

# MASTERTON DISTRICT COUNCIL

## REPRESENTATION REVIEW 2021

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<b>Submission 1</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	William Grant
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	No
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	No
<b>If no - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	I would prefer one general ward. This is because I am opposed to racial discrimination in politics. Racial discrimination leads to resentment and increases the likelihood of racial prejudice. Racial discrimination in politics was tried in Germany (1933 - 45) and South Africa (Apartheid era), both with disastrous results.
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	
<b>If no - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?</b>	

<b>Submission 2</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	Peter Christensen
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	No
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	Yes
<b>If no - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	Yes
<b>If no - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?</b>	The one question I would ask is why should a reduction of councillors mean that the savings are then shared amongst the remaining councillors with a pay increase. Normally in a restructure there is a finance benefit and a reduction is cost.

<b>Submission 3</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	Alan Grant Stewart
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	No
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	No
<b>If no - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	We are all one people, no need for separate wards. In any case are one eighth of community Maori, I would doubt it. If we are racist and must have separate voting by Race then it should be proportionate and not extra Maoris on committees.
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	MASTERTON
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	NOT ONE AT ALL
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?</b>	

<b>Submission 4</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	Graeme Day
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	No
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	No
<b>If No - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	All 7 should represent all of the community and therefore must be at large.
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	No
<b>If No - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	Whilst most of the population are "townies", there are significant people who are rural areas or retired in beach communities. I am not sure if they justify full community boards but at least have say advisory groups.
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?</b>	



<b>Submission 5</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	David Murray
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	No
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	No
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	12 councillors because if there are fewer councillors that means fewer councillors will have to spend more time keeping abreast with the specifics of many issues and keeping on top of what the council organization is doing. 12 councillors should better enable the council to have specialist subject matter experts on council so that there will be less reliance on direction from unelected officials, and enable councillors to better consult with the people that they are elected to represent.
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	No
<b>If No - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	If there really must be segregated wards they should be geographically defined, not racially defined. This is because the purpose of the council is to look after Ratepayer-owned infrastructure and to generally keep the public spaces and gardens clean and tidy and well presented.
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	No
<b>If No - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	There clearly are many different "communities of interest" in the Masterton District and it is reasonable for those different communities to be able to discuss things of interest to them and for that to be represented back to the council. This is how specific communities of interest, for example Maori, Business, Aerodrome users, Rural, Small village, and Urban interests can have specific input into local democracy on matters directly affecting them.
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	

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<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?</b>	

<b>Submission 6</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	Colin & Christine Wilson
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	No
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	No preference
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	no preference
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?</b>	Will Maori not be eligible to vote in the general ward? I Pakeha will not be eligible to vote in the maori ward, Both will vote in the 'at large' ward

<b>Submission 7</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	Graham Douglas Dick
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	No
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	No
<b>If No - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	I feel the arrangement should be the same as for New Zealand's parliamentary electoral roll, a choice of General roll or Maori roll. Voting in the masterton local body election should be either for the general ward or the Maori ward, no "At large ward". For simplicity sake, keep it the same as for general elections.
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	Masterton General Ward
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	Whakaoriori Ward
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?</b>	

<b>Submission 8</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	Anna Baird
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	No
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?</b>	<p>Have you thought about how to ensure younger people are represented on council? That seems to be a voice really lacking in your current elected councillors. I think it's really important to have all voting generations represented. Younger people are well placed to think about the impacts of climate change and the pressing need to prioritise climate action and building sustainability and resilience into the town. I don't know how to get younger people standing as</p>

	councillors and then voted in but no doubt there are groups that have already put a lot of thought into how to do this.
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<b>Submission 9</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	Rodney John Miller
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	No
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	Masterton General
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	Masterton Maori
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?</b>	

<b>Submission 10</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	John Murray Valentine
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	No
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	No
<b>If No - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	Not democratic
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	n.a.
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	n.a.
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?</b>	One of the Deputy Mayor's grumpy old white men so waste of my time submitting really



<b>Submission 11</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	John Cunningham
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	Yes
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	No
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	10. I believe that ten means a wider range of people with a broader perspective of our community. Already there are 4 councilors who are members of a local trust. On crucial issues they vote as one and I am worried whos best interest these councilors are working for. To have only 7 councilors could potentially hand over control of this council to an outside organization which is dangerous.
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	Whakaoriori
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?</b>	I am confused. In your correspondence you say that there will be 4 councilors elected from the general ward yet in this document you say there is one general ward. This is very misleading. I agree entirely that there should only be one general ward and the rest should be at large wards. This is a

