

Representation Review 2024:

Consultation feedback on the initial representation proposal

26/08/2024

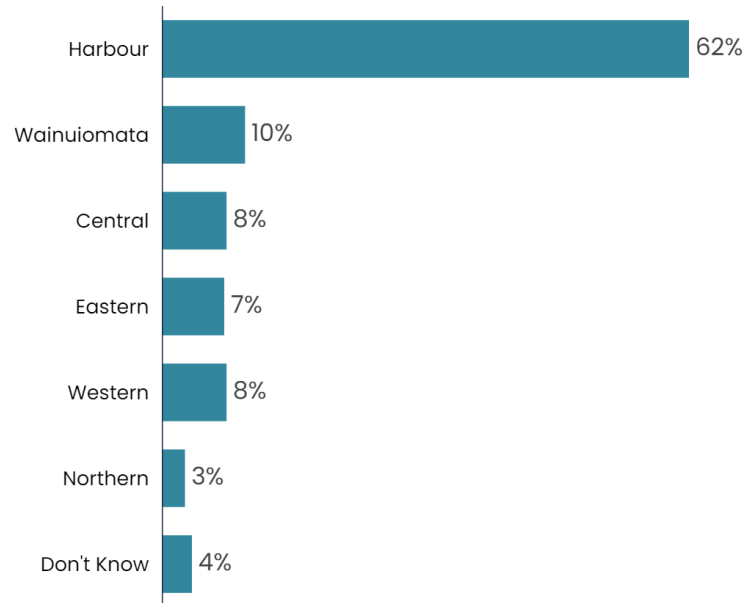


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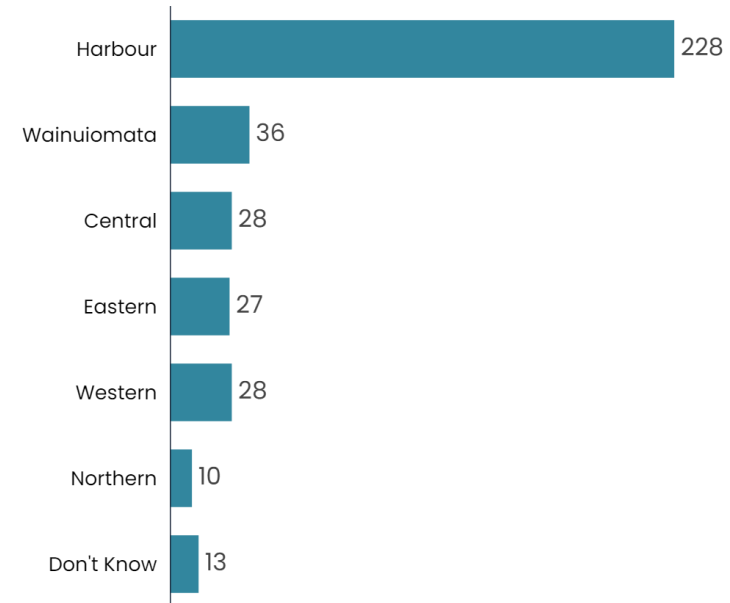
Date	Activity	Status
30 May 2023	Council agrees to establish an Independent Representation Review Panel to undertake the representation review	Complete
August 2023	Panel appointed and begins public engagement	Complete
21 November 2023	Council resolved, in accordance with the Act, that a Māori ward(s) is established for the 2025 elections	Complete
March 2024	The independent panel completes public engagement	Complete
27 June 2024	Council receives the Panel's report and adopts the initial representation proposal for public consultation	Complete
1 st July- 1 st August 2024	Public consultation	Complete
26 th August 2024	Hearing of Submissions and deliberation on the initial representation proposal	Today
6 September 2024	Decision to retain or recind Māori ward	To be completed
10 September 2024	Council adopts the Final Representation Proposal	To be completed
11 September 2024	Public notice of the Final Representation Proposal	To be completed
12 September -12 October 2024	Appeals and objections period	To be completed



