

**Waipuna/Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community
Board Submissions Committee
MINUTES ATTACHMENTS**

Date: Monday 10 May 2021
Time: 10.30am
Venue: Horoeaka Room, Rārākau: Riccarton Centre,
199 Clarence Street, Christchurch

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SUBMISSION TO: Christchurch City Council
ON: Representation Review Initial Proposal 2021
BY: Waipuna/Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board
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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. The Waipuna/Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board ("the Board") appreciates the opportunity to make a submission on the Council's Representation Review Initial Proposal 2021 ("the Proposal").
- 1.2. This submission was compiled by the Board's Submissions Committee under the delegated authority granted by the Board.
- 1.3. Throughout the submission, reference is made to Statistics New Zealand Statistical Area 2 Unit ("SA2") boundaries wherever possible as a measure of defining boundaries, as these have already been clearly defined.
- 1.4. Population figures referred to in the submission have been estimated according to Statistics New Zealand 2018 Census figures – www.stats.govt.nz
- 1.5. The Board wishes to be heard in support of its submission.

2. SUBMISSION

- 2.1. The Board supports the retention of the first past the post electoral system and the proposal for the Council to be made up of 16 councillors, elected one elected from each ward, plus the mayor elected at large. The Board agrees that this will provide effective representation for the citizens of Christchurch.
- 2.2. The Board supports the proposal to retain the existing 16 wards that reflect current communities of interest and meet fair representation requirements (+/- 10 per cent).

2.3. The Board recognises that some adjustment to the existing ward boundaries will be required to account for growth in some parts of the city and ensure that each elected member represents roughly the same number of people. The Board emphasises, however, the need for both wards and community boards to be based on distinct and recognisable **current communities of interest** as well as meeting fair representation requirements. In terms of the specific changes proposed the Board comments as follows:

2.3.1 **Halswell Ward:**

The Initial Proposal is for the areas covered within the Statistics New Zealand Awatea South and Broken Run Statistical Area 2 (SA2) Unit boundaries to be included in the proposed Hornby Ward. The Board considers that residents in this area do not see themselves as part of Hornby and rather identify with Halswell, having common interests with that area. In recognition of this the Board seeks the removal of the area within Awatea South and Broken Run SA2 Unit boundaries from the proposed Hornby Ward and inclusion into the proposed Halswell ward by altering the ward boundary in this vicinity from the line of the Christchurch Southern Motorway to the SA2 unit boundaries as indicated on the attached plan (Attachment A). The Board notes that this is likely to result in an increase in the Halswell population by approximately 1617 people (Broken Run 576 and Awatea South 1041).

In addition the Board does not support the proposal for the residential area on both sides of Kennedys Bush Road and adjoining streets, namely the area covered within the Statistics New Zealand Kennedys Bush SA2 Unit boundaries, to be included in the proposed Cashmere Ward. The Board considers that this area has a significantly greater affiliation with the Halswell area, noting that many of the properties are in close proximity to the Halswell Quarry. The Board therefore asks that the ward boundary be redrawn so that this area is in the Halswell Ward. This change is likely to result in an increase of approximately 217 people only in the Halswell population.

2.3.2 **Hornby Ward**

Removal of the areas covered within the Awatea South and Broken Run SA2 Unit boundaries from the proposed Hornby Ward and inclusion into the Halswell ward as advocated at 2.3.1.above is likely to result in a decrease in the population of the proposed Hornby ward of approximately 1617 people.

The Board opposes the proposal to include the Broomfield area, currently in the Hornby Ward, in the proposed Harewood Ward. There is a very strong affinity

between the Broomfield and Hei Hei and Hornby areas while the Board considers Broomfield residents have little commonality with Harewood residents. Removal of this area from the Hornby ward would result in the division of a current community of interest that has been rated as one of the most deprived areas of the city in the Social Deprivation Index. The Board therefore urges an adjustment of the proposed ward boundary to remove the areas within the Statistics New Zealand Broomfield SA2 Unit boundaries from the Harewood Ward and incorporate them into the Hornby Ward. (See map Attachment B). This change is likely to result in an increase in the population of the proposed Hornby ward of approximately 2571 people.

