

## CREATING A SUPER CITY: INTEGRATION ISSUES

### PART 7: SLICING THE CAKE: WARD AND LOCAL BOARD BOUNDARIES

*integrate /in-ti-greyt/ verb (-ting) to make up, combine, or complete to produce a whole or a larger unit*

#### Introduction

A report outlining the Local Government Commissions proposals for the arrangement of the Auckland Council was released on Friday 20 November 2009. Under the Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009, the Local Government Commission is required to determine the governance arrangements of the Auckland Council. This report outlines the Local Government Commissions proposed wards and local boards for each region, describing their size, boundaries, names and numbers. The report also includes some proposed changes to the boundaries of the Auckland region. There is some new terminology. The Auckland Council is divided into wards, while each of the local boards is divided into subdivisions.

#### Auckland wards

##### The northern sector

The northern sector is comprised of the Rodney Ward; a Hibiscus-Albany-East Coast Bays Ward and a North Shore Ward.

The Commission has proposed that the Rodney Ward elect one councillor, covering most of the present Rodney District but excluding an area south of Muriwai Beach and the Hibiscus Coast. Both the North Shore Ward and the Hibiscus-Albany-East Coast Bays Ward are proposed to have 2 councillors. The North Shore Ward includes Glenfield, Birkenhead, Takapuna and Devonport.

##### The southern sector

The Commission was also required to include a single member ward based on the Franklin area. The wards proposed for the southern sector include a Franklin Ward, a Papakura-Manurewa Ward, a Howick-Pakuranga-Botany Ward and a Manukau Ward. The Franklin Ward comprises the area of the Franklin District remaining in Auckland, the Clevedon community and the majority of the rural area of the Papakura District. All wards with the exception of the Franklin district (which is a single member ward) are proposed to have 2 elected councillors. The Manukau Ward will cover Mangere, Papatoetoe and Otara.

##### Auckland isthmus/West Auckland

The proposed wards for this area include Waitakere, Whau, Mt Albert-Mt Roskill, Maungawhau-Hauraki Gulf and Orakei-Maungakiekie.

The Commission has proposed a new ward, named Whau, for the area comprising the suburbs of New Lynn, Green Bay, Kelston, Rosebank, Waterview, Avondale and Blockhouse Bay. This ward is proposed to have one councillor.

The Maungawhau-Hauraki Gulf Ward (Auckland Central) is also proposed to have one councillor and this ward covers the central/CBD area and the Hauraki Gulf Islands.

The Waitakere Ward, the Mt Albert-Mt Roskill Ward and the Orakei-Maungakiekie Ward each have 2 proposed councillors. The Waitakere Ward covers all of the existing Waitakere City, excluding New Lynn, Green Bay, Kelston and a small area of the Rodney District.

## **Auckland local boards**

### **Northern sector**

The Commission proposes one local board be established coinciding with the Rodney Ward which, given the size and geography of the area should be divided into 3 subdivisions based on Wellsford-Warkworth, Dairy Flat and Helensville electing 3, 1 and 3 members respectively.

For the Hibiscus-Albany-East Coast Bays Ward one local board is proposed which is to be divided into 3 subdivisions based on the Hibiscus Coast, Albany and East Coast Bays, each electing 3 members.

For the North Shore Ward 2 local boards are proposed based on Glenfield-Birkenhead and Takapuna-Devonport. The Glenfield-Birkenhead Local Board is proposed to be divided into Glenfield and Birkenhead subdivisions, each electing 3 members. The Takapuna-Devonport will also be divided into 2 subdivisions – Takapuna and Devonport with 3 and 2 members elected respectively.

### **Southern sector**

The Commission proposes one local board be established coinciding with the Franklin ward, to be divided into 3 subdivisions consisting of Clevedon, Pukekohe and Waiuku, electing 3, 4 and 2 members respectively.

Two local boards are proposed for the Papakura-Manurewa Ward based on Papakura and Manurewa. The Commission has proposed that the Papakura Local Board comprise 5 elected members, and the Manurewa Local Board comprise of 7 elected members.

One local board is proposed for the Howick-Pakuranga-Botany Ward which is to have 3 subdivisions based on Howick, Pakuranga and Botany-Flat Bush, each elected 3 members.

For the Manukau Ward 2 local boards are proposed based on Mangere and Otara-Papatoetoe. The Mangere Local Board is proposed to comprise 5 elected members and the Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board comprises 2 subdivisions based on Otara and Papatoetoe, electing 3 and 4 members respectively.

### **Auckland isthmus/West Auckland**

The Waitakere Ward is proposed to have one local board with 4 subdivisions based on Massey, Henderson, Glen Eden-Titirangi and the Waitakere Ranges electing 2, 4, 2 and 1 member respectively.

One local board is proposed for the Whau Ward, comprising of 2 subdivisions based on New Lynn and Avondale electing 3 and 4 members respectively.

The Maungawhau-Hauraki Gulf Ward has 3 local boards proposed based on the Maungawhau area and Waiheke and Great Barrier Islands. Each local board is to comprise 5 elected members.

Two local boards are proposed for the Mt Albert-Mt Roskill Ward based on Mt Albert and Mt Roskill. The Mt Albert Local Board will be divided into a Pt Chevalier-Morningside subdivision electing 4 members and an Epsom-Balmoral subdivision electing 3 members. The Commission proposes that the Mt Roskill Local Board be divided into a Waikowhai subdivision and a Three Kings subdivision each electing 3 members.

The Orakei-Maungakiekie Ward has 2 proposed local boards – the Orakei Local Board and the Maungakiekie-Tamaki Local Board. The Orakei Local Board is to be divided into a Remuera and Kohimarama subdivision electing 4 and 3 members respectively. The Maungakiekie-Tamaki Local Board is to be divided into a Maungakiekie subdivision and a Tamaki subdivision electing 2 and 4 members respectively.

### **The boundaries of Auckland**

In addition to establishing wards and local boards for Auckland, the Commission was also required to determine the external boundaries of Auckland.

The Commission's proposals for the southern boundary will see a number of areas included in Auckland and include part of the Waiuku area and adjacent designated future growth areas, parts of Pukekohe which are currently in the Waikato region, the adjacent areas of Buckland and the area to the east of Pukekohe. There are no proposed changes to the eastern and western coastal boundaries or the northern boundary.

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