	<p>fair outcome where all voters get to vote for the same amount of councilors. ie 7 votes in total.</p> <p>If there are 4 general wards this gives a maori voter the option to only vote for 4 councilors. Whereas any other voter will be able to vote for 7. This is totally unfair and undemocratic. As maori are part of the whole community too, maori deserve a say on all who are elected to office. I understand that the MDC might be hamstrung by the Government in this matter but it is the councils duty of care under the Treaty of Waitangi to protect the rights of maori. Clearly if the proposal is for more than one general ward in the make up of the council the council is not protecting the voting rights of the maori voters.</p> <p>Therefore the council should proceed as per this proposal with only one general ward and if the Government were to disagree then the council should take the matter to the courts in the interest of the maori voters of this district.</p>
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<b>Submission 12</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	Justin Harding
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	No
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	No
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	I agree the number should be reduced from the current 10. I prefer 6. Increased equity, increased remuneration for individual councillors. To achieve this I think the number of councillors elected from the Masterton General Ward and At Large should reduce by one (in both cases)
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?</b>	I strongly support iwi representation alongside the Maori ward councillor. The roles are different. Council should also give consideration to including additional arrangements such as a Maori Advisory Group (as it has done for the rural interests) into the governance arrangements.

<b>Submission 13</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	Jonathan Black
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	No
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?</b>	

<b>Submission 14</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	Satti
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	No
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?</b>	

<b>Submission 15</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	Jonathan Hooker
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	No
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	No
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	Keep the current number
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	No
<b>If No - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	One Maori Ward and One at large ward
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	General Ward
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	Maori Ward
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?</b>	

<b>Submission 16</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	Sidney Hayes
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	No
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?</b>	If this proposal goes ahead and we have a Masterton Maori Ward, I would like to see the two Iwi representative discontinued, as I consider this would give Maori a disproportional representation around the Council table. I fully understand the Iwi representatives don't have voting rites on Council decisions.

<b>Submission 17</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	Emma Cameron
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	No
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	No
<b>If No - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	The Eastern side of Masterton as our underprivileged citizens they need greater opportunity to participate in democracy of Masterton. They live next to the dump, Henley Lake, the Cemetery, and have less access to technology due to income and potentially different needs to the rest of Masterton which needs to be acknowledged.
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?</b>	



<b>Submission 18</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	Peter Thriscutt
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	No
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?</b>	Overall I support the streamlining of the Council and paying more to get better quality of people on the council. However I am a little concerned that we are now going to have even less of a say as there will be less Councillors. And if there are less people, but as much or more work to do as the area grows, there is a chance that things will get glossed over or missed due to time constraints. Could lead to one or two dominant people being able to steamroller through polices without proper discussion, as Councillors have so much to do.

	<p>I also hope the Maori voice/Councillor will have no more and no less influence and say on the council than anyone else. I am very concerned at the central governments attempts to bring in two tier legal &amp; health systems and I want reassurance that this is NOT going to happen in the Council. If it does, ie Maoris or matters effecting them, are given more importance than everything else. This must not happen otherwise it undermines local democracy. They have the same rights as everyone else does in the community, and we must make sure it isn't diluted or magnified as being more or less important.</p>
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<b>Submission 19</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	James D Stratton
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	No
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	
<b>If No - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?</b>	

<b>Submission 20</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	Belinda Milnes
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	No
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	No
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	6 but paid twice as much so we attract quality people
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	No
<b>If No - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	Because I don't agree with the number of Councillors or the ward arrangement as put
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	No
<b>If No - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	Rural and urban communities are completely different
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?</b>	

<b>Submission 21</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	Kelvin Williams
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	No
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	No
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	A minimum of 10 councillors to ensure that we bring diversity to the council table and to make the councillors work loads manageable. The more people we have around the council table the greater the opportunity for all residents of Masterton to feel represented. The proposal to reduce the numbers to 8 will restrict people who wish to stand for the council to those who can treat it as a full time job.
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?</b>	I and a number of residents feel that these opportunities to make submissions are a public relations exercise and not a true attempt to gauge public opinion. We rather feel that a

	<p>decision has been decided and will be forced upon us. This is based on a single option for representation being presented rather than two or more with advantages and disadvantages of the options. We do not have the information to make another option whereas you do.</p>
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<b>Submission 22</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	Diana McLaren
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	No
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	No
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	See submission below
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	No
<b>If No - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	<p>From what I can see the Maori Roll makes up approximately 8% of all eligible voters. By having 1 Maori Ward and only 4 General Councilor's, this is giving 20% representation to 8% of voters in these two areas. This is undemocratic.</p> <p>To make this more representative there would have to be at least 8 General Councillors.</p> <p>In the At Large Wards everyone has even representation, however I believe we need to do away with At Large Wards to give us a more democratic council.</p> <p>To have a true even playing field councils should be elected on just candidate A,B,C.....no photos or name's just their qualities, professional experience and plight. This way ethnicity and racial bias never comes into play.</p>
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?</b>	

<b>Submission 23</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	Mark Jerling
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	No
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	General Ward
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	Maori Ward
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?</b>	



<b>Submission 24</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	Gavin D Chilcott
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	No
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?</b>	I whole-heartedly agree with the proposal by MDC.

