

House of Representatives

# Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 23 February 2021

Local Electoral (Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies)  
Amendment Bill

*Proposed amendment*

Hon Dr Nick Smith, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

*New clause 2A*

After *clause 2* insert *new clause 2A*:

**2A Expiry of this Act**

This Act, and the amendments made to the principal Act by this Act, expires with the close of polling day of the next local election held after the date on which this Act comes into force.

**Explanatory note**

The Government has stated this Bill is a temporary amendment to the law to enable the creation of separate Māori wards and constituencies for the 2022 local elections, and that a wider review of representation will then allow broader changes. The risk for this Parliament is that these temporary and rushed provisions become permanent. The advantage of an expiry clause is that it ensures the measures are temporary and provides better incentives for the review to be done, and the law amended, with proper consultation and an exploration of all the alternatives.