

## **Right to Demand a Poll on the establishment of a Maori Ward for the Central Hawke's Bay District Council**

The Local Electoral Act 2001 (the Act) provides councils with the option of establishing Maori wards. Under the Act, the Central Hawke's Bay District Council could establish a Maori ward from which up to one Maori ward member could be elected to the Council.

Council considered its options and resolved on 10 November 2011 that Council continue the status quo and does not establish a Maori ward, as provided for in the Local Electoral Act 2001, at this time. Unless a poll determines otherwise, no Maori ward will be established for the Central Hawke's Bay District Council for the 2013 triennial elections.

Electors for the Central Hawke's Bay District Council have the right to demand a poll on whether or not a Maori ward should be established for the 2013 and 2016 triennial elections of the Central Hawke's Bay District Council.

A valid demand for a poll must be:

- Made in writing.
- Signed by at least 5 percent of the number of electors enrolled as eligible to vote at the 2010 triennial election of the Central Hawke's Bay District Council. This will require 467 signatures of current enrolled electors. Every elector who signs a demand must also set out their full name and the address for which they qualify as an elector of the Central Hawke's Bay District Council.
- Delivered to the Chief Executive of the Central Hawke's Bay District Council, Ruataniwha Street, Waipawa. The demand for a poll must be delivered by 4.30pm on 28 February 2012 for the result of the poll to be valid for the next triennial election of the Central Hawke's Bay District Council in 2013.

For further information on the establishment of a Maori ward or demanding a poll please contact the Central Hawke's Bay District Council on 06 857 8060.

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