<b>Submission 25</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	Courtney Kete
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	No
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?</b>	

<b>Submission 26</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	Shane Hart
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	No
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	No
<b>If No - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	There is no need for a separate Maori ward, for the same reason we do not have a 'Asian ward' or 'Catholic ward'. As part of a democratic society we need officials who are elected by the people to act for all the people. Separating by race creates conflict and goes directly against democracy.
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	Whakaoriori / Masterton General Ward
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	See response RE separate Maori ward
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?</b>	Please listen to the voices of the people, not just those who make the most noise. Maori culture can be embraced and allowed to thrive without creating a racial divide. We must all learn to get on together.

<b>Submission 27</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	Sue and Graham Alexander
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	Yes
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	No
<b>If No - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	Don't agree that there should be a separate Maori ward. There are many good Maori people in our area and it shouldn't be limited to just one ward that they can be elected to. They should be able to be elected on their merits by anyone, not just specific race.
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	
<b>If No - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?</b>	

<b>Submission 28</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	Davide Castorina
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	No
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	No
<b>If No - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	That voters on the General Roll and voters on the Māori Roll have at least equal number of votes in total. You are proposing that General Roll voters can elect 7 Councillors, while Māori voters can only elect 4 which is not even equal, let alone equitable.
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	No
<b>If No - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	With the lack of infrastructure for youth in the Wairarapa region and a lack of youth representation in MDC, a Youth Board would be much needed
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?</b>	

<b>Submission 29</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	Les Wright
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	No
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	No
<b>If No - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?</b>	hopefully with a smaller council number, the public views will be taken more seriously -instead of the "we know best" attitude at the present time

<b>Submission 30</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	Alan Fulton Bohm
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	No
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	No
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	From everyone I have spoken who is or has been a Councillor, all report a huge workload of reading, meetings, training etc. If you cut back the elected councillors to 8, who is going to do the work? Also we know that it is difficult to get experienced and qualified people to stand. The majority of Councillors look upon being a Councillor as a job, not a vocation. Do you really believe that a few extra dollars will attract experienced and qualified people to stand?
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	No
<b>If No - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	I can agree with the proposal of one Maori Ward and one At Large Ward if it replaced the current two un-elected Councillors. I agree that Maori need some encouragement to participate but to have a minimum of 30% guaranteed?, it is at least twice the the percentage of the population they represent. In addition non-Maori cannot be elected from the Maori Ward. yet anyone of any race can be elected from the two other wards. I believe this artificial racial separation undermines prospects for an all in, one people unity.
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	

<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?</b>	<p>I do understand that a regular review of governance is required. However the proposal seems to be more about tinkering rather than address the major issue, which is becoming prevalent in both Local Body and Parliamentary politics. We are not being served by an overwhelming surplus of commonsense and talent. Politics has become a job, not a vocation. Many people are there for the wrong reasons. One Councillor told me that his job, when elected was to support the Mayor. Yet he was elected as a representative of the Masterton community. We are becoming a divided Nation, in large part because our leaders see compulsion as a solution, whereas the ultimate solution is one encompassing education, encouragement, participation and duty to serve.</p>



<b>Submission 31</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	Arlene du Cann
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	No
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?</b>	Do the number of councillors in the General and Maori wards reflect the number of people on the General and Maori electoral rolls? If not, why do they not reflect these numbers?

<b>Submission 32</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	Eric Bruce Watkins
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	No
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	No
<b>If No - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	There should be NO designated wards. All councillors be elected 'at large'. The election of Council should be colour blind, not varied according to the colour of ones skin or claimed heritage.
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	No
<b>If No - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	As the establishment of a Rural Advisory Group has been considered necessary why not create other similar bodies (one for Maori for a start) with powers akin to a Community Board.
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?</b>	No.

<b>Submission 33</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	Jude Clark
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	No
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?</b>	<p>I think that naming the wards will take time and a decision made after time brain storm - a competition to encourage younger people to contribute</p> <p>Its a shame that we do need to have two separate wards, two different names - we need to be one with two different views - one name Council</p> <p>Whanau - family, Korero - discussion, Mana - acquired leadership, - I believe words such as these could be part of our</p>

	<p>name "Mana Masterton" The Council needs to be a mixed group with a common desire to do the best for Masterton and its people - do we have a youth representative? they are our future Jude</p>
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<b>Submission 34</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	Denise and Harold Devenport
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	No
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	No
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	An uneven number. The Civic Centre voting is a classic example of having an even number of councillors - the mayor has used her casting vote, but it has shown there is no clear majority of the Council. Also, because you are going to offer more money is not necessarily going to bring forward the best people.
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	Masterton General Ward
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	Masterton Maori Ward
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?</b>	We do not agree with your proposal for voting. You say that the Maori Ward representative does not have to be of Maori descent, yet you only allow those registered on the Maori roll to vote for this person plus you disallow those on the Maori roll voting for the General Roll. These people will represent the whole of the Masterton area so everyone should have the

