people and cultures and their well-being but the existing system needs to change as its been dominated by the western ways for too long. The world is overdue and ripe for change in this COVID moment and Maori at the table will contribute a lot.

I'm in full favour of maori having a input in important cultural, environmental issues etc. With equal respect of the treaty of waitangi. Its been along time coming over 180 years of been pushed to the background, and we maori have alot of knowledge to share and to also learn from one another.

I believe this a start of something new to start the ultimate dream of partnership.

We need our own authentic Maori voice. After all Maori really do know what's best for Maori, and can lead by representation at the table.

Research in social psychology sustains the idea of those from diverse socioeconomic status and cultural ideologies to have a say in decision making

We are in changing times when local authorities need to be more cognisant of the people they represent and the changing demographics and needs of those people. for far too long there has been an attitude and language of exclusion that keeps innovators who need more flexibility around decision making and Maori who feel alienated by the structure and approach of councils. With Maori making up over 26% of the Hastings district population, and in the process of becoming more organised in their own marae, iwi and hapu affairs it is time their voices were heard around the table. We need a more collaborative approach with our mana whenua, to hear their concerns across every area that impacts their lives and their creative and cultural input into designing our future together as a region. Having Maori seats should be seen as a great opportunity rather than a threat. He iwi kotahi tatou (not the Don Brash version) was a biblical-based encouragement to inspire both parties to the Treaty of Waitangi in a relationship for the benefit of both parties. We cannot say let's do this together in a tokenistic way any more, we have 180+ years of mistrust to make up for. We can do this. Let's truly work together and listen deeper to what our Treaty partners wants. Why would they not want the best for all our future generations?

I wanna keep this short but there is so much evidence and data that highlights the need for Māori wards. As a council that should be demonstrating a Tiriti led partnership, it should almost be undoubtedly a majority vote for the establishment of Māori wards. You can find as many excuses as you can, but when you address the underlying issue that's not only highlighted thru numbers and stats but thru real stories from real people from the community. There IS an expectation for you to vote in favour. If you fail to do so, I can almost guarantee an uproar of disappointment amongst your Māori community.

Be a true leader and lead by example by voting in favour of establishing Māori wards.

Ngā mihi

As a kuia, we have been long overdue for Māori wards.

Listen to your Māori community and establish a Māori ward.

This is supposed to be a bicultural partnership. Therefore, Honour te Tiriti o Waitangi!

I welcome Maori Wards & feel it will bring equality to our community. I would like to see us get along together on equal footing.

Equality for all

Aligns with the partnership envisaged by the Treaty of Waitangi - supports partnership and participation. Acknowledges mana whenua. Will increase Maori support and participation in the democratic system as well as trust in that system. Kia ora.

Māori remain woefully underrepresented in local government around the country. Having a representative elected directly by those on the Māori electoral roll ensures that a specifically Māori perspective is present in the council chamber. Given the ever-increasing legislative importance of recognising and incorporating such perspectives in all public decision-making, that can only lead to better council processes. Māori knowledge and perspectives are hugely beneficial when considering land use, conservation practises, climate crisis responses, local business, tourism, and the protection of vulnerable communities.

There is no ti.e like the present! I support the establishment of Māori wards for the 2022/2025 elections.

The Māori voice matters. .

We are more than dial a powhiri.

The Tiriti said as partners, A partnership is 50/50. Vote YES

Great to see this being considered and I say definitely do it. Kia kaha, Kia manawanui councillors and take no notice of racist naysayers!

Kātahi he whakaaro pai ko tēnei

all need a seat at the table and be represented. How can another ethnic culture understand everything and feel the same as somebody of that culture. We need maori representation to keep in our tikanga and kawa like those gone before us have done. How can we still be left back in time this is a modern world so we need to look forward and move forward as one, not one dominating the other

Ae, I believe there is need for Maori wards, to give us a voice.

They are needed as Māori voice is so terribly underrepresented - yet we are most at risk for any decisions made by the district council

A partnership

Give us our voice

Tautoko this kaupapa.

Long overdue we need Maori making decisions concerning Maori in our communities.

I believe the more representation for Maori, the better. It would be amazing to have someone that aligns with the values of Maori to share our voice.

We need a genuine partnership if we want to share a better future!

Māori are the central part of New Zealand's identity

There are huge differences between European mind sets never mind European and Māori.

Proper representation for Māori is vital in all areas of governance .

The sooner the better !!!

I acknowledge our Hastings District council who are culturally sensitive and have come along way to establish connections to local iwi hapu marae and aren't afraid to give te reo maori a go. A strategic alliance with local iwi will allow for more growth for our region along with many other positive initiatives

We need a true Maori voice at the table

Yes about time Maori to govern what belongs to them

Be independent

Have a voice and action it.....

YES, Why wouldn't I support.

Get on with it council

Kia kaha.

Ae I agree to the establishment of Maori wards. I'm Maori on the Maori roll who pays rates as a homeowner.

Every resident should have representation but more so the indigenous peoples of this country whom the Crown have a partnership with. It is your responsibility to honour the Treaty.

The partnership was supposed to be 50/50. Equality. Same rights as Europeans. It's time to honour the Treaty and the people you serve.

Honor the treaty

I am Maori.

The previous consultative approach has failed to deliver acceptable outcomes for us.

We need guaranteed seats at the table

We need to have a voice in our community.

Let's walk forward together as one

Make it happen. Awesome

Āe ko tautoko ko au i tēnei kaupapa.

Equal representation is a Treaty promise that hasn't been delivered on for nearly 200 years. The time is now.

Great alignment with national level democracy.

Brings much needed elected Maori voice to local council.

Kai te tautoko noa atu! He takohanga tō Te Kaunihera i raro i Te Tiriti. Whakamanahia.

If this get through it will be fantastic for everyone

It will be great to get more Māori onto Councils

About time!

This is only the start but a good one

Māori should have been at the table ages ago!

Māori have been wanting this for years

This will be great for hapu and iwi

Tino pai

We are a partnership

Comments from non-residents or ratepayers in Hastings District, who are IN FAVOUR of Māori wards

It would help the general population of Maori know that there are actually people within this establishment that actually understand what is Maori what it is to be Maori and all the things Maori have to content with - legislation is a big start for them

I fully support for sovereignty rights

I am Māori and I am enrolled on the Māori Roll.

I whakapapa to Ngati Kahunguni ki Heretaunga, specifically to Ngati Pōporo and I have whānau living at our Pāpakainga at Korongota. I myself grew up on my pāpakainga and I have close connections with this whenua and find myself returning home regularly for whānau and hāpu hui.

I work in the public health sector serving whānau Māori and my kaupapa as a wahine Māori and wahine Pōkai is to ensure the future generations flourish, beginning with a positive pregnancy and birth. Although I currently do not reside in Heretaunga the mahi I do is all for the betterment of whānau Māori wherever they may be. I strongly believe that we need solid Māori representation in local and national governments and therefore I fully support the establishment of Māori wards to ensure that a Māori worldview is being included in systemic change. This will lead to better processes which affect change and create positive outcomes for not only Māori, but for everyone.

Matauranga Māori and benefits all aspects of modern life by informing sustainable use of our land and resources, addresses conservation and our current climate crisis, improves business processes, tge national education system, tourism and marketing and nurtures our most vulnerable people. Implementing Māori wards in local governments are necessary and beneficial.

I think it's ridiculous to even be discussing this. Should be automatic.

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I support the establishment of Māori wards because it is line with the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi. It also allows Māori to have a voice at the table.

Just get on and do it. Stop procrastinating

in order to see real change at a council level in Aotearoa, this is a positive move

My name is Kalen Bennett, My mum is from Mangaroa Marae in Bridge Pa. I support the establishment of the Maori Wards in the Hastings District Council and I also use my mums email address. I currently reside in Christchurch.

I support the establishment of Maori constituencies to the Hastings District Council because we need a fairer more equitable representation of those making decisions on our behalf.

I currently am residing in Australia, but I whakapapa to Mangaroa Marae in Bridge Pa Hastings. My name is Reichelle Morrell.

Kia ora, My name is Ihaia Morrell I whakapapa to Mangaroa Marae out in Bridge Pa.

My name is Jessica Morrell from Mangaroa Marae but I'm currently residing in Christchurch.

I'm Herbert Jackson Morrell Jnr and I use my daughter Jessica's email address. I reside in Christchurch but from Mangaroa Marae in

Bridge Pa.

My name is Wharepouri Morrell of Mangaroa Marae in Bridge Pa, but I live in Christchurch. I support the establishment of the Maori wards at the Hastings District Council. I don't have an email address but my sister has allowed me to use hers.