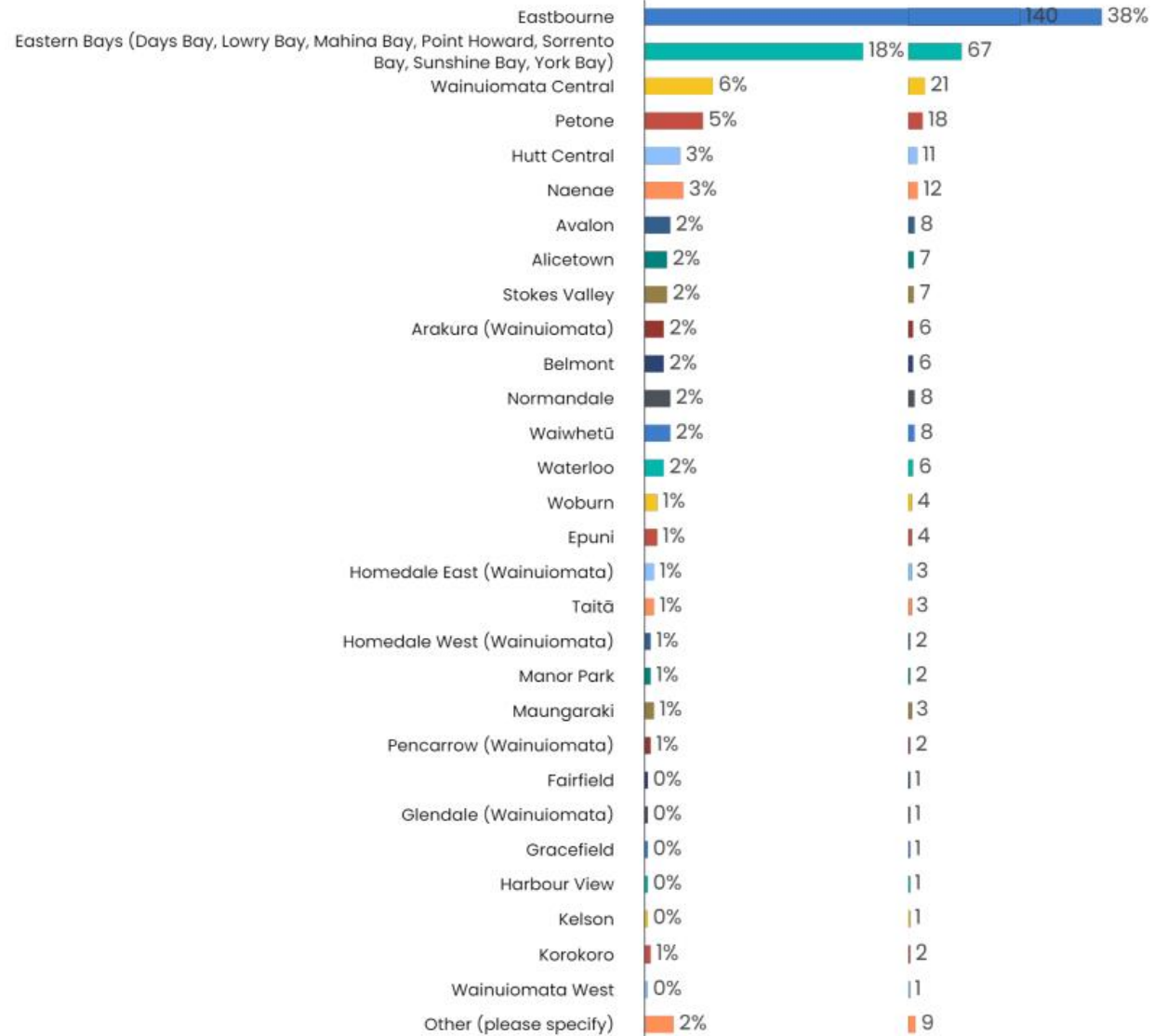
Participant rate by wards



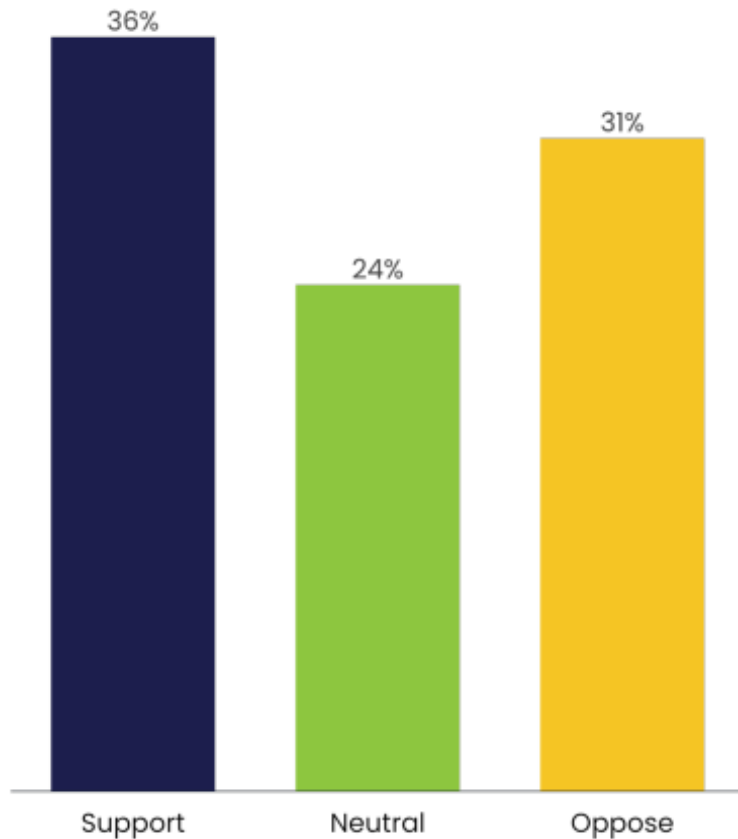
Participant numbers by wards



Participant response by suburb



Do you support the proposal that that Hutt City Council comprise of a Mayor and 13 Councilors ?



134 respondents (36%) support the proposal

116 respondents (31%) oppose

90 (24%) are neutral

30 (9%) participants left no response.

Do you support the proposal that that Hutt City Council comprise of a Mayor and 13 Councilors ?

Support

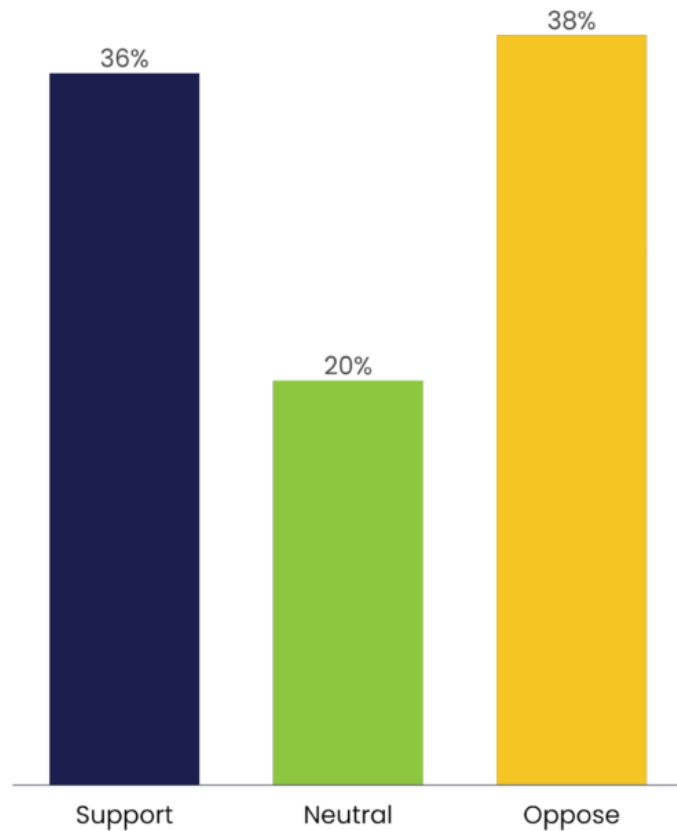
- General sentiment in supportive comments making reference to accounting for our growing population
- 22 people (16%) who supported the proposal shared comments that they were in favour of adding a Māori Ward

Oppose

- 38 people (32%) who opposed this proposal shared comments related to not wanting a Māori Ward Councillor
- 31 responses (26%) in opposition to this question shared comments related to retaining community boards



Do you support the proposal that councillors be elected under a mixed system of representation of 5 city ward councillors, 7 councillors from the general ward and 1 Māori councillor ?



