

MĀORI WARDS EXPLAINED



GOVERNMENT CHANGES MEAN WE HAVE TO ACT TO KEEP MĀORI WARDS + CONSTITUENCIES.

WHY MĀORI WARDS MATTER

- Councils make decisions that affect us & councillors should reflect the community they serve.
- Māori have been under-represented for too long - Māori wards ensure Māori voice.



Māori Wards mean that those on the Māori roll have their voice represented in local democracy.

**VOTE
TO
KEEP
MĀORI
WARDS**

WHAT IS CHANGING?

New law requires a binding public poll to keep Māori wards. This only applies to Māori wards, not to any other wards, such as rural wards.



DIFFERENT
TREATMENT OF
MĀORI WARDS IS
UNFAIR AND
HARMFUL
TO LOCAL
RELATIONSHIPS

VOTE KEEP
KEEP
MĀORI
WARDS

“ the decision taken by Council to establish a Māori Ward represented Council's ongoing commitment to bring Māori voices into the heart of our decision making in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai.

Campbell Barry, Hutt Valley Mayor

— “ By creating avenues for Māori representation in decision-making it ensures we uphold tangata whenua perspectives. We create a true partnership with mana whenua, and that we honour Te Tiriti. This not only creates better outcomes for Māori, but for everyone in our city.

Tory Whānau,
Wellington City mayor

“ We are joining the many councils across Aotearoa who have welcomed a Māori constituency in recent years, as we continue to build strong, equitable partnerships with mana whenua.

Greater Wellington chair
Daran Ponter

WHAT CAN I DO?

Register to vote by 1 August

Vote by 11 October

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