Logan Morrell is my name. I am from Mangaroa Marae in Bridge Pa, but I live in Auckland. I support the Maori Wards for the Hastings District Council. I am using my sisters email address. I don't have one at the moment.

Its 2021 and well and truly overdue with coming out of the dark ages

Aotearoa New Zealand throughout need Maori wards another step in the recognition of the articles contained in the Treaty of Waitangi which is due to roll out in our schools by July 2021 and the next generation of New Zealanders to uphold. Time for celebration kiwis

I live in Napier but my heart is in Hastings. I've only just become a rate payer of Napier. I support Maori wards to occur in 2022.

Diversity of Councillors, bring more rich and informed perspectives. If Maori are doing poorly in the community, who knows how to help them most? Maori engagement is a skill, and how can Iwi work together with Council? What areas?

Kia kaha tatou te iwi maori tu mai...

Yes we do need to have a Maori Healthcare System. As the majority of our Whanau here in Aotearoa are suffering because of our white colonization people with there ignorance and incompetence, pathetic rules that suit them only. We need to stand together and use our visions be strong in what really matters.

I pay rates in Hawkes Bay I think I deserve representation in the form of Māori representation. Someone who understands the more in-depth issues faced by many Māori who are denied a voice at the council table.

Ae, Tautoko ahau i nga Maori Wards

Kia pera Kia route hoki ki nga Wards pakeha!

It needs to be done

Our people need a voice in governing departments.

We are a Māori region

Ae tautoko au. Why are we asked this patai as it should be a given under Te Tiriti o Waitangi! For over 180 years we have been under a system that has oppressed our people due to the Crown not upholding what was agreed upon in the founding document of this land! Enough is enough- Honour te Tiriti and work in partnership with Mana Whenua once and for all! It is the right thing to do and the time is now!

Kiaora, I am proudly born and raised in Waipatu, Hastings. Although I live in another district I am a passionate supporter of my whanau, Marae and Hastings community. I support Maori wards to give Maori representation the ability to continue providing strategic leadership within the council.

E kaha tautoko ana ahau kia mana nga tūru Māori ki te Kaunihera o Heretaunga e tutuki tika ai nga whakaoati o Te Tiriti o Waitangi. He uri ahau no ngā hapū o Ngāti Poporo me Ngai TeRahungaiterangi. Ko Korongata me Mangaroa out Marae otira ko Ngati Kahungunute iwi. Ahakoa ahau e noho tawhiti nei ka nui taku tautoko kia whai reo te mana whenua I runga I te Kaunihera.

Kia ora ko Raelea Edwards taku ingoa I belong to Mangaroa and Korongata Marae. Maori wards is a step towards Hastings District Council honoring its obligations to the articles of Te Tititi o Waitangi. I absolutely support the establishment of Maori Wards and commend those who have

been campaigning for years to make this happen. I urge our elected members to consider this carefully and find the courage to do the right thing.

My name is Anthony Edwards. I belong to Mangaroa and Korongata Marae. Maori wards is a step towards Hastings District Council honoring its obligations to the articles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi. I absolutely support the establishment of Maori Wards and commend those who have been campaigning for years to make this happen. ahakoa kahore ahau e noho ana ki te rohe o Heretaunga, no Heretaunga tuturu ahau. ko taku ki a koutou me whakamana I nga turu Maori otira me whakahonore I te Tiriti o Waitangi.

I belong to Mangaroa and Korongata Marae. Maori wards is a step towards Hastings District Council honoring its obligations to the articles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi. I absolutely support the establishment of Maori Wards and commend those who have been campaigning for years to make this happen. I urge our elected members to consider this carefully.

Honour the Treaty of Waitangi and work alongside Māori for future developments that will benefit all residents of Aotearoa and our future generations to come.

These are vital to Māori having a voice within our many kaupapa in our hāpori.

I reside in Napiee but work at Hukarere Girl's College in Eskdale which comes under the Hastings District Council. A portion of our students come from Hastings as boarders and/or day students. I support wholeheartedly for our students and their whanau residing in Hastings along with our school to have a Māori Ward in their District Council.

Over due about time

I whakapapa to Heretaunga. My tupuna is Karaitiana Takamoana. I live in Te Whanga nui a Tara but intend to move home to Heretaunga within the next 5 years. Please establish Māori wards to ensure Māori voices are heard, valued and listened to. Our traditions must be upheld but also be relevant to today & the future. We must recognise that we are nothing without the health of our environment we can't be healthy people. I believe that Māori wards can help replenish & build our environment & the health & wellbeing of the people of Heretaunga

Ex-resident of Hawkes Bay - e tautoko ana au kia tū ētahi tūru Māori ki Heretaunga!

Ko te uri ahau o Ngāti Kahungunu.

Ko Ruahapia tōku marae.

Whakamana Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

Supporting a māori electoral roll

Reside in central hawkes bay

Maori have been caretakers of our whenua from the beginning. Pull the scale to a balance and put Maori in a seat.

It would be great to have a that rep who knows the protocol of our whenua and have a say for future blocking of, confiscating our lands.

This shouldn't even be a question. Because Māori are Te Tiriti partners. Having a seat is a right. Anything other than this means the council is racist and still want to dominate and dictate to Māori.

Ko tenei te wa i whakakaha te mana motuhake o nga iwi tangata whenua katoa.

My mother grew up in Hastings and many of my whānau still live in the Hastings district. I am very supportive of Māori wards to enable the voice of the Ngāti Kahungunu to be heard effectively on the Hastings District Council.

Not a local but descendent of family who lived in The region. Uncles and aunts include Maori and Pakeha. Keen to see inclusive approach to representation that respects Treaty principles and does something real about applying them.

Kia pai ou koutou haerenga mo tenei kaupapa whakahirahira mo nga Whanau o Heretaunga

Nga mihi

Na Amiria Te Whaiti

It is important to Māori.

Honour The Treaty! If we do things from a Te Ao Māori view EVERYONE benefits. Kia kaha tātou!

Ae, whakaae ahau te tautoko te roopu Maori wards i te rohe o Heretaunga, otira, i nga rohe katoa o te motu. He aha ai? No te mea, he roopu awhina ki nga tangata katoa ahakoa pakeha mai hainamana mai awherika mai. He maha nga tangata e haere ana ki nga kaupapa maori, me kare ratou e mohio ana te tino kaupapa. Pera ki te Waahi tunga mo to motoko, te whai o nga ara.

Ahakoa, e noho ana ahau ki te Wairoa he maha nga kaupapa Maori e haere ana e au, otira e to matou whanau pakeke mai mokopuna mai. He haumarutia e ratou nga Maori wards ki a matou i nga wa katoa ka mahana te ngakau ki te kite i a ratou.

In Wairoa, the voters on the Maori electoral roll get to vote for candidates to represent us Maori. I feel this should be the same all over New Zealand.

Tautoko te kaupapa.

FOR MAORI BY MAORI

My name is Mathew Ruwhiu of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I would like to see more Maori sitting at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Sandra Harris of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so our people can have a seat at the decision making table of the HDC

My name is Paris Ruwhiu of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I want to see more Maori participating at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Nardine Kahuroa of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I would like to see more of our whanau sitting at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Aralea Pritchard of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I would like to see more of my whanau / hapu be represented at the decision making table of the Hastings District Council.

My name is Manaia Huata of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I would like to see more of my whanau involved in the decision making at the Hastings District Council.

My name is Shonat Shepard of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I think there should be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with the founding document of our country - Te Tiriti O Waitangi.

My name is Karl Shepard of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I think there should be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with the founding document of our country - Te Tiriti O Waitangi.

My name is Denzil Hokianga of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so our people can be making decisions at the HDC.

My name is Kewa Ngamako Ruwhiu of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I would like to see more Maori represented at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Jordan Ruwhiu of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I would like to see more Maori sitting at the decision making table of HDC.

My name is Zico Kahuroa of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I want to see more of our whanau sitting at the decision making table of the Hastings District Council.

My name is Mokoia Huata of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I think it will give our people a more fairer and equitable share of decision making power at the Hastings District Council.

My name is Genienne Rangihuna of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because our people should have a voice at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Nick Shepard of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I believe Maori should have a voice at the decision making table of the HDC.

My name is Hine Price of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because their should be a more fairer and equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with the founding document of our county - Te Tiriti O Waitangi.

My name is Hine a Te Aorangi Price of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I think there should be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with the founding document of our country - Te Tiriti O Waitangi.