	<p>opportunity to cast votes. So in essence, what we are saying, is there should be no discrimination. Your proposal gives a maori ward, but it discriminates those on the Maori Roll from voting for all those standing.</p>
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<b>Submission 35</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	Bill Herlihy
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	No
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	No
<b>If No - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	Status quo. It is the proper democratic way, where all councillors are elected with no preference to any special group of people.
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	
<b>If No - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?</b>	

<b>Submission 36</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	Jean and Ian Gunn
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	No
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	No
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	The existing number to achieve as wide a representation as possible. If the number is reduced the council can operate for a small clique of the population rather than the wider group in the district. Rather than increasing the payment to councillors creating a culture of residents involvement at its meetings and in researching opportunities for advancement of the whole district would create a vibrant and positive community. This is not the culture at present where interested residents are almost shunned and are made to feel that they are an impediment/nuisance to the council's programme of work.
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	No
<b>If No - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	There is a diverse community within the Masterton District eg. rural ,urban, coastal, children, business, OAP's, even ethnic communities other than Maori. The councils modus operandi needs to be inclusive of these diverse groups. its clear from recent council decisions that is not the case. if the council doesn't want to operate community boards then there needs to be a radical change in how it involves its community in its decision making processes plus being transparent.
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	



<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	This is for the Maori community to decide
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?</b>	thanks for the opportunity to make a submission. Have to say the form is very confusing to fill-in

<b>Submission 37</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	Iain Home Hopkirk and Natalie Helen Hopkirk
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	No
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	Masterton General Rep/Representative
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	Masterton Maori Rep/Representative
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?</b>	Have a wee competition for names ?? Might give you a smile or two.

<b>Submission 38</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	James Perr
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	Yes
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	No
<b>If No - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	Keep it as the existing arrangement with all councillors 'at large' as it is more democratic
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	Masterton
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?</b>	

<b>Submission 39</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	Roderick Lawrence
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	No
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	No
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	I believe we need a minimum of 10 Councillors as at present. To say with less Councillors you will attract better representation is just a smokescreen. The amount of work including subcommittees that a council representative is involved with is huge and with less councillors this becomes an even greater burden with more chance of mistakes being made and things being missed. with 10 councillors the workload is more equitably shared than with 8 and this also allows for a greater diversity of discourse at the council table. By loading fewer council representatives with a greater workload, it will make for the possibility of poor decision making and shoddy perusal of council business.
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	

**Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?**

I am fine with the names of the wards as at present.

<b>Submission 40</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	Helen Hawke
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	No
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	No
<b>If No - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	People with whom ive spoken to are confused about the meanings of general ward and maori ward and at large. For simplicity let us have 8 councillors elected by ratepayers/citizens on the electoral roll with no regard being given to any voter or councillor in respect of age, race, ethnicity, faith belief or sexual orientation. The principals of democracy must be upheld at the local level
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	Get rid of the ward labels. Very few people have any idea what purpose they serve
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?</b>	Councillors Comment: As long as the District Council believes that is enough to carry out all the duties. Community Board Comment: We already have many purpose-specific community alliances doing an excellent job. Other Comments: Definitely keep the name 'Masterton' in any

	<p>title. It is place specific. There have been many instances of out of area people wondering where exactly is Wairarapa college located and similarly Wairarapa Hospital.</p>
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<b>Submission 41</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	Colleen Daniels
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	No
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	Not able to come up with a name
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	Let the Isidro choose a name
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?</b>	No



<b>Submission 42</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	Donald McEwen SIMPSON
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	No
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?</b>	Happy with MDC Council's proposals.

<b>Submission 43</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	Brent Reid
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	Yes
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	No
<b>If No - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	<p>I prefer 4 General Ward Councillors and 4 'at large' councillors. This would give fair representation by those elected. To have a separate Maori seat promotes separatism based on race and I thought we as a nation had moved away from racial discrimination.</p> <p>Indeed it is illegal to discriminate based on race. The Council even acknowledges that we are a "large community of interest, we don't think there are any communities in our District that are so different or separate": yet that is what establishing a Maori seat is doing, by being separate and different based on race. This is nothing but apartheid and also patronising to Maori. We can stand on our own without the special treatment of lowering the bar, which is what a Maori seat is.</p> <p>Many Pakeha and people of other ethnicities who feel as I do are afraid to speak out in fear of being called racist, which is just a ploy to shut down debate.</p> <p>Contrary to what you may have heard there is no such thing as a singular Maori world view. What you are probably hearing is the view of radicals which is left wing and closer to Green politics.</p> <p>I challenge the Council to give any evidence from the Treaty of Waitangi or any founding documents which state that Maori have a partnership with the Crown to co govern. It doesn't exist.</p> <p>To go down this path will divide our country and communities. It didn't turn out well for South Africa or nineteen sixties</p>

	America. Why would it be different here? I am also of Maori descent.
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	General Ward is fine.
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	There should be no Maori Ward.
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?</b>	It is disappointing the Government removed the right of citizens initiated referenda to decide the Maori seats issue. This is nothing but squashing democracy. I remember when MMP was first proposed, it was recommended the Maori seats in Parliament be abolished and now councils around the country want to be even more undemocratic with Maori seats on councils.

