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Q1

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

No,

Why?:

This boundary alteration will impact significantly on inter Iwi and Inter-hapu boundaries which in turn creates unfounded opportunities for hapu who are not tangata whenua within the current PNCC boundaries to seek to assert tangata whenua status. This is repugnant to the Treaty of Waitangi and a breach of our manamotuhake as tangata whenua namely Rangitaane o Manawatu. We have recently completed our Treaty of Waitangi Claims(2016) with the Crown and we see this attempt to change the boundaries as creating a contemporary breach under the Treaty. For decades and spanning centuries the Crown and Councils have made such changes with token consultation with Iwi and then go ahead and do what they like. Ratepayers desires always win over the concerns of tangata whenua and this is no longer acceptable in todays Society if we are talking about a Nation that seeks to honour its Treaty relationship. The Crown always say its for Iwi to decide their own tribal boundaries but then consistently change boundaries that cross over those tribal boundaries without hesitation. We have constantly seen the impacts of what the RMA Act has done to murky the waters of boundaries and we have no confidence this boundary change will help things. Its not acceptable to say a Council will just have to undertake extra consultation with Iwi and Hapu who come into a Council due to a boundary change. Iwi work over many decades to develop good working relationships with their Councils and a Boundary change can undo that overnight. In my respectful view the full implications of boundary changes are not appreciated by the wider community as to how it impacts on Iwi and hapu.

Q2

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Palmerston North,

Why?:

No Comment on this question

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**Q3**

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

**No,**  
Why?:  
See comments above.

**Q4**

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

**Horowhenua District Council,**  
Why?:  
Their current one.

**Q5**

What services do you want to receive from local government?

No Comment

**Q6**

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

**Yes,**  
Why:  
No Comment

**Q7**

What is your name?

Tanenuiarangit Manawatu Incorporated

**Q8**

Where do you live?

Palmerston North

**Q9**

What is your email address?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

**No**

**Q11**

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Q1

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

Yes,

Why?:

There is no community link to horowhenua and many to PN. Tokomaru residents pay for facilities in Levin that we simply never used. Not fair. The Horowhenua council is and has been disfunctional for years and is completely uninterested in listening to tokomaru residents about anything.

Q2

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Palmerston North

Q3

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

Yes,

Why?:

As long as tokomaru is in PN, it's right. :)

Q4

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Palmerston North City Council,

Why?:

Connections and competence.

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

In tokomaru, nothing except aggravation from the horowhenua council. Even in other council circles they have a bad rep - deserved. :)

Q6

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

No,

Why:

I certainly wasn't when I lived there. Paid heaps and got sod all.

Q7

What is your name?

Respondent skipped this question

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**Q8**

Where do you live?

Respondent skipped this question

**Q9**

What is your email address?

Respondent skipped this question

**Q10**

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

No

**Q11**

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Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

Yes,

Why?:

I live right on the boundary and for schooling (intermediate & high school), zoning is important for my children.

Q2

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Palmerston North,

Why?:

We work in palmerston north and our children go to primary school there.

Q3

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

Yes

Q4

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Palmerston North City Council

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Recycling, rubbish collection etc

Q6

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

Yes

Q7

What is your name?

Kristy Gardner

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**Q8**

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

**Q9**

What is your email address?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

**No**

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

**Q11**

**Respondent skipped this question**

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Q1

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

Yes,  
Why?:  
See 2.

Q2

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Palmerston North,  
Why?:  
It is closer to Tokomaru, we use it for our grocery shopping, health services, library, parks and swimming pool.

Q3

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

Yes,  
Why?:  
I trust the resident group has done their homework and worked out a appropriate boundary.

Q4

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Palmerston North City Council,  
Why?:  
Horowhenua council ahs not shown much interest in supporting the Tokomaru/Opiki community. For years it was not safe to drink the tap water, our roads are full of potholes and we don't even have a safe walk way to get to our Domain. The council also did not manage to keep correct records of the property boundaries and residents had bad surprises when they came and took some land away that was apparently road reserve but was not shown in the LIMS report. Palmy council would have to work hard to beat that.