My name is Aperahama Edwards of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I think there should be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with the founding document of our country - Te Tiriti O Waitangi.

My name is Vanessa Edwards of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I think there should be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with the founding document of our country - Te Tiriti O Waitangi.

My name is Navneet Singh. My wife is from Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I think there should be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with the founding document of our country - Te Tiriti O Waitangi.

I am currently a Māori on the General Roll, but am wanting to move to the Māori Roll. However, I have to wait until that opportunity is next open.

I do not currently live in Hastings, however I whakapapa back to the area, was born in Hastings and raised in Napier. I have strong links with my hapū and marae in Hastings and am actively in Hastings every 3-4 weeks for a whānau meeting/event.

Māori are woefully underrepresented in local government in the Hawkes Bay, I specifically am referring to elected positions. Establishing Māori representation by having Māori wards will ensure that a specifically Māori perspective is present in the council chamber. This can only lead to better council processes and outcomes for everyone. Māori knowledge and perspectives are beneficial when considering land use, conservation practices, climate crisis, business, education, tourism and looking after vulnerable people. I fail to see any negatives.

It's time to have more Māori representation at the table.

Give us a voice to be included on our whenua that we have inherited to benefit the people. I am in full support of Maori Ward

Ko tautoko ahau I ngā rohe pōti Māori. Kei te rohe o Heretaunga tō mātou marae nō reira whakatūngia ngā rohe pōtae Māori.

My name is Patricia Lewis of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards for the Hastings District Council because as the tangatawhenua of Aotearoa, by rights according to the Treaty of Waitangi, we should be represented at every level of decision making.

Faster the better. This has been a long time coming!!!

Tautoko maori .

E kore te uku e piri ki te tino!!!

Maori voice absolutely as council reps for Maori whenua, resources, tangata and developments that support Maori economies and life.....we all need updated legislation to match....adds to "democracy" as pakeha understand it.....

Taaku Whanau Ki Te Waimatamate ki Waitaha Te Waipoungamu ki NgatiiPukekenga Ngatii Tuwharetoa Mokopuna o te Hapu Pakau-Karl-Killoran-Prescott-Wikaira we Don't have enough Maaori down here to Make up a Ward.. Auee Engari he Tautoko teenei Taaki..
 #believeinkaitiakitanga #ProudToBeMaori 🌱🌻🌀🎵100MAGIC

Representation was guaranteed to Maaori under Te Tiriti, and Maaori wards are necessary to advance parity of voice and representation that colonization destroyed.

I whakapapa to this rohe and urge the council to support Maaori wards.

It is quite simple for me - Māori and the Crown signed a document that established a treaty with rights given to Crown entities entering upon Māori shores. Since then, the Crown's subjects have been very non-compliant with their end of that document, allowing Māori to be stolen from, cheated, disrespected and left absolutely destroyed by all accounts of modern statistics. Before then, all accounts of early Māori contact with visitors to and settlers of these shores indicate that Māori were in great condition, and so was the land, water, economy, ecology, education, custom etc... As a Māori, I stand as an advocate for Māori, and the preservation and protection of Māori interests, in true partnership with the Crown, and all other government entities working for the Crown. Māori seats on council are a small gesture towards a hugely fractured and disadvantaged race of magnanimity, sovereignty and true connection to this land of Aotearoa. Often seen as a burden, my people have in fact been burdened by the Crown, and it's interests. We are crucial in the long-term survival of Aotearoa, and the non-investment into our way of being is detrimental to the survival of all things to do with Aotearoa. This is not new. This is well researched and commonly known. He iwi tahi tātou...

I believe it is vital that Māori aspirations be always at the forefront of consideration for any council proposal or enterprise.

When I think of the thoughtlessness and and arrogance of the Craggy Range Te Mata track debacle it tells me how little the sitting representatives think of the other party to the Treaty of Waitangi, which in fact, is a legal consideration.

I am a descendant of Kahungunu. I'm in total support of Māori Wards in the Hastings district. To me it will put Māori, Tangata Whenua (the Treaty partner) on the same playing field as tauiwi (the other Treaty partner). It will also give voice to Māori to express our needs, wants and aspirations for our people and wider community.

Mana Motuhake rights

Indigenous sovereignty, Member Mangaroa Marae

This has to be done for our tangata whenua rights to be protected

Noho ora mai, Suzanna Tiapula (Mangaroa Marae)

KIA MAU KIA U KIA MANAWANUI

HEIOI ANO, LF KINGI QSM (MANGAROA MARAE)

He whakaaro Rangatira ,

My name is Joshua Reid of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I think there should be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with the founding document of our country - Te Tiriti O Waitangi.

My name is Nathan Reid of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I think there should be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with the founding document of our country - Te Tiriti O Waitangi.

My name is Glen Reid (Sn) of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I think there should be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with the founding document of our country - Te Tiriti O Waitangi.

My name is Oriwa Lockyer of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards because I think there should be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with the founding document of our country - Te Tiriti O Waitangi.

Tautokohia ngā māngai Māori

My name is Ruhara Maehe Iraia of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so that there will be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with its Treat of Waitangi obligations.

My name is Tamihana Freeman Iraia of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so that there will be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with its Treat of Waitangi obligations.

My name is Hireinia Maehe of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so that there will be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with its Treat of Waitangi obligations.

My name is Peter Edwards of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so that there will be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with its Treat of Waitangi obligations.

My name is Steve Edwards of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so that there will be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with its Treat of Waitangi obligations.

My name is Sonny Edwards of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so that there will be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with its Treat of Waitangi obligations.

My name is Maria Taylor of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so that there will be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with its Treat of Waitangi obligations.

My name is Terianna Watene of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so that there will be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with its Treat of Waitangi obligations.

My name is Rihimoana Atuatika of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so that there will be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with its Treat of Waitangi obligations.

My name is Teina Watene of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so that there will be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with its Treat of Waitangi obligations.

My name is Charlie Marsh of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so that there will be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with its Treat of Waitangi obligations.

My name is Elaine Taylor of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so that there will be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with its Treat of Waitangi obligations.

My name is Paul Tayler of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so that there will be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with its Treat of Waitangi obligations.

My name is Darian Taylor of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so that there will be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with its Treat of Waitangi obligations.

My name is Serene Taylor of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so that there will be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with its Treat of Waitangi obligations.

My name is Andrea Walker of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so that there will be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with its Treat of Waitangi obligations.

My name is Megan Walker of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so that there will be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with its Treat of Waitangi obligations.

My name is Christopher Walker of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so that there will be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with its Treat of Waitangi obligations.

My name is Shelby Edwards of Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so that there will be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with its Treat of Waitangi obligations.

My name is Deborah Marsh. My husband is from Mangaroa Marae. I support Maori Wards so that there will be a fairer more equitable sharing of decision making power at the Hastings District Council table in accordance with its Treat of Waitangi obligations.

It's about working together as ONE people. We are a multi cultural society so let us work towards equal rights for all. Let's do away with separatism.

Our little country has led the world in many areas, let this be another example. The motto of the Maori Women's Welfare leagues sums it up. Tatau! Tatau! (We are One)

Ae, There is a need to have representation and participation of those who represent the mana whenua. In order to honour the commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi there needs to be true partnership in matters that affect our Whakapapa, our whanau, our moko, our whenua.

Our whanau need to be listened to, and have a say

Whakamanahia te Tiriti o Waitangi!

Honour our treaty and treat Maori with equal rights

Treaty means partnership between 2 peoples for the betterment of everyone within our borders

My mokopuna lives in the Hastings District Maori voice continues to be made silent and our iwi community has a democratic right to have a voice. I fully support Maori ward in this rohe for the benefits for my mokopuna and many mokopuna I in Hastings.

It is bizarre that we have the current data, studies and research regarding the lack of equity for Maori and yet, when a solution is posed that everyone can benefit from and is not actioned. Wow! I feel an extra in Utu.

Me whai mana ngā tangata katoa

No Ngati Kahungunu ki Wairarapa toku Papa ko Kahukura Meha tona ingoa. He uri ano ahau no Tapairu, Tahoraiti ano hoki. Kei reira e takato ana oku tupuna.

Kua marena ahau i teteahi uri no te whanau Kamau, Edwards hoki no Bridgepa.

E whakaae katoa ana ahau kia tu ai nga Maori wards i nga rohe katoa. I live with my husband in Te Taitokerau. We have finally established Maori wards. Me whakarangatira ai anotia te iwi Maori.

Tīhei Kahungunu!

I think that it is imperative to have Maaori wards. I grew up in Bridge Pa and it hurts to see what happened to the creek and waterway that ran through the community, and how the vested interests of a few were addressed while those who lived there and had lived there for generations were never even talked to about changes to the community.

