# **Proposed Electorates Objection Form**



## Have your say on the proposed electorate boundaries and names

Between 20 November and 20 December 2019 you can have your say about the proposed electorate names and boundaries for the 2020 and 2023 General Elections. You can also ask to present your objection to the Representation Commission at a public hearing.

You can submit your objection using this form or our online tool at vote.nz.

Objections must be received by 5pm, Friday 20 December 2019.

Objections will be published online at vote.nz after 20 December 2019. We'll publish the names of objectors but we won't publish contact details provided on the form. If you include contact information with any supporting material this information may be published with the objection.

From 10 to 24 January 2020 you will be able to make counter-objections to any objections received. In February 2020, the Representation Commission will hold public hearings around the country for those who would like to appear in person. We'll confirm when and where the hearings will be held after the counter-objection period has closed. If you ask to be heard we'll contact you to confirm arrangements.

### Key things to consider when making your objection

Electorates must have a similar number of people to make sure they have equal representation. An electorate cannot vary more or less than 5% from the population quota.

The limits for the number of people in each electorate are:

	quota	+/-5%
North Island general electorates	64,899	3,245
South Island general electorates	65,458	3,273
Māori electorates	67,582	3,379

In setting the electorate boundaries consideration must be given to criteria set out in the Electoral Act. You need to base your objection on the criteria we use when considering the boundaries:

- Existing electorate boundaries
- Communities of interest including iwi affiliations in Māori electorates
- Infrastructure that links communities such as roads and bridges
- Topographical features such as mountains and rivers
- Projected variations in electoral populations over the next 5 years

The name of an electorate should be relevant to the district.

You can find out more about the boundary review at vote.nz.

Checklist:

fill in your name and contact details

outline your objection and any suggested changes

attach any supporting documents

#### **Returning your form**

Send the completed objection form by email or post to:

representation.commission@elections.govt.nz

**Representation Commission** PO Box 3220 Wellington

Objections sent by post must be received by the deadline. Late objections cannot be considered.

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### Your details

I am making an objection as an individual on behalf of an organisation		
I would like to present my objection to the Representation Commission in person O Yes No		
Title First name Last name		
Position (if applicable)		
Organisation I represent (if applicable)		
If you're making an objection on behalf of an organisation make sure you are authorised to represent their views. The name of the organisation will be published with the objection.		
Address		
City/Town Post code		
Email Phone number		
Your objection		
Proposed electorate my objection relates to		
Write the <b>proposed</b> electorate that contains the area you want to comment on. Complete a separate objection form for each geographic area you want to comment on.		
My objection relates to one a proposed boundary a proposed name		
Your objection and reasons. Please attach additional documents if required.		

Your suggested solution. Please attach additional documents if required.