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Safe roads, cycle and walk ways that connect the community  
Safe drinking water in the village  
Public transport

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**Q6**

**No**

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

**Q7**

What is your name?

Inez Schmidt

**Q8**

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

**Q9**

What is your email address?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

**No**

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

**Q11**

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**Q1**

**Yes**

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

**Q2**

**Palmerston North**

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

**Q3**

**Yes**

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

**Q4**

**Palmerston North City Council**

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

**Q5**

What services do you want to receive from local government?

better municipal infrastructure

**Q6**

**No**

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

**Q7**

What is your name?

Adam Smith

**Q8**

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

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**Q9**

What is your email address?

0

**Q10**

No

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

**Q11**

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no

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Seeking your feedback on a request for Opiki and Tokomaru to become part of Palmerston North City

Q1

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

No,

Why?:

Its not as easy as YES or NO... I live on the boundary of the proposed plan, a portion of the land is located in the Palmerston North region, remaining land including my home is located in the Horowhenua region. The very small piece of land located over the boundary line costs me \$516.78 per annum to PNCC. In comparison this same piece of land if combined in the Horowhenua would cost me only \$39 per annum. If this change goes ahead it means I will only have to pay one council and one general rate, where currently I pay rates to both councils. Considering this then my answer would be YES. But that said, I am very much sitting on the fence on this one... well actually I am literally sitting on the boundary line... and Im sure I can't be the only one that this scenario affects? On a purely selfish personal note I own two properties in the Tokomaru area, one is my family home and the other a business. Both properties are rural and consequently receive minimal services. I know what I currently pay in rates to HDC and if I compare these rates to a similar valued rural property on your commission document my current rates will increase in the region of 110% for one property and 49% for the other property. For purely this reason my answer would be NO. This increase seems excessive and obviously unaffordable. Can the Commission quoted rates for rural properties please be confirmed or assistance given to those that would like a more accurate comparison for their individual property? A quick check on the PNCC and HDC websites shows other areas of concern. Council fees for installation of a freestanding fire compare at \$330 for HDC verses \$560 for PNCC. Registering your desexed dog with HDC is \$72 verses \$108 with PNCC. Considering the expected growth in the region, if these increases reflect other council fees, does that mean building your new home or adding an implement shed to your rural property will now cost you considerably more? This is unfair for existing property owners and newcomers to the Tokomaru/Opiki area considering the expected growth in the region. I would appreciate clarification on some figures on the Commission document. It suggests there are 170 homes in the Tokomaru region, with water and sewerage connections and 330 in rural Opiki without. Which group are the rural Tokomaru properties without water and sewerage connections included?

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**Q2**

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

**Palmerston North,**

**Why?:**

I feel equally connected to both. My children attended high school in Palmerston North, so this links you to sports and lessons for the area. Also Palmerston North has a hospital and easy access to medical professionals. But Levin is a great place in its own right, an excellent place to go to get away from the big city atmosphere. Levin is more rurally based and less people and traffic.

**Q3**

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

**No,**

**Why?:**

I am required to select yes or no, but I have no opinion on this. The people in that area should be the ones to comment, as it may affect current farms by splitting or combining boundaries.

**Q4**

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

**Horowhenua District Council,**

**Why?:**

With two thirds of the Tokomaru/Opiki group being 'rural' based, it seems obvious to me that a more rural community council would be an obvious choice for our area. We are a very small rurally based community in comparison to the much larger Palmerston North City community and surrounding areas. Our local schools still participate in Agricultural days once per annum, attending the finals in and competing with Levin. Our local schools catchment area is predominantly south of the Northern suggested boundary, with buses running as far South as Shannon to collect local children.

**Q5**

What services do you want to receive from local government?

I have no comment on this.