It is crucial that we have Maori voice to represent Maori interests and thinking at the council decision making table and the inclusion of Maori Wards ensures that this will always happen. It is also a much needed development of Te Tiriti o Waitangi obligations and demonstrates the commitment of the Council to mover forward and become a more responsive and genuine partner with Mana Whenua in the rohe.

This will ensure that Maaori voice is represented at the Council level

Ae ra tautoko

I am Ngati Kahungunu and support the establishment of Msori wards in the Hastings district
As partners in the partnership of Te Tiriti, there needs to finally be balanced representation. I believe implementing Māori Wards go some way in acknowledging and addressing the balance locally.

Maori need to have a voice.

Māori representation on Councils honours Te Tiriti o Waitangi Important decisions are made by Councils about the communities we live in and it is vital to have a Māori perspective. No good having advisory committees whose advice can be rejected by predominantly white councils if they so choose. If Māori had been consulted on the Te Mata o Rongokako track debacle it would never have happened. Important decisions about our communities should be made in partnership with mana whenua to incorporate a Te Ao Māori world view. Without Māori representation on councils our people will remain disadvantaged. Don Brash has a racist agenda and his thinking around Māori wards perpetuates white supremacy. Honour Te Tiriti.

Yes to Māori wards - Māori elected voices at the decision making table.

Tautoko me matou whanau, hapu, iwi

Kia ora I watch what happens in the HB District from Waikato with great interest because I am from Waimarama. I believe more Maori help on the Council will address more positive understanding better relationships, address Maori issues better, quicker and with alot more positive outcomes. To work together in Harmony. We Maori are more educated and learning fast. Why not sit together and create great new things together instead of having a negative view. Turn it around and be the game changer with us. Nga mihi Karen Renata

I'm looking at moving back to Hastings this year with my whānau. We would be much more inclined to return if there was fair representation of tangata whenua on ther council.

I support the proposal to establish Maori Wards in Hastings District.

Whilst I don't live in the Hawke's Bay now, I went to school in the region, my Nanny lived her whole life in the region and I have whakapapa back to the region so have interest in the Hawke's Bay and in the rights of manawhenua being honoured.

I encourage the Hawke's Bay regional council to see this as an opportunity, to work collaboratively with Māori, to collectively design and own solutions for the future prosperity of the region and all its people. Kia kaha rā!

Comments from Hastings District residents and ratepayers who are NOT IN FAVOUR

DemocraticElection leave as is we have equal representation

I've selected no because I don't want to change to the Maori Roll.

If there's an option to vote while on the General Roll, I will be happy to change my answer.

Our community is a blend of cultures so why are we going to create a division. If we are having Maori wards then why not other wards that are specific to other ethnic groups. Maori candidates can already and do already stand as potential candidates for our current wards, so why add more councillors to the mix. This is just doing something for the sake of it. Why not make a logical move and given the growing size of Havelock North, split it as a ward from Hastings. I would then welcome Maori candidates to stand for Hastings and Havelock Wards and if people feel that they are the best candidates then they will become part of our standing council

Full democracies are nations where civil liberties and fundamental political freedoms are not only respected but also reinforced by a political culture conducive to the thriving of democratic principles. I did not vote for Councillors to take my voting rights away.

we have three Maori councillors and they seem to be very suitable and were obviously popular with all voters

Totally disagree with this. We are supposed to be ONE and equal NZers by doing this it is racial separatism. Totally wrong decision to cause this divide.

No I do not support the formation of Maori wards in Hastings. This is race based politics and will only cause further racial conflict and tensions between Maori and non Maori.

Councillors should be elected by the general public (not a segment of the population) based on their individual skill sets and the benefits they add to the local community, not by their ethnicity.

It is time to move forward as one (New Zealanders) with the same rules applying to all, politics based on race is a backward step.

I think as a district we need to work together not have more and more segregation for individual groups. Work together as one for a common goal of making our district a great place to live.

Lena Ormsbys article on page 2 of Hawkes Bay today makes it crystal clear why wards based on race are a bad idea "Should I tick Maori or NZ European ... " one box or the other means denying part of a persons heritage.

To put it more simply we are all human and of mixed race. We all have access to Councilinformation and can contact individualCouncil members if we are not happy.

To further complicate things those who are voted in by Maori to represent Maori will need to declare their interest and refrain from voting on any issue relating to Maori.

We also need to address the issue of seat capture by radical Iwi who are not representative of Maori in general.

Finally Council is about making sure we have the water, roads, rubbish collection ie services that allow a modern society to function. Keepin mind that virtually all Maori voted with their feet to move to modern western settlements. They did not stay in their tribal villages under chiefly rule with its poor sanitation, privileged status for a ruling few.

For what it's worth: you are rushing this, there's been hardly any consultation. It is 100% separatism and apartheid. We are 1 nation with 1 people! Let the best people for the job get voted to do the job. Not a group of maories that will also have a veto . It's totally wrong and does not do any favours to other minority groups.

Councillors are supposed to represent their constituents values, wants and needs and I think the needs of Maori are already represented in this way. Also, every major project already requires consultation with relevant Maori groups where their cultural interests are possibly impacted. Where Council supposedly gets it wrong they are soon bought to account, e.g. the Te Mata Peak walking track debacle. So, I believe there is already plenty of representation for Maori and, to establish Maori Wards as well would create a disparity with other ethnic communities that have no representation in Hastings other than their elected Councillor.

The presentation of this consultation process in Maori first, then in English tells me that we are already putting emphasis on all things Maori, and I don't believe additional emphasis will help promote racial harmony in the long term or provide any additional benefit to the region. Council should be emphasizing that we are one people and that mostly we all want the same things such as affordable housing, a good health system, a good education system so that our children can become educated and have the opportunity to become productive members of society, irrespective of race or ethnicity. We want Hastings to provide all of us with great facilities to enjoy living in this wonderful region. How those things are delivered is already debated well in Council and I think that overall, Council already does a great job balancing its obligations.

Can't see any point to it. We are all one and must work together as we have in the past. It will only divide a decision between us .

We are not going to get a fair and equitable society by splitting up that society. Didnt work in Sth Africa it wont work here.

Lovely idea but presume that will mean more councillors, and our rates are going up quite a bit this year. We are pensioners and the rate Bill's worry me.

Divisive

I am NOT in favour of introducing Māori wards. Irrespective of what people say about history it should never be a consideration if we want a fair and equitable democratic nation going forward. Our ancestors would roll in their grave if they watched this happen knowing that our western societies founding principles are side swiped.

Why do people not see ahead of the consequences of these decisions? Over time decisions like this continue to cause deivision and segregation and this will eventually become a significant problem in our reasonably stable country.

Racism has to stop. There needs to be only one solution that represents all New Zealanders, and especially not one that perpetuates Racism, with one representation exclusive for Maori, and another representation for all other New Zealanders.

It is not helping to resolve Racism to have separate and exclusive Maori representation and separate one for all others.

Opposed to any form of racism. Establishing separate wards based on race, is racist.

Anything that evolves separatism I am not in favor of .I vote for the person I think will be good for our district regardless of of skin colour. The basic needs of people are all the same eg we all need housing,good health,roads ,waste disposable ,good water etc.I don't agree with wards for one race of people.If you think you need more Maori on the council use the very capable Maoris you have on the council to run work shops and encourage other Maoris to stand,there are many young Maori who are more than capable of running for council.Bring in seperate wards and then I wont be able to vote for any Maori if I so wish to.

Maori wards are not democratic and are divisive (we are supposed to be one people). There are Maori already voted on the council.

Maori wards have no place in a democracy

This undermines the democratic right of voters. it is an absolute NO for me. We have a fair representation of Maori in the council at the moment.

It is time ALL elected Councillors make clear if they support Maori wards or not. The very thin thread of voter's right that is left is that we can vote for Councillors who have informed us to not agree with the creation of Maori wards. So please let us know !!!!

This move to establish Maori wards is not needed. All parties/races/people are well represented at present by our existing system. Everyone has a right to have their say by electing Councilors at our elections.

I am totally against the appointment of a select few to represent a special group of our Hastings district. It is a dangerous precedent and likely to cause a great deal of friction if it goes ahead.

We are supposed to be a team of 5 million. We do not need segregation.to me this is racist. I do have Maori blood in me.

We New Zealanders, and have representatives all ready. If more are wanted more should stand to get voted on.

