

# 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.

Rename to "Henderson"  
Please refer to attached for further  
information.

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

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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](https://vote.nz).

Objections must be received by **midnight, Sunday 27 April 2025**.

Objections will be published online at [vote.nz](https://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

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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](https://vote.nz).

### Filling in this form

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Checklist:

- fill in your name and contact details
- outline your objection and any suggested changes
- attach any supporting documents

### Returning your form

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Send the completed objection form by email or post to:

[representation.commission@elections.govt.nz](mailto: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.

**To: The Electoral Commission  
PO Box 3220  
Wellington 6140  
New Zealand**

**Subject: Objection to Proposed Name "Rānui" – Suggesting "Henderson"**

Dear Representation Commission,

I am writing in response to the 2025 Boundary Review to formally object to the proposed name "Rānui" for the new electorate. I suggest instead naming the electorate "Henderson".

This recommendation is based on a detailed assessment of the area's geography, demographics, civic infrastructure, historical roots, and local identity. Henderson is clearly the most suitable name as it serves as the central and most recognizable hub for the entire electorate.

### **Electorate Makeup**

The electorate covers interconnected West Auckland suburbs, including:

- Henderson
- Henderson Valley (part)
- Swanson
- Rānui
- Massey
- Royal Heights

These communities are socially and economically tied to Henderson, which functions as the area's main center for shopping, governance, education, and services. It is the suburb residents most commonly associate with.

### **Demographic Overview (2023 Census)**

According to the 2023 Census, the Henderson-Massey Local Board Area, which closely aligns with the proposed boundaries, is one of the country's fastest-growing, with 124,779 residents—an increase of 5.4% since 2018. Almost 43% of the population is under 30, and it is ethnically diverse:

- 43.6% European/Pākehā
- 18.1% Māori
- 22.2% Pacific Peoples
- 31.7% Asian
- 2.9% MELAA
- 2.0% Other ethnicities

This vibrant, multicultural community needs a name that resonates broadly, and Henderson already fulfills that role.

## **Civic and Transport Hub**

Henderson hosts major institutions and infrastructure, including:

- WestCity Waitākere Mall
- Waitākere District Court
- Henderson Train Station
- West Wave Aquatic Centre
- Henderson-Massey Local Board Office
- Numerous schools, libraries, and healthcare facilities

It is also the area's transport hub, intersected by major roads and highways, serving as a central link for surrounding suburbs.

## **Historical and Cultural Relevance**

Named after 19th-century politician Thomas Henderson, the suburb also holds significance for Te Kawerau a Maki iwi. Cultural landmarks like the Corban Estate Arts Centre highlight its heritage and community focus. Compared to Henderson, "Rānui" is a smaller, less central suburb and may be unfamiliar or misleading to the broader public.

## **Consistency with Local Governance**

Henderson is already well-established in local governance and institutions, including:

- Henderson-Massey Local Board
- Henderson High School
- Henderson RSA
- Henderson Bowls Club

These reinforce its identity as the heart of the area and support naming the electorate accordingly.

## **Geographical Centrality**

A review of proposed boundaries shows Henderson sits at the electorate's physical and functional center. Its central role in transportation, services, and population density supports its naming.

## **Conclusion**

I respectfully recommend renaming the proposed "Rānui" electorate to:

- **Preferred:** Henderson

This change would:

- Accurately represent the core of the electorate
- Align with local governance and identity
- Be widely recognized by residents with the population density and community activity associated with “Henderson”
- Reflect the area’s heritage and diversity
- The geographic location of Rānui is to the west of where most of the population would reside or relate themselves to.
- Avoid general confusion associated with “Rānui”

Thanks for considering my submission and points raised.

Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brendan Larmer", is written over the typed name. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Brendan Larmer