**Q6**

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

**Yes,**

**Why:**

I live rurally, so am unable to receive many if any obvious day to day benefits from the fees. I organise and pay for my own water, sewerage, rubbish disposal and recycling. I also have no footpaths or street lighting, which I believe is fairly reflected in the rates I pay, verses the services I am required to provide and pay for myself.

**Q7**

What is your name?

Tania Thwaites

Seeking your feedback on a request for Opiki and Tokomaru to become part of Palmerston North City

**Q8**

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Q9**

What is your email address?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

**No**

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

**Q11**

If you wish to speak at a Commission hearing, please provide a contact phone number.

nil

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Q1

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

Yes,

Why?:

Family and work in Palmerston North; all shopping and socialising done there

Q2

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Palmerston North

Q3

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

Yes

Q4

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Palmerston North City Council

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Water, sewerage, stormwater

Roading

Rubbish & recycling

Library

Q6

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

No

Q7

What is your name?

K M Marshall

Seeking your feedback on a request for Opiki and Tokomaru to become part of Palmerston North City

**Q8**

Where do you live?

██████████

**Q9**

What is your email address?

████████████████████

**Q10**

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

No

**Q11**

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Q1

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

No,

Why?:

Coz you creating a new boundary which will interfere with maori boundaries.

Q2

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Horowhenua,

Why?:

Coz you want to use the land and river to upgrade the waste water.

Q3

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

No,

Why?:

Too far south

Q4

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Horowhenua District Council

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Future intentions

Q6

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

No,

Why:

Coz our rates will increase significantly

Q7

What is your name?

Respondent skipped this question

Q8

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

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**Q9**

What is your email address?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

No

**Q11**

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Respondent skipped this question

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**Q1** Yes  
Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

**Q2** Palmerston North  
Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

**Q3** Yes  
Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

**Q4** Palmerston North City Council  
Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

**Q5**  
What services do you want to receive from local government?  
water, rubbish

**Q6** Yes  
Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

**Q7** Respondent skipped this question  
What is your name?

**Q8** Respondent skipped this question  
Where do you live?

**Q9** Respondent skipped this question  
What is your email adress?

**Q10** No  
Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

**Q11** Respondent skipped this question  
If you wish to speak at a Commission hearing, please provide a contact phone number.

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**Q1**

No

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

**Q2**

Palmerston North

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

**Q3**

No

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

**Q4**

Horowhenua District Council

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

**Q5**

What services do you want to receive from local government?

n/a

**Q6**

Yes

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

**Q7**

What is your name?

sarah

**Q8**

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

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**Q9**

What is your email address?

not giving

**Q10**

**No**

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

**Q11**

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n/a

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**Q1**

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

**Yes,**

Why?:

Everything we do is in Palmerston North ... work, shop, socialise. I live in Tokomaru and it feels wrong to be part of Horowhenua. Levin is further away than Palmerston North from both Opiki and Tokomaru, so why would I go there to do anything?

**Q2**

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

**Palmerston North,**

Why?:

As above.

**Q3**

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

**Yes,**

Why?:

No comment on this really.

**Q4**

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

**Palmerston North City Council,**

Why?:

As in the answer to the first question. Palmerston North is closer to Opiki and Tokomaru geographically than Levin. Most of the services I need I get from PN.

**Q5**

What services do you want to receive from local government?

rubbish pick up, recycling, beautifying the area

**Q6**

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

**Yes,**

Why:

There should be an NA on some of these questions. As I really cannot comment on this.

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**Q7**

What is your name?

Sue Leathwick

**Q8**

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

**Q9**

What is your email address?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

No

**Q11**

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Respondent skipped this question

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**Q1**

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

**Yes,**

**Why?:**

We always go to Palmerston North, we never go to Levin. All our shopping is done in Palmerston North, I work in Palmerston North.

**Q2**

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

**Palmerston North,**

**Why?:**

We always go to Palmerston North, we never go to Levin. All our shopping is done in Palmerston North, I work in Palmerston North.