Are we not all New Zealanders?

this is New Zealand, We Are all New Zealanders, therefore we are ONE; If you start having maori wards that is splitting up our beloved country up. So NO to maori wards As for councillors they should stand and be voted in'

I do not agree with councillors who are not chosen democratically by all rate payers.

New Zealand is becoming a separatist society. (Apartheid). Do we really have to have this separation? Are there not many ways for all peoples to have a voice about the issues. Are there not already Maori representatives on Council? (Elected just like anyone else). I don't believe there is a need for this and I don't agree with such separatist policies. Thanks for allowing my voice.

I do not like the notion of New Zealand becoming a segregated country. Am all for being as one together in this country. The way things are going though I can see that it seems the future certainly has a taint of separatism. Having Maori wards is a step into this direction which I do not

agree with. What about all the other nationalities in New Zealand? Let's be one and work towards that.

unnecessary expense with rate increases already happening

Already too much Maori everything. Maori are only 15% of the population, as for all this language nonsense ...give me a

break !!

We do not support separatism in Hawkes Bay - we should be uniting not dividing people.

Divisive and racist. Maori representation on the council can be achieved by Maori standing/ being nominated for election. Same rules as for non-Maori - if you have the support you will be voted in - not an automatic seat based on ethnicity/culture.

There is currently Maori representation on Council achieved by gaining sufficient votes from the whole of the local population they represent.

We are supposed to be 1 people and we should keep it that way. Getting more racial doing this as we all have the same chances

I believe we are all New Zealanders, keepers of Aotearoa. We should have one voice.

By creating a Māori ward you are encouraging racism as Māori like anyone else can put themselves forward to become a councillor as some already have.

Secondary to the above there are some major costs in creating a new ward which will impact on ratepayers unnecessarily. (Auckland is a good city to study re Māori wards)

There will be no genuine unity in this country until we all learn to live in harmony,

By having Maori wards it also means that maybe the Chinese the Samoans and other races would like wards of their own as well

We all have to learn to live together and in my wife's words become one NATION

Signed

JAN and GORDON STYLES

New Zealanders are all one people. We need to stop this separatist, racist activity favouring a minority.

We are one people together, and should be taking care of each other anyway.

This is doubling Maori representation opportunities

History is currently being distorted as a pre-condition for a tribal grab by part-Maoris (tribal elites) for wealth and power.

Te Tiriti gave equality to all the people of New Zealand.

Special rights/privileges for one race are a violation of the democratic principle that we should all be treated equally.

We are all New Zealanders equal before the law and with equal representation in government.

The Maori voice should be heard in exactly the same way as the European voice, or the Asian voice, or the Pacifica voice, or any other voice here in New Zealand. Today, New Zealand should be a country where every citizen is valued, irrespective of when they or their ancestors arrived in this country. Rights should be based on citizenship not ethnicity.

I urge you not to succumb to this recent pestilence of separatism and race privilege for a favoured few (tribal elites). You as a council need to say "No" to this undemocratic establishment of Maori wards (race based appointees). This process undermines accountable democracy.

When I vote for council representatives I have always considered what is best for the whole community. I would expect any elected councillor to be aware of issues of particular interest to Maori and other sectors and to seek appropriate advice where necessary.

The establishment of Maori wards implies a representation for a particular sector only.

I am very happy to support a Maori candidate in the general wards and I believe some very suitable members have been elected in this way.

The establishment of Maori wards will force me to think of "us and them" and I would feel that I would not vote for Maori candidates , or in fact candidates promoting Maori issues.

I have talked to many who have the same views and I believe this would lead to an unfortunate division in society.

I note also that the total number of councillors has not been decided so can see an increase and hence extra cost for the ratepayers.

I cannot see a small interest group, selected via the ward system, are not going to push for higher representation as they will likely see that they would ,for critical to them issues, be out voted.

If the ward system is introduced I foresee many future problems.

representation of the community and ratepayers is democratically adequate when it is done on the basis of a representation of those very community candidates.

We are ONE people - New Zealanders.

Ae, kei te tautoko ahau.

In a democracy all people are elected to office on their ability. There should not be separatism with Maori wards. We are all equal and all nationalities should be eligible to vote on the general role to ensure our community as a whole is well served.

I'm concerned about the increasing segregation in New Zealand.

If we are going to lose a rural councilor by having Maori wards I would be against establishing Maori wards. When they established the HDC in 1998 we had 4 Rural councilors.

A few years ago the HDC amalgamated the four wards into two. Now if this goes ahead we could lose another Rural councilor so will have only one to represent the vast rural area.

The Hastings District Council IS NOT the Hastings City Council. The rural ratepayers that live in this vast area need to be represented around the table by more than one Councilor.

If Maori wish to represent their Council, then they should be elected like everyone else.

We have ticked the NO box for supporting the establishment of Maori Wards but that is ONLY for the 2022 Elections. For the moment we would like to retain the status quo and have the matter considered in Council's 2024/25 review ahead of the 2025 Elections. This will give us more time to understand how the Maori Wards would function. Clearer explanations of how the governance would work everyone. Thank you

I do not support the establishment of Maori wards in Hastings District as it will be a retrograde step in terms of race relations. There are already Maori City Councillors who have been voted in to represent Maori as well as tauiwi. I am a 4th generation NZ Chinese. My great-grandfather came to NZ in 1896 and my wife's great-grandfather came out in 1888. In fact the first Chinese came to NZ in 1842 and since then have been discriminated against by Govt policies which resulted in the apology to NZ Chinese by PM Helen Clark in February 2002.

There have be a number of Chinese Mayors and City Councilors in NZ over the years elected by the general public on their merits, to progress their cities for all of their citizens. Some that come to mind are George Gee -Petone, Peter Chin -Dunedin, Meng Foon-Gisborne, Deputy Mayors - William Wong - Carterton, Molly Ngan Kee -Lower Hutt and no doubt many city councillors that I am not aware of.

If Maori wards are ever established would it be considered appropriate to establish Chinese wards or Indian wards in the future in cities where there is a high ethnic population. This not something that I support as it encourages separatism not the multi-cultural society that NZ is and should be. Further there are few full Maori in NZ and in the future all our descendants will be essentially be a mixture of European fruit salad or Asian stir fry. What happens then ??

I write to oppose the establishment of Maori wards for the Hastings District Council.

If the aim is to reduce the deficit in social outcomes for Maori I support its intention. However the proposal is likely to be counter-productive . I set out a number of reasons which lead to this conclusion.

1- Anti-Democratic -The proposal establishes a right for members of a specific cultural group to choose their own representatives. Whilst the democratic principle of one vote one person is maintained, this would lead to special rights for some ratepayers based on culture. This is fundamentally undemocratic. In an attempt to redress one set of imbalances the proposal would establish a new set of inequities and weaken communities at a time when social cohesion is under extreme pressure.

2- Ineffective - The proposal, at best, will be ineffective. At worst it will be destructive. Maori are well represented by capable councillors, partnership group members and iwi reps among others. There is little assurance the proposed model would improve representation or social outcomes. The Maori Parliamentary seats are a comparable model. In terms of improving social and environmental disparities, their effects remain dubious and contentious. The 1986 Royal Commission on the Electoral System found the model had not helped Maori and recommended it be abolished. Many of the most prominent maori parliamentarians have been elected through general seats.

3- Partnership is Weakened - Regardless of its intentions, the proposal erodes rather than promotes racial harmony, perpetuates division and weakens partnership. Creating special conditions for one cultural group by definition sub-ordinates others, stimulates resentment and drives people apart. Its ineffectiveness is also likely to lead to disappointment.

4-Dangerous Constitutional Change - The proposal deviates from the existing even-handed

approach to representation. A regime based on cultural orientation is radically different from a ward system based on residential location. In the future there may well be multiple arguments put forward to allow other groups (defined by cultural or other parameters) to guarantee their representation at council. A precedent set now could expedite the erosion of democratic protections for rate-payers in general. The evangelic zeal with which the proposal has been promoted may well have overlooked this long term implication.

5-Evidence of Community Support is Lacking - This issue has generated considerable debate nationally and doubts about the wisdom of the proposal are widespread. The period for consultation is alarmingly brief .It is still questionable whether the majority of ratepayers support the proposal and whether councillors are acting as representatives of the whole community. A prudent council, would objectively examine the long term outcomes of the proposal at a pace appropriate for such a consequential change. Giving particularly consideration to its constitutional implications as society evolves and demographic patterns alter would be wise .

I reiterate my support for initiatives that will, strengthen communities and improve social outcomes for Maori. In my view this proposal will have the opposite effect and should not be adopted.

