



**LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION  
MANA KĀWANATANGA Ā ROHE**

**Determination**

of minor boundary alteration to the Tawa Community

**Background**

1. Section 19JA of the Local Electoral Act 2001 provides that a territorial authority may propose minor alterations to the boundary of a community.
2. The Wellington City Council has sought a minor boundary alteration to the boundaries of the Tawa Community. The boundary alteration requested is the exclusion from the Tawa Community of that part of Grenada Village in the community.
3. Any resolution proposing a minor boundary alteration must be referred to the Local Government Commission. The Commission must consider the resolution and other information forwarded to it by the Council and determine whether to uphold the proposed boundaries. The Commission may uphold the proposed boundaries only if it is satisfied of the matters specified in section 19JA(2) of the Local Electoral Act.

**Assessment**

4. The Commission's assessment of the boundary alterations proposed by the Wellington City Council against the matters specified in section 19JA(2) is set out below:

Criteria	Assessment
Since the last representation review, there have been changes to allotment boundaries at or near electoral boundaries	The area is a new subdivision straddling the boundary of the Tawa Community.
Proposed electoral boundary alterations are minor	The proposed boundary alteration is minor, in terms of both area and population. The population of the area proposed to be excluded from Tawa Community is approximately 10.
Alterations will maintain effective representation of communities of interest	The alteration maintains effective representation of communities of interest by better reflecting communities of interest.
As far as practicable, proposed electoral boundaries will coincide with allotment boundaries	The proposed boundaries coincide with allotment boundaries (in contrast to the current boundaries which do not).

As far as practicable, proposed ward boundaries will coincide with community boundaries (if any)	This is not applicable as the community boundary in this area does not follow a ward boundary, Tawa Community comprising part only of Wellington City's Northern Ward.
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5. On the basis of the above assessment it is considered that the minor boundary alterations to the Tawa Community proposed by the Wellington City Council meet the criteria for a minor boundary alteration set out in section 19JA(2).

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6. Under section 19JA of the Local Electoral Act 2001 the Local Government Commission upholds the proposed boundaries of the Tawa Community resolved by the Wellington City Council at its meeting on 27 August 2014.

**THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION**

- Wira Gardner (Chair)
- Janie Annear (Commissioner)
- Leigh Auton (Commissioner)

25 September 2015