**Q3**

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

**Yes**

**Q4**

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

**Palmerston North City Council**

**Q5**

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Water, sewer, rubbish, recycling, foot paths, road maintenance etc

**Q6**

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

**No,**

**Why:**

No, we currently pay a lot in rates and get nothing back from horowhenua. We don't even have a foot path

**Q7**

What is your name?

Jeremy Outen



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**Q8**

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

**Q9**

What is your email address?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

**No**

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

**Q11**

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No thanks

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**Q1**

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

**Yes,**  
Why?:

I work in Palmerston North and do all my shopping in Palmerston North. I use the Palmerston North rubbish services, and my postal address is Palmerston North. Horowhenua does not seem to offer many services to their rural residents.

**Q2**

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

**Palmerston North,**  
Why?:

My working life and personal life is centred around PN. I very rarely go to Levin and only drive thru Shannon on my way to Wellington.

**Q3**

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

**Yes,**  
Why?:

I agree as this suggested boundary would have been surveyed by both Horowhenua and Palmerston North Councils.

**Q4**

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

**Palmerston North City Council,**  
Why?:

Palmerston North has a bigger presence. I have more confidence that our area would be greatly improved under Palmerston North City Council.

**Q5**

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Rates, rubbish, water if applicable, roading, libraries + cemeteries

**Q6**

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

**No,**  
Why:

I am not informed or aware of what Horowhenua does for rural residents.

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**Q7**

What is your name?

Helen

**Q8**

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

**Q9**

What is your email address?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

No

**Q11**

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**Q1**

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

No,

Why?:

I don't see any benefits in changing, potentially the opposite

**Q2**

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Horowhenua,

Why?:

Even though I work in Palmerston North I feel more connected with Horowhenua, Tokomaru has a more Horowhenua feel as opposed to the city, I come here to wind down

**Q3**

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

No,

Why?:

I don't support the change

**Q4**

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Horowhenua District Council,

Why?:

Horowhenua is a more rural nz council whereas PNCC is more city focused, the levels of service wont change here and may actually reduce. I feel that rules and regs will hinder the rural living in these areas

**Q5**

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Recycling, parks and reserves maintenance, street cleaning, road maintenance and renewals of infrastructure

**Q6**

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

Yes,

Why:

The facilities are kept to a suitable standard. Roads and footpaths are well maintained

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**Q7**

What is your name?

Aarin Bang

**Q8**

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

**Q9**

What is your email address?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

No

**Q11**

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Q1

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

No,

Why?:

1. It costs more. 2. There is significant risk that PNCC will not carry on with the infrastructure upgrades HDC are currently undertaking. This is for the following reasons: a. The priority of support for their current obligations. b. The priority of funding for their future infrastructure upgrades. PNCC is growing faster than the council can fund their infrastructure. Tokomaru represents a smaller population with a bigger obligation footprint (the area is bigger) so the cost vs reward is in the balance of favour for PNCC to carry on their infrastructure plan that prioritises Palmerston North projects. c. It would be irresponsible to their ratepayers for PNCC to direct funding toward Tokomaru without collecting at least the cost of the infrastructure upgrade in rates. This means the current infrastructure projects would be put on hold for an unknown length of time. My assessment is at least 5 years. (this is what I would do if I were Mayor and a 1.4% population wanted infrastructure spend) 3. I would have a significantly lesser representation in local democracy. In PNCC we would represent 1.4%. with HDC our vote is worth much more as we represent 4% of the population. 4. PNCC has identified a growth area toward Ashurst, not Tokomaru. The connection of services or synchronicity of services would be dislocated. 4. The effect on our Mana Whenua for our Tangata Whenua. We are a small area on an outlier piece of ground to PNCC. HDC is aligned to the iwi. The only reason I can see is for representation in the Maori Ward in PNCC. BUT!!!! The district change would divide the Maori vote and lessen the potential for HDC to appoint a Maori ward to the board.

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**Q2**

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

**Horowhenua,**

Why?:

When you look at a map you see lines and colours. Some of those lines are rivers, some of those lines contours. They direct the peoples decisions in where they move where they interact. Many people may feel more connected to PNCC. But I would ask them, Is this because of the job in which they work? Or is it because they have allowed the land to shape them? There is no doubt PNC has a stronger economy, providing more people work but Horowhenua is growing.