Mike Dalzell 11th May, 2021

The existing Council seems to work well as it is and it would appear to be quite a diverse group. Maori are more than capable of fronting up to the electorate. Special wards - Why? We all live here, we all want what is best for NZ and we all eat and drink the same way.

There is no partnership - we are all in this together - end of story - let's look to the future and go forward as New Zealanders instead of focusing on this woke-ness and cancel culture that seems to be world-wide - I'm sick of it - end of rant - sorry.

The proposal to have specific Maori seats is undemocratic. Maori seats are not needed to increase Maori representation because Maori are quite capable of getting elected in general seats. Such a proposal is patronising. Previously attempts by councils to introduce Maori seats have been overwhelmingly rejected by the general population.

Democracy is dying! Australia's looking better and better for ,oh , so many reasons! Another divisive race- based anti-democratic piece of legislation imposed upon us by government, and, councils (some like HDC) falling over themselves to do their bidding.

I used to be proud of my country - not so much anymore .

Status quo. All good the way it is.

Stop having racist driven wards and insist on democratic votes only.

If council wishes to pursue maori wards and it also wishes to be transparent and reflect the views of all ratepayers and citizens in Hastings, then I would urge council to hold a binding referendum on this issue at the next local body elections. Only then can council get a true and accurate gauge of the ratepayers viewpoint around maori wards. I note that council already has 2 councillors that identify as being of maori descent, and one councillor being of Pacific Island descent. These councillors have got to the council table on merit, and that is to be respected and encouraged. I do not support the establishment of maori wards in the Hastings District Council.

I realise in this woke and wet era where things maori are all pervasive it would be nice to think of one word that seems to be getting flushed down the sewer. DEMOCRACY. Perhaps you would like

to look it up in a dictionary. One person one vote. Just for once stand up for what is right, no special treatment for the chosen ones.

Whilst it is great to have input from our Maori community, and actually a cross-section of the community, we must vote on skill and suitability for a role, in the first instance, so that we have the best people representing the community. In saying that, diversity is important, I just don't support 'reserved' places of any kind.

I feel we have Maori presence especially with Henare O'Keefe & standing for the HDC is open to everyone that meets the criteria like age etc.

Why do we need separate wards for Maories,they make up just 16 per cent of the total population.we are a very cosmopolitan country,and should come together as one country. If Maori want a position on the district council,all they need to do is put there names forward for election in a democratic way,we are all one people. We probably have over 100 different nationalities living in New Zealand in 2021 and everyone should get an equal chance.

I do not support a parallel State or a divided political body. It is divisive and encourages racial tension.

If this is opened up, it could easily end up that we need to represent every ethnicity within our electorate proportionately;

Therefore voting in councilors based on ethnicity, not on their experience & ability to do the best job for our community & electorate as a whole.

I find it quite offensive that the language we ALL know and can speak is now second in command. As long as the majority is non Maori speakers it should not be second on the government mail or showing second on passport and information pamphlets.

No to separatism. Maori and NZ European should have equal chance to stand and be voted into office.

The council already consult iwi on any relevant decisions and there is already maori representation at the Hastings council. There is no discrimination, any race can stand for council and be voted in by the ratepayers.

I oppose the setting up of Maori Wards as it is racist and separatism.

I would like to see Maori representation but does it have to be so separate? What does that mean? Why is there always such a division between Maori and non Maori? I think it is great that we vote on our location that we live in and wont this mean that we get Maori votes some communities as well?? Maybe I don't understand it enough but there seems to be a real us them situation happening and I am not sure if this is healthy??

the council is open to anybody who wishes to stand of any ethnic background. Why the separatism and tokenism, let people who wish to stand stand on their own merits.

I would prefer to keep the country united as one and not divided on race.

We are one people under one law with representation based on merit elected by ALL. This is simply another example of this government (and maori interests) attempts to walk back 150 years to a nation with one rule for one and another for another. if ever there was a "racist" approach to governing people this is it.

Bringing our community to more separation .

Let's be one nation with multi cultures.

This means that a non maori with good knowledge and business savy who gets more votes losers out to Maori who gets way less votes. If they want to be councilors need to be on general like everyone else just like every other nationality. The Maoris need to actually get out and Vote

We fought apartheid in South Africa and were proud of it , Now we are attempting to introduce EXACTLY the same system into all facets of New Zealand life . I see no reason why the general roll non maori box is preceded by a maori translation

Reading the biographies of candidates who stood for Hastings DC at the last election many of them including some I voted for identified themselves as having Maori heritage and they got elected . If this proposal is enacted the council will almost certainly be dominated by people of Maori heritage while they constitute only around 20% of the total population . In the midst of all of the current hype largely driven by the current government we tend to overlook the fact that Maori are invaders of this country who have now been joined by members of many ethnic communities . Will we next extend the same ward system to other ethnic minorities ?

I see this as a proposal that will eventually cause disharmony in our community because of ethnic segregation.

Over the past 12 months and more we have been indoctrinated into believing that Maori do not get fair representation and support from government and councils alike and that their voices do not get heard. Since this present government we have seen more and more legislation past in support of Maori in both health, social development, social welfare support and representation, not to mention the suggestion of an individual health system for Maori.

Their demands are being met at the expense of all other nationalities that go to make up NZ. Should we not have representation from all ethnic groups if we are to allow Maori wards? We cannot bring about a situation that could only suggest we are heading to an apartheid arena. To suggest they need more can only be seen as separatism.

Since moving here in 1969 I have always felt New Zealand to have a fair and democratic society, where everyone is treated equally, but suddenly the pendulum is swinging in a different direction, one of which I fear for my grandchildren's future.

If wards are allowed, then the suggestion of separate governments, separate courts, judgements and many other areas where they feel they don't get a fair deal, we will become A REALITY and another South Africa in the making, which we were STRONGLY OPPOSED to! Please for everyone who believes in this country, LET US LIVE AS ONE NEW ZEALAND.

They should stand to be elected like all other councillor's do.

Whether or not we have Maori wards should be decided by ALL voters whether they are on the Maori roll or the general roll

What has happened to the "team" of 5 million????

Why does your information below appear in Te Rao first? Maori make up only 16% of the population.

I believe that Hastings and its residences are well represented with the current structure of voting eg Flaxmere/Hastings/Havelock North. One team one dream

Separating people by race is not a good idea. This is 2021 and this would be a backwards move to more division in society.

I believe we are all New Zealanders whatever our ethnic background. We should drive for cohesion, not division.

We should all be treated as equal and councillors voted on to council on their merits.

This simply causes more division. Why does it matter what race is involved. We just need the right people for the job, irrelevant of race

We are one nation and should not be divided by race. Maori, or for that matter any citizen can stand for election. We do not need Maori wards.

We are one people and I feel should be viewed as more alike than different. I feel in the long run it will emphasise differences and divide our country rather than accentuate all the shared qualities that make us human.

I believe in equality for all people but all people must contribute to a community to have an equal say. Why is it that there is Maori land that local councils do not charge rates for. I have read an article that states that rate arrears are wiped so that Maori land can be established as working land if this is the case why is land that is owned by non Maori not given the same privileges. I see this as a form of separatism and reverse racism. There are companies that are owned by Maori who make a lot of money but do not contribute to the whole community only to there own people. We are a multicultural nation and we should all have equal rights, not some have privileges and not for others. The way to better ourselves in this world is education, and all peoples are given the same rights in this country, unfortunately some people do not take advantage of these rights, but just want privileges because it says so in the Treaty .

Things work fine as is.

Maori wards are just separatism under another name. There are sufficient numbers of Maori in the HB population to ensure that the Maori voice and viewpoint is considered. Maori wards are just a podium for activist to espouse their extreme views.

A person does not change their identity just because they are on one roll or another.

Let all councilors be voted for by all voters

The Hastings District Council's proposal to set up Maori seats looks like a combination of naive paternalism and virtue signalling that touches on the absurd. Just two years ago, four Maori committee members were appointed to vote on the council's standing committees. Are these appointees going to stay? I guess so. Why did you leave it up to the Maori committee to decide whether or not there would be Maori seats? Since everyone is affected by decisions of the Hastings District Council, surely the decision on whether or not there should be Maori seats should be for everyone in Hastings. Let everyone in Hastings vote on this. If any of the non-Maori supporters of Maori wards has seen the govt's plans for two separate govts under a tribal monitoring committee, it will be clear that Maori seats are just a stepping stone to 50/50 Maori/everyone else govt of Hastings when those with some Maori ancestry make up only 27%. Are you aware that Maori roll voters nationally make up just 53 percent of Maori voters, and that the Maori seats are limited to Maori roll voters only, not Maori voters, not tribal voters? The calculation of the number of Maori seats on this website is a gerrymander that manipulates population data to increase the number of Maori seats because adds people not registered as electors and people under the voting age. That's an outrageous abuse of the democratic process. You should be ashamed.