<b>Submission 44</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	Margaret Ann Rogers
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	No
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	Masterton General Ward
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	Whakaoriori General Ward
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?</b>	

<b>Submission 45</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	Solveig Elisabeth Mikkelsen
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	No
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	Masterton General Ward
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	Masterton Māori Ward
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?</b>	Councillors must be able to ask questions about any planning before proposals are put to them to vote on. Councillors must make decisions on true knowledge, not on what is presented by staff and CEO. The mayor must provide guidance to both the ecex and councillors to ensure a good outcome.

<b>Submission 46</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	David P Hayes
<b>Organisation (if applicable)</b>	Wairarapa Federated Farmers
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	No
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	no view
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	no view
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?</b>	We agree that a smaller council with higher pay should help ensure a functional high performance council by attracting the right people from the community. Other methods should also be used to develop prospective councillors prior to standing for an election. A candidates college or similar covering effective leadership and governance or attendance at an Institute of Directors Course for example.

<b>Submission 47</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	William Davies
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	No
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	No
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	10 Councillors. Five for general ward, one for Maori ward and four at large to give a better coverage for the Masterton district
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	Central ward to cover Masterton bourgh, Northern, Western, Eastern and Southern wards to cover the areas outside the town limits
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	no change
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?</b>	not at this time

<b>Submission 48</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	John Lapslie
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	No
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	No
<b>If No - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	My preference is for 10 councilor's, plus the mayor. The wider the councilor base, the better ratepayer's Can be represented, both from a wide diverse background, and to meet the demands of a rapidly growing population.
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	
<b>If No - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?</b>	



<b>Submission 49</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	Patrick Murdoch
<b>Would you like to speak to council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 13 October 2021?</b>	No
<b>Do you agree with our proposal to have 8 councillors?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - How many Councillors would you prefer to have and why?</b>	
<b>Do you agree with the arrangement of one Masterton General ward, one Masterton Māori ward and 'at large'?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what arrangement you would prefer and why:</b>	
<b>Do you agree with our proposal not to establish community boards?</b>	Yes
<b>If No - Please tell us what communities you think should have community boards and why:</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?</b>	
<b>What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?</b>	
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback you would like to share with us?</b>	keep the rates at a lower level

**Submission to Masterton District Council Feedback to the  
Representation Review**



**September 27, 2021**

**I would like to speak to our submission**

**Contact:**

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**Introduction**

We appreciate the opportunity to give feedback on Masterton District Councils Representation Review. Councils play an important role in ensuring our communities include everyone. A key part of this is ensuring that councils are accessible and fully inclusive so all voices across communities are heard. Improved Representation strengthens communities, by ensuring everyone can participate. Improved representation also improves diversity helping ensure the long term sustainability of issues such as Access across communities in which Disabled people live work and connect.

How we live work and connect affects everyone's wellbeing but experiences we have are not equal for everyone. On 28th October Stats NZ released new data on disability that confirms almost one in four New Zealanders are disabled.

We encourage Council to consider a reduction in costs associated with Standing and Serving on Council with greater emphasis on the needs of all their citizens. Statistics of Representation of people with Disabilities and Impairments across Local Body politics is extremely poor despite this sector of society being almost a quarter of the population.

You will note that although I am an independent Access Contractor, I would encourage Masterton District Council to take a holistic view of the term 'Access' when thinking about Representation. I believe as Disabled people we already experience enough barriers to inclusion and fair representation within our community.

Removing barriers faced by Disabled People such as economic constraints would encourage involvement of people with Disabilities in democracies such as Councils so I believe the removal of Wards would be beneficial creating greater opportunities for more diverse Communities of Interest to be represented when considering council business.

Taking these actions would create a more equitable opportunity for Disabled people to be represented around the Council Table.

## **Disabled New Zealanders contribute across all aspects of communities and society but are often excluded from equal opportunities compared to Able Bodied Peers**

In the 2013 Disability Survey, disabled people compared to non-disabled people:

- were more likely to have no qualification and less likely to have a University Level Qualification or Education
- have higher unemployment and lower labour force participation.
- have lower incomes and live in lower-income households.
- were less likely to report a high level of life satisfaction.
- were less likely to feel safe at home or in their neighbourhood.
- were twice as likely to be the victim of violent crime.

