

2013 Proposed Electorate Boundaries – Main Points

Proposed new electorate boundaries for the next two general elections have been released with 43 electorates facing changes and an additional general electorate in Auckland. 20 general electorates and the seven Māori electorates have been left unchanged.

North Island General Electorates

The Auckland region has increased from 23 to 24 general electorates. Key changes include:

- **Upper Harbour** has been created by drawing population from the neighbouring electorates of **East Coast Bays** and **Helensville** in the north and from **Te Atatū** in the south
- **Kelston** has been created by drawing population from the existing electorates of **Waitakere**, **Te Atatū**, **Mt Albert** and **New Lynn**
- The existing electorate of **Waitakere** has been replaced as a result of the proposed boundary changes to the **Te Atatū** and **Helensville** electorates and the new **Kelston** electorate
- **Helensville** has lost population to **East Coast Bays** and **Upper Harbour** and gained the western rural areas from **Waitakere** and **New Lynn** and also from **Rodney**
- **Auckland Central** has lost population to **Mt Albert** at Westmere and Grey Lynn
- **Mt Roskill** has gained population from **Maungakiekie** and **Epsom** in the east and lost population from New Windsor to **New Lynn** in the west
- In addition, **Maungakiekie** has gained population from **Manukau East** and **Tāmaki**
- **Hunua** has lost population to **Botany** in the Flat Bush area and at the southern end to **Waikato**, and has had boundary adjustments with **Papakura**.

Other key changes in the North Island include:

- **Hamilton West** has lost the western rural area to **Taranaki-King Country** and gained population from **Hamilton East** and **Waikato** at Horsham Downs
- **Rotorua** now includes Te Puke and the surrounding western area from **Bay of Plenty**, which in turn has gained an area around Waimapu from **Tauranga**
- **East Coast** now includes Kawerau and the coastal belt around Maketu from **Rotorua**
- **Whanganui** has been extended north to include Stratford from **Taranaki-King Country** and has lost coastal area west of Mt Taranaki to **New Plymouth**
- **Ōhariu** has gained Wadestown from **Wellington Central** and lost Korokoro and Maungaraki to **Hutt South** and Normandale to **Rimutaka**.

The Commission is proposing to retain the current boundaries for thirteen North Island electorates: **Northland**, **Whangarei**, **Northcote**, **North Shore**, **Manurewa**, **Māngere**, **Pakuranga**, **Taupō**, **Tukituki**, **Wairarapa**, **Palmerston North**, **Mana** and **Rongotai**.

South Island General Electorates

The number of general electorates in the South Island is fixed by the Electoral Act at 16.

Major boundary changes in the Christchurch area were required because of significant population movement from **Christchurch East**, **Christchurch Central** and **Port Hills** electorates. At the same time

Waimakariri, Wigram and Selwyn have increased beyond the permitted electoral population limit. Key changes include:

- **Christchurch East** has gained population at Shirley and Mairehau from **Christchurch Central**, and at Bromley from **Port Hills**
- **Christchurch Central** has gained population at Redwood from **Waimakariri**, and at Sydenham and Beckenham from **Port Hills**.
- **Selwyn** has lost Banks Peninsula and Halswell to **Port Hills**, and gained Hei Hei from **Wigram**.

The Commission is proposing to retain the current boundaries for seven South Island electorates: **Nelson, Kaikōura, West-Coast Tasman, Dunedin South, Clutha-Southland, Invercargill and llam**.

Māori Electorates

The Representation Commission is proposing to maintain the existing boundaries for the seven Māori electorates: **Te Tai Tokerau, Tāmaki Makaurau, Hauraki Waikato, Waiariki, Ikaroa-Rāwhiti, Te Tai Hauāuru and Te Tai Tonga**.

No change is proposed because all the Māori electorates are within quota.

More Information

More detail on all of the proposed changes is available on www.elections.org.nz and in the *Proposed Electorate Boundaries 2013* report available at libraries, Registrar of Electors' offices, Council offices or Council service centres, Te Puni Kōkiri regional offices, Māori Land Court offices and Rūnanga offices.