132 respondents (36%) support the proposal

139 respondents (38%) oppose

75 (20%) are neutral

24 (6%) participants left no response

Do you support the proposal that councillors be elected under a mixed system of representation of 5 city ward councillors, 7 councillors from the general ward and 1 Māori councillor ?

Support

- fair and democratic
- 19 respondents (14%) shared comments supporting adding a Māori Ward

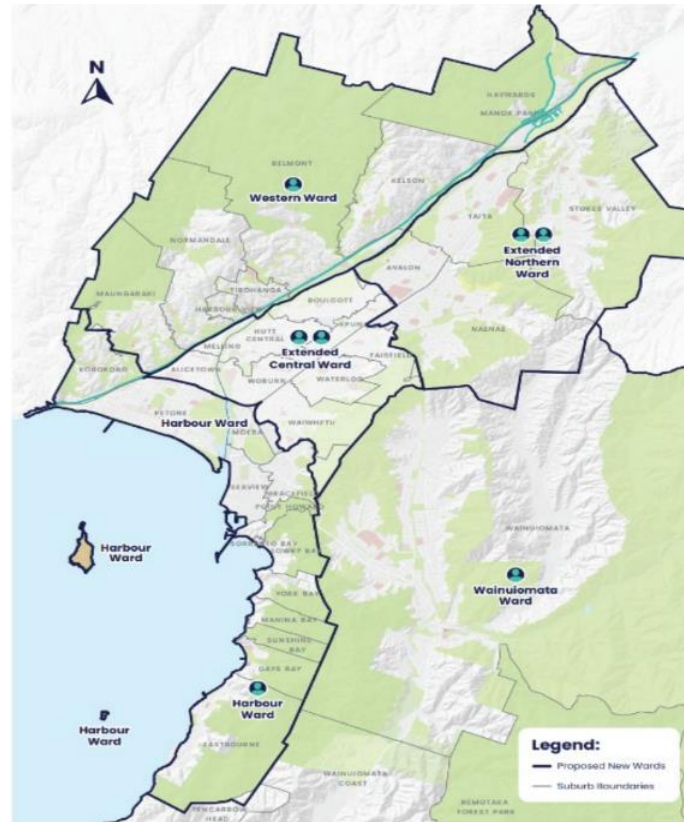
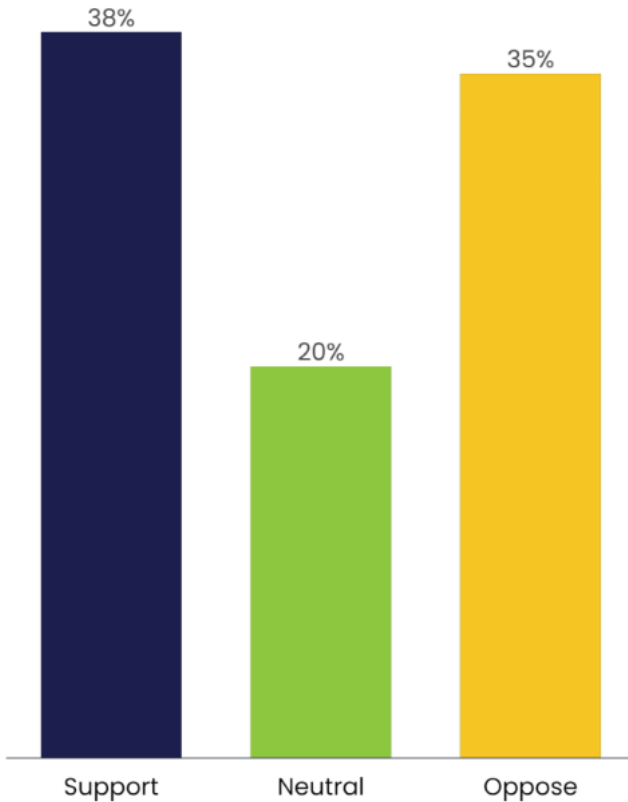
Oppose

- 38 (27%) don't agree with establishing a Māori Ward
- 18 (13%) of those who opposed made comments regarding retaining community boards

There were an even number of comments regarding a preference for having a 'Ward only' or 'At-Large' system



Do you support the proposal for the five General Wards?