- In the 2018 General Social Survey, disabled people under 65 compared to non-disabled people the same age:

- were more likely to experience material hardship.
- were more likely to say their housing was very unaffordable.
- were more likely to report being discriminated against.
- were more likely to rate their life satisfaction as a 6 or below (on a scale where 10 is the highest).
- were more likely to rate the wellbeing of their family as a 6 or below (on a scale where 10 is the highest); and were almost twice as likely to report being discriminated against

A major component of CCS Disability Action's mahi is Mobility Parking and the operation of the Mobility Parking Scheme. Representation at council level would allow us to advocate on issues such as these, creating a more inclusive community. We would like to see more Mobility Parks throughout the towns of the region. Currently a lack of mobility car parks, plays a role in isolating people from their community and preventing them from accessing work, social, and educational opportunities.

## Planning for access

It is important to consider access issues when planning how our communities and transport systems develop.

Accessibility is an on-going goal rather than a set of minimal standards to be complied with. There is always room for improvement, especially as new and innovative approaches are constantly being developed.

We note that throughout Masterton District Council's Representation Review alternatives are not clearly presented to the proposed review. Whatever decision is made to proceed, we ask Masterton District Council to empower the Disability Sector and make this town the blueprint for accessible representation by making this community more accessible into the future.

Although I was disappointed with the Masterton District Council's decision to defer the Masterton Revamp Project, I look forward to continuing to work alongside Council ensuring accountability regarding issues that affect Disabled people CCS Disability Action supports

## **Summary:**

- We support the principals driving this Review, being mindful of the past as we move into the future. Please be mindful and continue to consult with the Disability Sector and organizations such as CCS Disability Action regarding Access issues, including those below which were identified in Masterton District Council's Long Term Plan
  - Funding for a new civic facility.
  - More Accessible Housing

We congratulate Council for having disability represented in the photos and the body of this document.

- We would like to see access continue to be a high-level priority to Masterton District Council
- It is important to establish and therefore maintain the connection to the 25% of the community who experience disability and particularly for children and youth with disability. They are our future leaders

## **Recommendations:**

1. Masterton District Council develop and expand on the goals of an engaged and empowered community. Masterton/Whakaoriori is a positive, strong, inclusive, diversely represented, self-determining community, with equitable opportunities for everyone leaving no one behind.

For Masterton District Council to be a truly inclusive Council, we would recommend the adoption of an inclusion policy across all areas of council work. Where possible this should include information being provided in a number of different ways, for example in Easy Read Format, providing opportunity for people with cognitive difficulties to be included in any consultation processes.

It is also important to consider that many people who experience living with a disability or impairment may not always have access to technology due to a number of factors, therefore excluding some members of this community having their say.

2. Masterton District Council works collaboratively with the disability sector to progressively identify barriers to representation within local government in the community and remove them.
3. We recommend that Council continue to provide Mobility Parking Spaces, with an increased provision of these spaces
4. To ensure greater representation of people with disabilities or impairments across local body politics, the establishment of a General Ward is encouraged, CCS

Disability Action constantly strives to include all people and therefore as an organization we continue to embark on a fully inclusive bicultural journey

5. We believe people with Disabilities and Impairments have abilities. As we work towards a fully inclusive council working with community boards should be recommended and encouraged
6. We believe the cost associated with standing for councils should be lowered allowing people with a disability or impairment to stand for council, join in democracy, representing the people and the issues important to the 25% of the population who identify as disabled.

## **About us.**

CCS Disability Action is a community organisation that has been advocating for disabled people to be included in the community since 1935. We provide direct support to approximately 5,000 children, young people and adults through our 18 branches, which operate from Northland to Invercargill. Our support focuses on breaking down barriers to participation. We receive a mixture of government and private funding.

CCS Disability Action has a national network of access coordinators, who work with local government and transport operators to create a more inclusive society. We also run New Zealand's nation-wide Mobility Parking Permit scheme. This scheme currently supports more than 150,000 people to more easily access their communities and facilities. Our fully owned subsidiary, Lifetime Design Ltd, advocates for and provides universal design guidelines to improve the accessibility of New Zealand housing.

We have developed an accessibility app called Access Aware. We are a member of the Access Alliance, which is pushing for a new Access Law. We manage Lifemark, which certifies and promotes universal design standards for houses. We have developed ways to collect data on access, including the Measuring Accessible Journeys project and the Street Accessibility Audits

**Conclusion.**

Masterton District Council has a vital role in ensuring the growing number of people with access needs can participate, contribute, and be included in their communities. Unless council proactively ensures the accessibility of the community, we risk cutting more and more people off from their community and the services they require to live their daily lives. The impact of the aging population growth will bring an increase in the numbers of people with impairments and increase the need for Universal Design standards and the ability to make Accessible Journeys. Access, Representation of voices of persons with Disabilities and impairments ensuring full Inclusion is needed within Councils.



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**Subject:** Proposed Councillor Numbers at next Election

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**From:** Clive Carver

**Sent:** Thursday, 9 September 2021 1:33 PM

**To:**

**Subject:** Proposed Councillor Numbers at next Election

Dear Mayor,

I fully support the proposed restructure of Councillor numbers from 10 to 8.