Why do we need a special Maori Ward, do not Maori voter have the same vote rights as I do

Everyone should be elected no matter who they are.

Our last rates rise was 22%. I would be deeply disappointed if these three new council seats are created in addition to existing ones. If you choose to do this then three other councillors should step down to make way. Ratepayers are not a bottomless source of money for an ever growing council.

I most certainly do not support the Maori wards which can only lead to eventual division in the population and particularly in the family environment.

I am over eighty years of age and can only see this as a very backward step in our society.

The lack of discussion amongst the rate payers and general population is not at all transparent and seems to me that this division will only lead to separatism.

Living in a United country where equal rights are bestowed upon everyone can only lead to a

forward progressive country.

It appears to me that approximately 16% of the population want an unproportional say in the outcome of the direction New Zealand as a country is heading.

Definitely no special seats for Maori. If they wish to put forward their thoughts stand in the local body election and hope that they get elected not just given a say. Thankyou

Colour of skin shouldn't be a consideration. If Maori want involved in Local Govt get elected like normal people do

I think every council representative should be elected on merit, this is very selective and separatist.

I do not believe the establishment of Maori wards is the right thing to do.

It is undemocratic and divisive.

This divides our community even more. Anyone is able to stand for council elections and should be voted in on that basis, not their race.

Surely each candidate is able to get out and about in their own community and seek support from the voters.

Looking at our present council, no one has been denied or voted in as our council representative because of their race. We appear to already have a great mix of both Maori, male and female as our present councillors (who all do a fantastic job)

I noted that when Sandra became our Mayor there seemed to be a lot of fuss made about the fact that she was the first female Mayor for Hastings, I never even considered her sex let alone her race when placing my vote in the ballot box, I just liked what she stood for.

Each has been voted on by the public based on what they stand for and nothing else and this is how it should stay.

This move is a nail in the coffin if democracy. If one special group is allowed voting representation, what is to prevent another group wanting this?

If specific Maori input on a policy or decision is indicated, coopting a suitable Maori (non-voting) representative would suffice.

No to maori wards The treaty protect their interests. The treaty that was written in maori and signed by some 500 chiefs who agreed to be one people

with all other immigrants and have the same rights and be ruled by the queen (ie the nz govt)

Who is a Maori? No full blooded maori . My ancestors came to nz in 1842. My great great grandmother died on the ship. Many people took informal

maori wives. It was considered an advantage by the maori. White men bought new tools and new knowledge

I have many friends, I am not a racist The poorer nzers both white brown and any other colour that need help should all get it.

I am a 5th generation nz farmer. We understand the true maori culture it is similar to ours The pale city part maori don't all understand the importance

of the land .

ONE PERSON ONE VOTE

No Maori should be encouraged to stand and then like other candidates rely on voting for selection. There should be no 'special' rules for a specific group.

We are a nation of one... not one of racial divide if this is the start of racial divide then it sets a very dark future for every New Zealander and eliminates equal rights which is what this country was and is founded on.

I do not believe that wards that are based on race are a good idea and if anything are likely to cause division. I believe that the present system for election of district councillors has produced a good representation of people from our community sitting on council. I think that the views of Maori in our district are already being listened to and acted on by our elected members.

I prefer the democratic method of the voting system where all applicants are considered by their worthiness for a position on Council, rather than by ethnicity.

People should be elected on merit NOT race but you will not take any notice just like the speed change on local roads Fortunately we can change things at the next elections.

we all live in New Zealand as one people.

Democracy is key here and having the introduction of Maori wards would replace 3 other councillors

This sort of thing only creates separatism. One rule for all.

It creates division. We need to learn to all take care of each other and stop dividing people and privileges according to race, culture etc.

I firmly believe in equal opportunity, not equal representation as it relates to any form of government or other aspect of society.

There are wonderful maori in our society and I would have no issues whatsoever in voting for them on an equal footing as non maori based on an equal election where their policies and vision stacks up against all candidates.

I believe that all Maori wards should be abolished and that we should all be recorded on the same electoral roll. If New Zealand goes down the route of further segregation of Maori from the rest of us NZ citizens it will only serve to increase the shocking level of racism against white citizens and other immigrants that it already has, but is conveniently ignored. I was born and bred in Leicester, which was the first city in the UK where white citizens became a minority. There was never a call for Asian wards to be set up, and Asian citizens have been elected to all levels of local and national representation. This is despite our colonial past. When will New Zealand start looking forward, instead of backwards?

One person, one vote.

We should all be equal.

If we get maori wards, maori should not be allowed to stand or vote in general wards.

We should strongly discourage separatism in the system.

Maori are well represented on merit on the council under the current system. This is good and should continue under the current system.

Comments from non-residents and ratepayers who are NOT IN FAVOUR

If you want to be a voice on council stand for election and be elected like it should be in a democracy

Don't know what areas Maori Wards will cover & who will be representing us. Sure don't want the same old hierarchy Maori we got now just jumping ship to be in politics cause it's there.

Race based division is not the way forward

We are one people.

Why are we not here for ALL PEOPLE.

There are not Chinese, Asian, Indian, Samoan, Pakeha wards.

But a place for all people.

I am not a member of Hastings, but since Napier is in use of the same Hospital It effects Napier residents as well. I thought we were supposed to be trying to move forward together. Not creating segregation, so what theirs going to be maori/Pakeha/Samoan ect separate wards. How about you help support more Maori Nurses/Doctors ect so they can have the choice of their own people to help them rather than separation. Wouldn't that be better for Maori people investing in their future generations.

This is Pure Racism if Maori what to be on the Council then they should get there like all other Councilers and be voted in.

Maori have every chance to get elected to the council.

FACEBOOK COMMENTS

Feilding Council just voted no to Maori Wards. Napier Council need more time to consider this, so won't to be voting this time. Hastings Council lucky to have Maori Councillors who were voted on by all from both General and Maori Rolls. Not everyone has internet, Has there been enough information sent out to all rate payers? A good opportunity was missed when sending out rate demands, no info sent in envelopes.

I can't wait for Maori Wards way to HDC so proud of you guys

Usual amount of racist crap from people who are frightened/angry/ignorant, whatever.

If you want equal outputs, sometimes you need unequal inputs. The only way we'll have a time when these wards aren't needed, is if we have them now. Think about that for a minute.

So many white men in here up in arms at the thought. What are you truly afraid of? Why do you think that for Maori equity you are giving up something (perhaps you fear losing the control). Sitting in your white privilege is under threat in your mind perhaps? You are thinking of only what you, as an individual, may lose rather than what a community may gain.

Every education facility, every hospital, every political area is open to everyone. No one is excluded in New Zealand everyone has equal opportunity, voting power in every area. With increases in community populations there are going to be demands for change and modernization. It seems that a small number of activists are using the race card to stop progress in favour of traditional methods and culture. While Its great to keep culture alive, the future of one society working together, without race based favouritism is crucial. The immigrants that have

moved here over the past decades are not racist, they have nothing to do with the two century old issues. It seems a shame to make enemies of current hardworking New Zealanders with racist division.

Brian Field great so you're in favour of everyone adopting one culture? Which one?

Wards are not knew to Maori. Our wards were our hapu boundaries. Our boundaries were dismissed and so for the purpose of who knows why, our boundaries were changed and we found ourselves in a ward we had no affiliation to.

No disrespect intended but my ward use to be north of Tutaekuri but now it is governed South of Tutaekuri and those that represent my ward (HAPU) know nothing of my ward (HAPU) So Seperatism happened years ago and sadly still exists. I agree there will be demands for change and those that immigrated here have nothing to do with old issues of Aotearoa but Maori still do and always will. So our journey continues. The concensus in this post appears to suggest a Maori ward borders on racism, separatism, polarisation but isnt that what we have at the moment. Perhaps this is a reason for low voting participation by Maori ? So sit down, put on another pot of tea and ask yourself, How can a Maori perspective benefit you, the community ? Because a change will happen ,, if not now then tomorrow. Kia ora.

I completely reject any ideas of Moari Wards. If we are considered as an equal society throughout our society will face way worse issues in the future. The whole idea is complete rubbish and separating us even further than what we already are.

Replies:

Your voice your choice! Don't forget to make sure you have your say before next Wednesday.

Actually it's Māori. Type the a, and hold your finger down, then slide it to the ā.

