



Te Tari o te Kahika Office of the Mayor

Tamatea-kai-ariki o Te Tahi Wehewehe | 16 May 2024

Pānui Whakamōtini | Notice of Motion

E ai ki ngā Tikanga Hui o Te Kaunihera o Te Hiku o te Ika ka tukuna e Kahika Moko Tepania tēnei pānui whakamōtini ki te tēpu o te hui kaunihera motuhake ka tū hei te Tāite 22 o Mei 2024.

In accordance with the Standing Orders of the Far North District Council the following notice of motion is proposed to be tabled at the extraordinary council meeting on Thursday 22 May 2024 by Mayor Moko Tepania.

Mōtini | Motion:

Kia tautokohia e Te Kaunihera o Te Hiku o te Ika te reta tukutahi a Te Kāhui Kaunihera o Aotearoa ki te Kāwanatanga Matua hei whakahē i ngā hiahia ki te tīni i ngā ture tāpae pōti mō ngā rohenga Māori ā-kaunihera.

That the Far North District Council support Local Government New Zealand's joint letter to Central Government in opposition to proposed changes to Māori ward and constituency poll provisions.

Take | Rationale:

He mea whakatū te rohenga Māori o Ngā Tai o Tokerau e Te Kaunihera o Te Hiku o te Ika i raro i te mana o te Ture Pōtitanga (mō ngā Rohenga Māori ā-Kaunihera) 2021.

I puta tēnei whakataunga i muri mai i te patapatai i te hāpori i te tau 2021 me te 81.76% (o ngā kaiurupare 499) i tautokohia kia whakatū tētahi rohenga Māori, ka tautokona hoki e Te Kahu o Taonui, arā te whakaminenga o ngā heamana ā-iwi o te rohe.

E hiahia ana te Kāwanatanga Matua ki te tīni i te ture hei whakahau atu ki Te Kaunihera o Te Hiku o te Ika ki te whakakore i tōna rohenga Māori, kia tuku raini i tētahi tāpae pōti herehere ki ngā kaipōti katoa o Te Hiku o te Ika e whakakore ana, e tautoko ana raini i tōna rohenga hei ngā pōtitanga ā-rohe 2025.

Kua whakatauria kētia e Te Kaunihera o Te Hiku o te Ika kia kaua e whakakore i tōna rohenga Māori o Ngā Tai o Tokerau, ā, kia tonu hoki ki Te Pire Whakahou i te Ture Pōtitanga ā-Rohe mō ngā Rohenga Māori ā-Kaunihera tāna kaha whakahē i ēnei panonitanga ture i muri mai i tētahi whakataunga o Te Komiti o Te Kuaka i te 22 o Āperira 2024.

Mā te waitohu i tēnei reta tukutahi ka tū kotahi tātou ko ērā atu kaunihera e 44 kua whakatū rohenga ka patua e ngā panohitanga ture hou.

E whakapaetia ana ka noho ki waenga i te \$5,000 - \$10,000 te utu mō te whakahaere i tētahi tāpae pōti herehere hei ngā pōtitanga ā-rohe 2025 ki Te Hiku o te Ika, ka tāpirihia ko te wā me te mahi ka pīkauria e ngā kaimahi mō ēnei panonitanga.



The Far North District Council established the Ngā Tai o Tokerau Māori ward under the Local Electoral (Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Act 2021.

This resolution came about after community consultation in 2021 where 81.76% (of 499 respondents) were in favour of the establishment of a Māori ward as well as support from Te Kahu o Taonui, the regional iwi chairs' collective.

Central Government are proposing legislation which will require the Far North District Council to either disestablish its Ngā Tai o Tokerau Māori ward, or hold a binding poll of all Far North electors to either disestablish or retain the ward at the 2025 local elections.

The Far North District Council has already resolved not to disestablish its Ngā Tai o Tokerau Māori ward and to make a submission on the Local Electoral Māori Wards and Constituencies Amendment Bill articulating the abhorrence for unnecessary legislative changes following a resolution of the Te Kuaka Te Ao Māori Committee on 22 April 2024.

Signing this joint letter will show sector wide support alongside the other 44 councils that have established Māori wards or constituencies who will also be affected by the proposed legislative changes.

It is estimated that a binding poll alongside the 2025 local elections for the Far North will unnecessarily cost between \$5,000 - \$10,000, on top of the extra time and work provisions that staff will have to allow for the changes.

Āpitianga | Attachments:

- He reta tukutahi hukihuki nā Te Kāhui Kaunihera o Aotearoa / Draft joint letter by LGNZ

Nāku iti nei,

Moko Tepania
Te Kahika o Te Hiku o te Ika
Mayor of the Far North