139 respondents (38%) support the proposal

131 respondents (35%) oppose

75 (20%) are neutral

25 (7%) participants left no response.

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Support

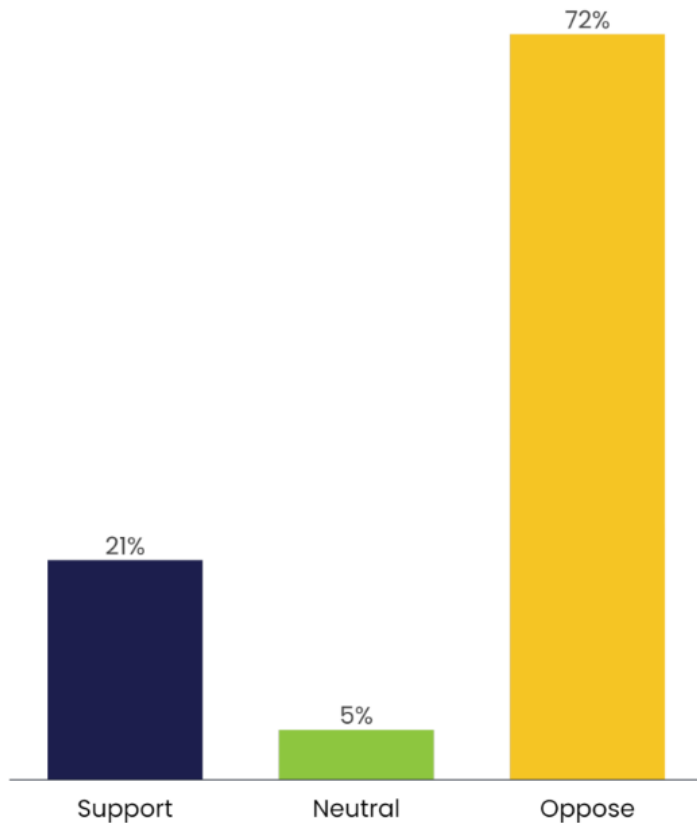
- General sentiment in comments from those who support the proposal indicate that changes to the Northern, Eastern and Central Wards make sense

Oppose

- View that the Harbour Ward has a number of distinct communities and Wainuiomata Ward is too big and they should have 2 Councillors each
- 20 comments (15%) from those who opposed this proposal focused on the loss of community boards



Do you support the proposal that there be no community boards in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt and the three existing Community Boards?



79 respondents (21%) support the proposal

18 (5%) are neutral

268 respondents (72%) oppose

5 (2%) participants left no response.

Do you support the proposal that there be no community boards in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt and the three existing Community Boards

Support

- 10 comments (12%) noted that community boards are ineffective, offer little value or don't represent all views in their communities
- 13 comments (16%) highlighted a lack of equality across the city based on the current model where three suburbs have additional representation

Oppose

- General assertion that community Boards are a valuable asset for representing, supporting and advocating for local issues, particularly the unique communities they currently operate in
- 80 submissions (29%) made specific comments on the value of service provided by the Eastbourne Community Board
- 41 submissions (15%) suggested extending Community Boards to all wards

Other comments and feedback

- Five submissions suggested extending Harbour Ward to include the area south of Burdan's Gate to Pencarrow lighthouse
- 15 submissions suggested including Korokoro in the Western ward



Appeals and Objections

- the appeals and objection period will run from 12 September 2024 to 12 October 2024
- If hearings are required, a provisional date of 26 November 2024 has been allocated by the Local Government Commission
- Any agreed changes as a result of the appeals process will be implemented in preparation for the local body elections in October 2025



Questions?