Ps. I'm old, female, and Pākehā and I think Māori wards are a good idea. Plus I think it's really important to write Māori with the correct accent.

couldn't agree more.

so the alternative is ONLY a European voice?

That seems a lot more separatist to me than a voice for both European and Maori.

what way worst issues in the future are you referring to?. BTW you've misspelt Moari, it's spelt Māori. And we do have a right to have a Māori voice around the table. It's called partnership. Decades overdue.

what you really wanted to say was ",I reject anything maori "

So comfortable in your position that you think blocking any advancement for maori is your right , who gave you that authority over maori anyway ? NO ONE so shhh

like we reject pakeha wards who think they know whats best for us. U lot have never considered us equally, time for change. Tinorangatiratanga♥♥

If somebody doesn't spell my name correctly I am not bothered or sensitive about it. I just see it as a simple "HUMAN" mistake. Get over it.

maori Wards are going to happen.... So get over it

They are not "PAKEHA" wards. It's for all people across the board. If this carries on we will Chinese wards Japanese wards, Indian wards and on and on and on.

pretty sure you won't see any Chinese, Japanese or Indian Wards in NZ. For starters they didn't have a Treaty signed back in 1840. A Treaty (partnership) ensuring equal rights to Māori & Pakeha. But hasn't been honoured since the treaty was signed. Māori wards is a start towards honoring the treaty. Ignorance isn't an excuse for not making things right. But have yr say by voting. Kia kaha kautau, kia pai tō ra ☺

I am not racist. You don't know me in the slightest and your remark is way off the mark. I happen to love all people and I find everything that is presently going on in our society very very sad. I strongly wish we could be a unified happy society. If I as an individual could help to make things better I would, but at the end of the day I am just another little nobody. I was also not in control of what I was born into, as is nobody else. We become mentally conditioned by government and media and really are never exposed to the absolute truth. All very sad for all people caught up in this confused society. I wish you all well.

no we won't because none of them have a treaty.

You're racist. That's all you are. You'll die a racist too and the world will move on and progress without you.

equal means respecting diversity.

but we are separate and equal. We are two equal partners, Maori (note the spelling) and the crown.

I'm an absentee these days but if I can put my two cents in I fully agree with you Lindsay. Just creates further polaristaion.

My voice, my choice.... absolutely support Maori wards in Heretaunga. Partnership is a key principal, too long overdue

This is one of the good things to happen I fully support Maori wards the sooner the better

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No

So for all those non-Māori rejecting Māori wards - spouting equality - you would swap your ethnicity to BECOME MĀORI? And EXPERIENCE this equality you speak of?

I bet you wouldn't.

We will not win a war of words or perspectives against concrete minds - you yourselves need to experience a difference of treatment

You are part of the problem, but hei aha, greater thinking and feeling generations of young adults are coming through now - bringing change.. your time and archaic perspective will be gone soon

Totally support. All the comments that we “live in an equal society” and “no one is excluded in New Zealand” are unbelievable. Open your eyes. Open your hearts.

I'm not gonna sit here and let people with no Maori blood tell me what causes separatism for Maori in our own country. You're quite happy to allow white people to make decisions for others but if there is to be a coloured man in the seat it suddenly causes separatism. Lol, feel free to go back to whatever country YOUR ROOTS are.

Maori can do so much good for nz. The European way is obviously not working and is losing all credibility. Environmental, health and wellbeing. The answer is in front of you so we should utilize it. Don't be scared of the unknown, embrace it. What an exciting time. It's all about balance and acceptance because we were here from the beginning and will be here till the end. I am 100% for Maori wards.

Stay as it is. We already have Maori representation.

So English didn't learn Maori only no basics

How many nationalities live in NZ! Come on , one NZ for all.

Yes change it. I only want to vote for Maori representation.

Socialism is so strong here just like china its every were in this country, we need to change new Zealand's government name to the CCP, and become a state of china.

Not on my watch

sounds like apartheid.

oh for goodness sake. This doesn't even warrant an answer! It is automatic, no discussion, no debate, Maori at the table by right!!!

I can't comment I'm shocked.

Dos that mean some of our present good Maori would lose their place on the council?

If we can't read the language we dont vote as no savy

Reply

What a lot of tutae

The Hastings Council is a disgrace.

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Thank you Cr Dixon, much appreciated



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Tēnā koe,

Establishing Māori wards on Hastings District Council

Maungaharuru-Tangitū Trust

This letter is written on behalf of the Maungaharuru-Tangitū Trust (MTT). MTT is the post-settlement governance entity representing the hapū – Marangatūhetaua (Ngāti Tū), Ngāti Whakaari, Ngāi Taura, Ngāti Kurumōkihi (formerly known as Ngāi Tatarā), Ngāi Te Ruruku ki Tangoio and Ngāi Tahu (Hapū). Our takiwā (traditional area) encompasses the Waitaha River in the north to Keteketerau in the south (the outlet of the earlier Te Whanganui-ā-Orotu also known as the Napier Inner Harbour which was in existence before the 1931 Napier earthquake), and from the Maungaharuru Range in the west to the coast and beyond to Tangitū (the sea) in the east. Our marae is Tangoio Marae.

Support for the establishment of Māori Wards by 2022

MTT supports the establishment by Hastings District Council (HDC) of Māori wards for voters on the Māori roll to elect councillors onto HDC **with effect from the 2022 elections**. Te Tiriti o Waitangi sets out an expectation of partnership at all levels of government, including local government, which cannot be met without sufficient representation.

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Rather than empowering HDC with the ability to establish Māori wards, sections 4, 14(1)(d) and 81 of the Local Government Act 2002 arguably **require** HDC to establish Māori wards, as to do otherwise would not be to “provide opportunities for Māori to contribute to its decision-making processes” consistently with Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

Currently, tangata whenua are under-represented in local government and prevented from effective representation by virtue of a system which does not sufficiently reflect tangata whenua interests. Quoting Margaret Mutu, “it is at the local authority level where Māori resources are most immediately affected, where decisions are made that directly affect their ancestral lands, waterways, seas, and within them, the wāhi tapu” and where tangata whenua interests are most vulnerable. This gives rise to the necessity for tangata whenua organisations to involve themselves in litigation against planning decisions which could be mitigated by better representation in decision making.

It is likely that the establishment of Māori wards will also reduce costs for HDC. Better, upfront Māori participation in the decision making phase should enhance the consultation required during planning and minimise litigation following planning decisions which adversely affect Māori.

The government has taken a step to remove barriers to Māori representation. Voting to establish Māori wards will take a further step toward providing for more effective representation of Māori and a stronger Māori perspective in the decision making of local government. It is imperative that HDC address this issue urgently, and in time for the 2022 elections so that Māori participation is not further delayed.

While we are in support of the establishment by HDC of Māori wards in principle, we do not consider the proposals go far enough and also provide some additional comments below on specific aspects of the proposal.

Tangata Whenua

The current options do not acknowledge the tangata whenua of this district. At a local level, those iwi and hapū who hold mana whenua in the area are the representative bodies whose rangatiratanga was required to be protected under Te Tiriti o Waitangi. The rōpū with rangatiratanga are the only groups able to make decisions impacting their whenua and taonga. They are also best placed to make such decisions given they hold location specific mātauranga. It is only representatives from these rōpū who can properly represent the views and aspirations of mana whenua. Accordingly:

- Eligibility for both voting in and standing for election in the new Māori wards should be limited to those people who are mana whenua.
- Boundaries for specific wards should be drawn and councillors elected from within those boundaries by the mana whenua within those boundaries. The electoral roll should therefore be split into the General electoral roll and a number of Māori electoral rolls, one for each particular ward.

Proportionate Representation and Number of Councillors

We acknowledge that the Local Election Act 2001 (LEA) eliminates any discretion as to the number of Māori wards which may be established by the HDC. However, in our view the formula set out for proportional representation in the LEA is not consistent with the principle of partnership under Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Instead, we consider that principle requires Māori and non-Māori be elected in equal numbers rather than merely in proportion to the number of voters registered on the Māori and general electorates.

HDC should ensure that the proportion of Māori councillors is as high as possible within the limits of the LEA to better reflect that true partnership would require equivalent representation of Māori and non-Māori on the HDC. On that basis it is preferable to ensure there remain only 9 councillors rather than increasing the number of councillors to 11 so as to avoid diluting the influence of Māori further.

In conclusion we make the following recommendations:

1. That HDC vote to establish Māori wards with effect from the 2022 elections.
2. That the number of councillors remain at 9.

Nāku noa i runga i āku mihi ki a koe,



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