

House of Representatives  
Supplementary Order Paper

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Local Government (Auckland Council) Bill

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*Proposed amendments*

Hon Mita Ririnui, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

*Clause 4*

Clause 4 is amended by inserting the following definitions in their appropriate alphabetical order:

**Maori electoral district** has the same meaning as in section 3(1) of the Electoral Act 1993.

**Maori electoral population** has the same meaning as in section 3(1) of the Electoral Act 1993.

**Maori ward** means a Maori ward created in accordance with section 8.

*Clause 8(1)*

Clause 8(1) is amended by inserting “, and Maori members as provided for in this Act” after the number “2001”.

*Clause 8*

Clause 8 is amended by inserting the following subsections after subsection (3):

“(4) The number of members to be elected by the electors of 1 or more Maori wards of the district of a territorial authority (**Maori ward members**) is to be determined in accordance with the following formula

$$nmm = \frac{mepd}{mepd + gepd} \times nm$$

where—

nmm is the number of Maori ward members

mepd is the Maori electoral population of the district

gepd is the general electoral population of the district  
nm is the number of members of the territorial authority  
(other than the mayor and Maori members) as set out  
in **section 8(1)**.

- “(5) If the number of the **Maori ward members** (other than the mayor) calculated under **subsection (3)** includes a fraction, the fraction must be disregarded unless it exceeds a half. If the fraction exceeds a half, the number of **Maori ward members** must be the next whole number above the number that includes the fraction.
- “(6) If there is any inconsistency between the provisions of this section and any provisions of the Local Government Act 1974 or the Local Government Act 2002 or the Local Electoral Act 2001 or the Local Government (Tamaki Makaurau) Reorganisation) Act 2009, or of this Act or of any regulations made under the Local Government Act 1974 or the Local Government Act 2002 or the Local Electoral Act 2001 or the Local Government (Tamaki Makaurau) Reorganisation) Act 2009 or this Act, this section prevails.”
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### Explanatory note

These amendments ensure that the new Auckland Council will include Maori members elected in proportion to the number of Maori in Auckland on the Maori electoral roll.

The provisions are modelled on those for determining the number of Maori seats on territorial authorities under Schedule 1A of the Local Electoral Act 2001.

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