The Board also advocates for the inclusion into the Hornby Ward of that part of the area within the Statistics New Zealand Yaldhurst SA2 Unit boundary, that extends from the boundary with the Broomfield SA2 Unit along Buchanans Road through to Pound Road and to Yaldhurst Road as shown on the plan attached (see Attachment B) that is currently proposed to be in the Harewood Ward. The Board considers that this area has an affinity to the Hornby area but does not relate to Harewood.

With the maintenance of communities of interest in mind, the Board further seeks alteration of the proposed boundary between the Riccarton and Hornby Wards to shift the area within the Statistics New Zealand Riccarton Racecourse SA2 Unit along with a portion of Hornby Central SA2 unit from the Riccarton Ward into the Hornby Ward. See plan attached (Attachment B). This change will mean that the entire Hornby Central and Riccarton Racecourse SA2 Units will be in the Hornby Ward with an approximate population increase of 1206 people.

2.3.3 Riccarton Ward

Removing the area within the Statistics New Zealand Riccarton Racecourse SA2 Unit and the portion of Hornby Central SA2 unit from the Riccarton Ward into the Hornby Ward as requested above at 3.2.2 the area covered from the Riccarton Racecourse SA2 Unit boundary from the proposed Riccarton Ward into the Hornby Ward will decrease the population of the proposed Riccarton Ward by approximately 1206 people.

The Board strongly opposes the proposed separation of the University of Canterbury with one campus proposed to be in the Waimairi ward the other proposed to be

within the Riccarton Ward. Clearly the areas surrounding both campuses share a community of interest. The Board therefore seeks to have those areas within the Statistics New Zealand Ilam University and Bush Inn SA2 Units that are proposed for the Waimairi ward included instead in the Riccarton Ward so that the entire Ilam University and Bush Inn SA2 Units will be within the Riccarton Ward with a resulting increase of approximately 1721 (Ilam University unit 321 and Bush Inn Unit 1400) in the population of Riccarton.

Of particular concern to the Board is the triangular area Peers Street, Riccarton Road, Waimairi Road that it considers must be retained in Riccarton to maintain a community of interest avoid separation of the two Bush Inn Shopping centres.

The Board supports the inclusion of all of Mona Vale Park and Garden into one Community Board area and agrees that it has more affinity with the Fendalton Ward. In addition the Board considers that the small triangle area to the north of Kotare Street, that is currently in the Riccarton Ward and stays in Riccarton under the initial proposal, would be better aligned within the Fendalton Ward. This includes properties from 56 Kotare Street through to Clyde Road, the southern (odd numbered) side of Medbury Terrace and Clyde Road between Kotare Street and Medbury Terrace.

The Board notes that it is unclear in the proposal whether the Matai Street section of the Boundary of the Riccarton Ward runs down the middle of the street or the whole street is included. The Board suggests that it is more appropriate that both sides of Matai Street should be included in the Riccarton ward as the residents group Riccarton House/Kilmarnock Residents Association covers both sides of Matai Street. The current Riccarton boundary is the river so the ward includes the whole of Matai Street and this could continue as the boundary if required.

- 2.4. The Board supports the proposal to reduce the number of urban community boards from six to five, by the disestablishment of the existing Linwood-Central-Heathcote Community Board and the inclusion of the Linwood, Central, and Heathcote wards in other community Board areas. This change will provide five urban Boards each representing three wards with six elected members, two from each ward and three appointed councillors, one from each ward, making a total of nine members. The Board considers that this is preferable to the current situation of six urban Boards, three representing three wards and three representing two wards. It provides a more equitable arrangement of evenly sized Board areas with an

even distribution of resources and workload and equal ability to fairly represent their communities.

2.5. The Board accepts that the isolated nature of the Banks Peninsula Ward and its distinct communities with common interests and issues warrant separate representation by one Councillor and the retention of the Banks Peninsula Community Board with seven elected members and the councillor elected from the Banks Peninsula ward appointed to the Board, making a total of eight members.

2.6 The Board supports the formalisation of the current use of te reo Māori community board names in conjunction with the ward names of the community board areas. This recognises our bi-cultural relationship and formalises the use of the names.

3. CONCLUSION

3.1. The Board requests that the council considers the matters set out above in relation to the Representation Review Initial Proposal 2021.



