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Final proposal for representation arrangements for the 2025 local elections

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Submissions

On 29 May 2024 the Central Otago District Council considered the submissions received on its initial proposal regarding the representation arrangements for the Council and its constituent community boards to apply for the local elections to be held on 11 October 2025.

A total of sixteen responses were received during this time, ten in support of the proposal, five against part of the proposal and one was unsure. Amongst the five that disagreed, two provided a written submission to support their decision and one submitted comments via the Council's online response platform. Two disagreed but gave no reason why.

Of those that objected to various elements of the proposal, their reasons were as follows:

- A desire for the Maniototo Community Board and Maniototo Ward to use the spelling Mānīatoto.
- A concern about workload in the reduction of numbers for community boards, especially on external boards.
- A risk of decreased diversity with having less members on a community board.

Final proposal

Having considered all of the objections, the Council resolved to adopt its initial proposal as the Council's final proposal.

The Council rejected the matters raised in objections for the following reasons:

- As the Maniototo Community Board did not agree with a name change at this time, the time and process was not thought right to change the name
- The Council was satisfied that the workload from a reduction in appointed community board members would not be detrimental to workload.
- The Council was satisfied that a reduction of appointed community board members would not be detrimental to diversity.

Therefore the final proposal is as follows:

Council Representation

It is proposed that the Council comprise 10 members elected from four wards, and the mayor. The four wards reflect the following identified communities of interest:

Ward	Communities of interest
Cromwell Ward	The Cromwell ward encompasses both urban and rural communities. The main urban centre is Cromwell and the ward also includes the settlements of Bannockburn, Pisa Moorings, Lowburn and Tarras.
Maniototo Ward	The Maniototo ward encompasses Ranfurly, Naseby and includes the smaller settlements of Wedderburn, Oturehua, Patearoa, Kyeburn and Waipiata.
Teviot Valley Ward	The Teviot ward includes the towns of Roxburgh and Millers Flat and smaller settlements of Etrick and Lake Roxburgh Village.
Vincent Ward	The Vincent ward includes urban and rural communities including Alexandra, Clyde, Letts Gully, Springvale, Poolburn, Omakau, Ophir, Becks, Lauder, St Bathans, Earnscliffe and Fruitlands.

The population that each member will represent is as follows:

Ward	Population (2023 population estimates)	Members	Population per member
Cromwell Ward	10600	4	2650
Maniototo Ward	1970	1	1970
Teviot Valley Ward	1930	1	1930
Vincent Ward	11550	4	2888
Total	26050	10	2605

In accordance with *section 19V(2), Local Electoral Act 2001* the population that each member represents must be within the range of 2605 +/- 10% (2345 to 2865), unless particular community of interest considerations justify otherwise.

The representation of the Maniototo, Teviot Valley and Vincent Wards fall outside the stipulated range. The Council considers that the Maniototo and Teviot Valley Wards warrant a single member for the following reasons

- non-compliance with subsection (2) is required for effective representation of communities of interest within isolated communities situated within the district of the territorial authority.

The Council considers that the Vincent Ward warrants four members for the following reasons:

- compliance with subsection (2) would limit effective representation of communities of interest by dividing a community of interest between wards or subdivisions
- at 10.8% it falls only just outside the tolerated threshold of +/- 10%

Community Board Representation

It is proposed that the following four community boards be elected:

Community Board	Area of Community
Cromwell Community Board	The Cromwell ward encompasses both urban and rural communities. The main urban centre is Cromwell and the ward also includes the settlements of Bannockburn, Pisa Moorings, Lowburn and Tarras.
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Community Boards

The Cromwell, Maniototo, Teviot Valley and Cromwell Community Boards will each elect four members. They will not be subdivided for electoral purposes. They will each have one appointed member as follows:

Community Board	Number of members from which ward
Cromwell Community Board	1 member appointed from the Cromwell Ward
Maniototo Community Board	1 member appointed from the Maniototo Ward
Teviot Valley Community Board	1 member appointed from the Teviot Valley Ward
Vincent Community Board	1 member appointed from the Vincent Ward

Appeals and objections

Any person who made a submission on the Council's initial proposal may lodge an appeal against the Council's decision. An appeal must relate to the matters raised in that person's submission.

Appeals must be made in writing and must be received by Council no later than 4 July 2024.

Appeals are to be forwarded to:

Attention – Wayne McEnteer

- Physical address – Alexandra Service Centre, 1 Dunorling Street, Alexandra, 9320.
- Email – governance@codc.govt.nz

Further information

Direct any queries regarding the Council's decision to Wayne McEnteer (03 440 0667).

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4 June 2024