Kind regards

Clive Carver

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**Subject:** Representation submission

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**From:** Ian Bailey  
**Sent:** Sunday, 3 October 2021 2:44 pm  
**To:** mstn.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Representation submission

We thank the councillors for recommending that the number of elected representatives be reduced by two, and still including one Maori ward representative, whom we are happy has voting rights, well done.

That recommendation however is unjust and raises the question, why only one Maori representative ?

Councillors should be well aware that there are two major tribes in the Masterton District , Ngati Kahungunu and Rangitane and the Trust believes both should be entitled to be represented on Council because of the example set many years ago by the forming of the Rural and Urban Wards, when thankfully City/Borough and County Councils were dispensed with.

The I B Bailey Family Trust asks Councillors to give further thought to the injustice proposed in their reduction of the number of Councillors as set out in the document for discussion, and instead only reduce the number of Councillors by one so as to see this injustice righted.

On behalf of the I. B. Bailey Family Trust. Ian Bailey

## SUBMISSION TO MASTERTON DISTRICT COUNCIL REPRESENTATION REVIEW

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on this issue

## NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS

I agree with a reduction in Councillor numbers and the reasons given in the Review Proposal

I would like Council to consider reducing the number of elected Councillors to 6 or 7 and appointing 1 if not 2 persons to the Council from the community. These appointees should bring to Council a strong perspective on governance and business to ensure that any areas of expertise that is not covered by elected Councillors can be added to the Council

An example of benefit would be the current position Council finds itself facing with a fractured community on the Civic Centre proposal and the associated decision that need clarity on funding, engineering, consultation etc.

Carefully selected Appointees with skills from involvement with careers in large businesses would be invaluable to our Council and community

It is worth noting that 7 Directors govern Fletcher Challenge that has a \$4 billion annual revenue All of these Directors would bring a range of skills to the Board

One of the disadvantages of Community elections is that the above principle does not apply to the election process.

Another area that should be considered for elected Councillors ( or even all persons standing for Local Bodies ) is to better prepare them for their role in governing the community. There should be a compulsory programme of induction into programmes from Institute of Directors (for example) Costs shared by Council and Councillors (life time benefit for the individuals )

## RURAL WARD

I supported the Rural Ward being incorporated into At Large at the last review.

The Rural Advisory Group was established but to my knowledge did not establish a relationship with Councillors .

It is important that there should be reports to Council from this Group on a regular basis

I would like to speak to this submission

John William Dalziell

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**From:** John Hadlow  
**Sent:** Friday, 3 September 2021 8:31 am  
**To:** Submissions Sub <submissions@mstn.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Reply

I do not support race based voting, in any way shape or form.  
I would support reducing the number of councillors if the increase wages improved the quality of elected people, but this is not proven, and in the case of the Government in fact the opposite is the case.  
Community boards, are a way for those who have a interest, in a particular concern, to voice it, also good council members, countrywide quite often, have had local community experience as a entry point .

There is no evidence that all ratepayers will be in any way better served with creating race based wards, it creates in young and old the idea, and promotes the idea ,of separatist thinking and gives individuals the opportunity to advocate secession from a organisation or organisation for it,s own racial group.  
Democracy is no longer relevant once the above systems are place.

John Hadlow



# Masterton RRA

One Voice – Collaborative Vision

## **Masterton District Council (MDC) Representation Review - MRRA's View**

### **Do you agree with our proposal to have eight Councillors?**

A MRRA representative attended the community workshop in August to gain an understanding of MDC's proposal. We canvassed our members for their views with this proposal which attracted mixed comments. The recurring theme that came through suggested MDC should maintain ten Councillors. To form a majority view, we put together a survey that consisted of two options.

#### **Option 1 MDC Proposal**

The proposal is for a Council of eight elected members, down from the current ten, plus the Mayor, with four Councillors elected from a General Ward, one Councillor elected from a Māori Ward, and the remaining three elected 'At Large'.

What this looks like.

8 Councillors (Plus the Mayor)

- 1 Councillor elected from a Māori Ward (only Māori roll voters)
- 4 Councillors elected from a General Ward, (only general roll voters)
- 3 elected 'At Large' (all voters)

#### **Option 2 - Alternative View**

In order to ensure the broad spectrum of Council portfolios are covered adequately, Councillor numbers should be maintained at ten and derived as follows:

What this looks like.

10 Councillors (Plus the Mayor)

- 1 Councillor elected from a Māori Ward (only Māori roll voters)
- 5 Councillors elected from a General Ward, (only general roll voters)
- 4 elected 'At Large' (all voters)

We looked at both options using the formula set out in *Local Electoral Act 2001, Schedule 1A Provisions relating to Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies*. It was concluded both options require only one Māori Councillor.

- Option 1 (0.87 of a Councillor) fraction to be rounding up
- Option 2 (1.02 of a Councillor) fraction disregarded

Any candidate can stand to be elected in either one of the Wards or 'At Large', offering Māori representation to extend beyond the Māori Ward should a candidate want to stand for the General Ward or 'At Large'.