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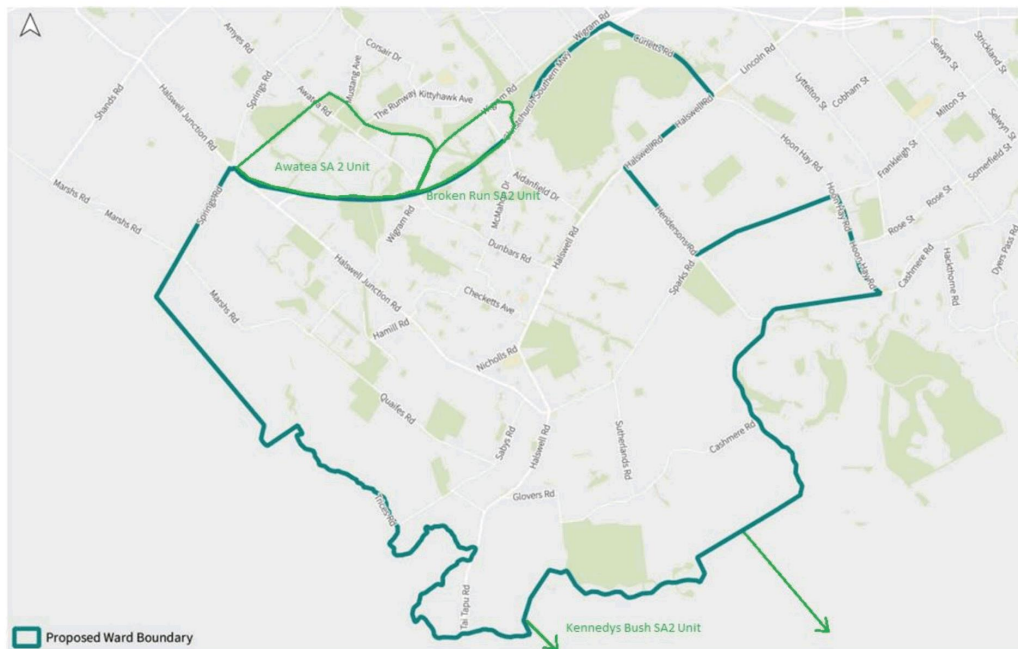
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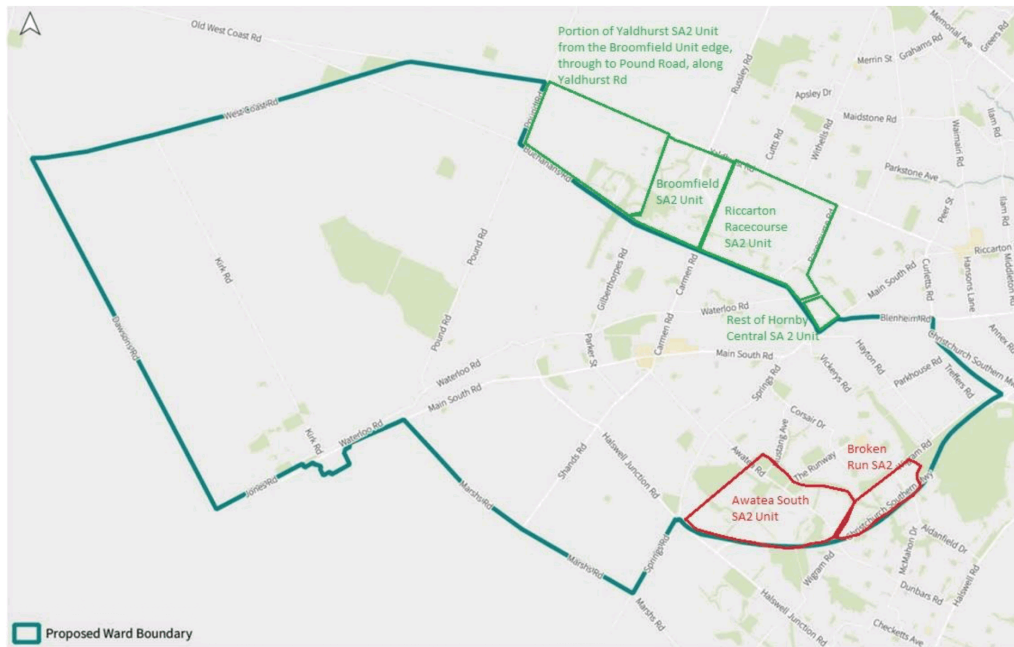
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Attachment A



Attachment B



Attachment C

