

Proposed Electorates Objection Form

REPRESENTATION
COMMISSION
TE KŌMIHANA WHAKATAU ROHE PŌTI

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 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

Email

Your objection

Proposed electorate my objection relates to

Write the **proposed** 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 a proposed boundary a proposed name

Your objection and reasons. Please attach additional documents if required.

Please refer to attached

Your suggested solution. Please attach additional documents if required.

Please refer to attached

Proposed Electorates Objection Form

REPRESENTATION
COMMISSION
TE KŌMIHANA WHAKATAU ROHE PŌTI

Have your say on the proposed electorate boundaries and names

Between 25 March and 27 April 2025 you can have your say about the proposed electorate boundaries and names for the 2026 General Election. 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 **midnight, Sunday 27 April 2025**.

Objections will be published online at vote.nz after 27 April 2025. 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 8 to 21 May 2025 you'll be able to make counter-objections to any objections received. In June 2025 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	69,875	3494
South Island general electorates	70,037	3502
Māori electorates	74,367	3718

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 five years.

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

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

Filling in this form

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 6140

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

Representation Commission
Electoral Commission
PO Box 3220
Wellington 6140
New Zealand

Submission on Proposed Electorate Boundary Changes — Rānui and Surrounding Electorates

Dear Representation Commission,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the proposed boundary adjustments for the Rānui electorate and its surrounding areas. We appreciate the Commission's work in maintaining population balance and respecting communities of interest under the Electoral Act 1993.

We propose specific amendments to better reflect community connections, correct historical inconsistencies, and accommodate population growth while remaining within the permitted quota of 69,875 ±3,494 (66,381 to 73,369).

1. McLaren Park: Move to the Glendene Electorate

Community Cohesion and Logic:

- McLaren Park residents share stronger educational, social, and transport ties with Glendene and wider Waitākere than with Rānui.
- Schooling connections (Bruce McLaren Intermediate) direct naturally towards the east.
- Shopping, community activities, and services for McLaren Park are more aligned with Glendene.
- This historical argument was upheld with the prior boundary changes with Kelston and Te Atatu electorates.

Boundary Integrity:

- The proposed extension of Rānui into McLaren Park contradicts the broader north-westward boundary adjustments in Auckland.
- Moving McLaren Park to Glendene creates a more logical, consistent boundary.

Population Adjustment:

- McLaren Park has an approximate population of 3,495.
- Its transfer assists both Rānui and Glendene electorates to remain within quota.
- (Supporting map: "McLaren Park: as attached")

2. Massey North: Move Fully into the Rānui Electorate

Community Cohesion and Logic:

- Massey North is a cohesive community centred around Royal Road School, Kōwai Ridge, and Royal Heights.
- Residents share schooling, recreational, and social links best kept within a single electorate.
- The area has well-established ties to Rānui and Massey, with local amenities, transport corridors (such as Don Buck Road and Royal Road), and shopping areas that are commonly used by Massey North residents.
- Keeping Massey North intact ensures continuity for local advocacy and council representation at the community level.

Boundary Integrity:

- The current split proposal would unnecessarily divide the Royal Road School zone and surrounding neighbourhoods.
- Including all of Massey North within Rānui preserves community integrity, simplifies the boundary, and avoids bisecting rapidly growing residential developments.

Population Adjustment:

- Massey North's population is approximately 5,400.
- Its inclusion supports Rānui's population balance after the transfer of McLaren Park.
- This adjustment ensures Rānui remains within the allowable population range while maintaining the electorate's connection to shared amenities and transport networks.
- (Supporting map: "Massey North": as attached)

3. Glenfield and Bayview: Move into the Upper Harbour Electorate

Community Cohesion and Logic:

- Bayview and Glenfield residents share services, schooling (Bayview School), and public transport connections naturally aligned to Upper Harbour.
- The Bayview School zone fits perfectly into Upper Harbour, ensuring natural community representation.

Boundary Integrity:

- The existing (2018-2023) boundary cuts through cul-de-sacs and neighbourhoods in Bayview.
- Moving both Glenfield and Bayview fully into Upper Harbour fixes boundary anomalies.

Population Adjustment:

- Bayview and Glenfield's populations fit within Upper Harbour's allowable growth, maintaining electoral balance.
- (Supporting map: Upper Harbour: as attached)

Supporting Argument — Flow-On Effects

By moving Massey North entirely into Rānui, Upper Harbour loses population, thereby creating space to absorb Glenfield and Bayview. This sequence maintains the necessary balance between electorates without exceeding or falling short of the allowable quotas.

It is important to note that this proposal also:

- Better aligns communities of interest.
- Fixes historical inconsistencies and arbitrary splits.
- Maintains population balance across electorates.
- Provides fairer and clearer representation.

Summary of Requested Adjustments

Area	Proposed Change	Reason
McLaren Park	Move to Glendene Electorate	Strengthens community cohesion; Corrects eastward boundary anomaly
Massey North	Move fully into Rānui	Protects cohesive community; Preserves Royal Road School zone integrity
Glenfield/Bayview	Move to Upper Harbour	Fixes boundary inconsistencies; Aligns Bayview School zone fully within electorate

Population Impacts Summary

Electorate	Adjustment Description	Estimated Population Impact
Rānui	+5,400 (Massey North) -3,495 (McLaren Park)	Net +1,905
Glendene	+3,495 (McLaren Park)	Net +3,495
Upper Harbour	-5,400 (Massey North) +7,200 (Glenfield/Bayview)	Net +1,800

All electorates would remain within the required population range.

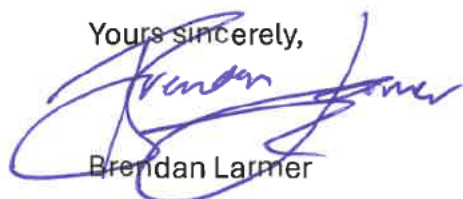
Conclusion

These proposed changes:

- Better reflect natural communities of interest and community hubs.
- Rectify existing boundary inconsistencies.
- Ensure all electorates remain within the required population range.
- Respect natural geographical and historical links between neighbourhoods.

We appreciate your careful consideration of our proposals and are happy to provide any additional information if needed.

Yours sincerely,



Brendan Larmer