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Members had the option to provide comments to accompany their preferred option some of which you can view in Appendix A.

In summary the MRRRA support to *maintain the status quo* and remain with ten Councillors.

### **Do you agree with the mixed arrangement of one Masterton General Ward, one Masterton Māori Ward, and 'At Large'?**

There was some commentary on the mix of Wards suggesting one Māori and one General only or one Māori and the remainder 'At Large'. It is noted that if a Māori Ward is established a General Ward is required. On these grounds the ratio of Wards and 'At Large' are a fair representation of the population.

### **Do you agree with our proposal not to establish Community Boards?**

MDC covers a broad range of areas from urban, rural to coastal. While each area has its own unique challenges, we believe it is the responsibility of Council to meet the service delivery requirements of each area. Community Boards are only required where Council and Councillors cannot effectively conduct business and represent the best interests of all areas of our district. MRRRA agrees with the proposal not to establish Community Boards on the grounds that the 2022 elected Council maintain effective communication and consultation with the community to ensure they are making decisions that are delivering products and services based on the majority needs of ratepayers and residents.

### **What name do you propose for the Masterton General Ward?**

- Masterton District Ward

### **What name do you propose for the Masterton Māori Ward?**

- Māori Ward

#### **Appendix A - Survey Comments**

I can't see how we can operate on less Councillors.

One Māori ward but not two non-elected reps around the council table. Māori iwi do not have the population base to justify three iwi reps around the council table. And they have every opportunity to stand as Councillors in the general and at large wards to be elected.

I'm really not in favour of any form of democratic representation that is based on separation by ethnicity despite it being an approximation of the current demographic split between Māori's and everyone else.

I would prefer to see 3 Councillors in the general ward and 4 at large.

Mandatory that casting votes on contentious issues be for the status quo

I believe that with the inclusion of a Māori Only ward, and the opportunity of Māori to seek election in the "at large" ward there is no need for non-elected Iwi. These two non-elected Iwi places should be removed.

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I would prefer to have only two wards, Māori and General with voting based on which roll you are on, same as for the general election.

It's a disgrace that our hard-won democracy is being taken from us and replaced with a race based election system.

If either option is accepted by Council, the two Iwi representatives should be discontinued, otherwise Māori would have disproportionate representation.

I would prefer that the 9 Councillors come from "1 ward" personally I cannot see the point of 2 wards.

Due to the diversity of our region and the importance of upcoming issues the Council will need to vote on, I feel keeping with the current number of Councillors is appropriate. I do not feel the increase in remuneration through reducing by two Councillors is likely to attract a higher calibre/more diverse range of people to the role. We have no strong evidence those Councils that have eight Councillors attract better and more diverse people, do we? It's possibly a bit insulting to the current Councillors to have this as a driver? It seems for the Wairarapa, the role is not full time (a number of Councillors do part or full time work or other voluntary work as well as their Councillor role). Reducing the number of Councillors would increase the workload and may make it more difficult to attract those that want to serve in the role, but also need to work as well to make it financially viable for their families. Also it seems other Councils similar to Masterton may have eight Councillors, however some also have the same or more.

I would like to see the ten, but at a better or same rate of remuneration as the proposal for eight. Due to the time it takes to familiarize incoming Councillors we should have better continuity with ten to start with, giving more overlap during the various periods each Councillor is elected for. And hence hopefully better coverage of all topics.

Derek Pickup

Compiled from member submissions on behalf of.  
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**Subject:** Representation

-----Original Message-----

From: Philip Benson

Sent: Friday, 3 September 2021 12:06 pm

To: Submissions Sub <submissions@mstn.govt.nz>

Subject: Representation

Hi

1) I entirely agree that we should have dedicated Maori wards

2) I think that my opinion is only that of a 65+ , white, male and that the opinions that matter should be from those the ward is designed to represent

3) A Maori ward is designed to represent Maori but within a Pakeha system and the way the Maori ward is designed within the current system will merely continue to reinforce the status quo.

I think that I would be happy to be counted as supporting a Maori ward. However I would see this as a step on the road to fairer representation for Maori and a move towards redressing both past and present wrongs at a local level.

Regards

Philip Benson



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**Subject:** Representation on council

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**From:** Tony Lane  
**Sent:** Friday, 3 September 2021 6:49 am  
**To:** Submissions Sub <submissions@mstn.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Representation on council

My main concern is that any changes to the number of councillors will encourage citizens who are practical, have sound business acumen and are prepared to take the concerns of the ratepayers (who are their employers) into consideration before approving massive unplanned projects.

All ratepayers should be on an equal footing. There should not be any discrimination between ethnic groups or, if it deemed necessary in the Politically Correct world every ethnic group should be represented on the council.

The council is a business and does not need to have more than 5 councillors and a mayor.

All ratepayers should be voting for the entire council regardless of ethnicity.