

House of Representatives

Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 23 February 2021

Local Electoral (Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Bill

Proposed amendment

Debbie Ngarewa-Packer, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

Clause 6

Before *clause 6(1)* (page 2, before line 18), insert:

(1AA) Replace section 19Z(1) and (2) with:

- (1) Every territorial authority—
 - (a) must establish at least 1 Māori ward in the district for electoral purposes; and
 - (b) may resolve that the district be divided into 2 or more Māori wards for electoral purposes.
- (2) Every regional council—
 - (a) must establish at least 1 Māori constituency in the region for electoral purposes; and
 - (b) may resolve that the region be divided into 2 or more Māori constituencies for electoral purposes.

(1AB) In section 19Z(3), replace “under this section” with “under **sub-section (1)(b) or (2)(b)**”.

Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper amends *clause 6* of the Local Electoral (Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Bill. It would create a requirement for all local councils to establish at least one Māori ward or constituency.

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This amendment would guarantee that low Māori representation in local government is improved, while ensuring that local government better meets its obligations under Te Tiriti o Waitangi.