**Q3**

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

**No,**

Why?:

Leave it where it stands.

**Q4**

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

**Horowhenua District Council,**

Why?:

We are a bigger part of the HDC than what we would be in PNCC. We would represent a large liability to PNCC with very little incentive for them to invest in our future.

**Q5**

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Water, Sewerage, Recycling, Parks, and an efficient administrative system.

**Q6**

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

**Yes,**

Why:

The council does an enormous amount with very little money. They are a very efficient organisation in all my dealings with them. I have heard talk of the elected officials being irresponsible and childish but the people that work in the council are very professional. At the end of the day the council are in a balancing act. They need to spend money on things that aren't popular (sewerage etc) borrow enough money to fund future infrastructure investment to earn the more rates with subdivisions etc but not financial degrade themselves so much so that LGFA can't give them the low interest rates they need to keep rates down.

**Q7**

What is your name?

Thomas O'Connor

**Q8**

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

**Q9**

What is your email address?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

**Yes**

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

**Q11**

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**Q1**

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

**Yes,**

**Why?:**

IF the majority of households work and play in palmy, it makes sense to be a part of palmy. Same goes for ashhurst. For goodness sake look at that boundary too. We are two properties away from the PNCC boundary. We work and shop in palmy. We have to pay rates to a town we hardly ever visit. Ever. And to add insult to injury, we are caught up in the Pohangina covenant ( even though we are 500m from the PNCC boundary and at Least 10km from Pohangina village. We want to subdivide and could have sold off sections ten times over. But we are stuck. Please look at this boundary too

**Q2**

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

**Palmerston North**

**Q3**

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

**Yes**

**Q4**

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

**Palmerston North City Council**

**Q5**

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Not sure

**Q6**

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

**No,**

**Why:**

We don't use the feilding library or other services there. It irks me that we must pay. It must bother tokomaru and opiki residents too.

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**Q7**

What is your name?

Terri Standish

**Q8**

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

**Q9**

What is your email address?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

No

**Q11**

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**Q1** Yes

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

**Q2** Palmerston North

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

**Q3** Yes

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

**Q4** Palmerston North City Council

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

**Q5**

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Footpaths

**Q6** No

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

**Q7**

What is your name?

Mark Spash

**Q8**

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

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**Q9**

What is your email address?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

No

**Q11**

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Q1

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

Yes,

Why?:

As a Moutoa resident and with children at Opiki school and PNGHS and Carnot our travels, socialising and services we use are all from PN.

Q2

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Palmerston North,

Why?:

Naturally I feel more connected to PN as we are in there each day.

Q3

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

Yes,

Why?:

I agree. Whilst we would still be in Horowhenua I can see a line has to be drawn. Shannon should remain part of Horowhenua. Although I do believe residents should choose where their rates are directed depending on which way they predominantly drive and access services.

Q4

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Palmerston North City Council

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Library services.

Q6

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

No,

Why?:

As a professional nz European we just don't fit in Levin area and feel more at home in Palmerston when going to movies, shopping, going to library. Etc

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**Q7**

What is your name?

Francine

**Q8**

Where do you live?

██████████

**Q9**

What is your email address?

██

**Q10**

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

No

**Q11**

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Q1

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

No,  
Why?:

Because this area has always been horowhenua and the people who want the change of boundary a.k.a Arthur toms didnt ask the whole community. I've lived in tokomaru for almost 21 years and no one told us about the meetings

Q2

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Horowhenua,  
Why?:

As my great great great grandfather was Albert Judd whom Albert road is named after was one of the first settlers in tokomaru and my marae is kereru and potou both being in the horowhenua.

Q3

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

Yes

Q4

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Horowhenua District Council,  
Why?:

I have no preference to this matter

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Rubbish collection for rural areas

Q6

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

Yes

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**Q7**

What is your name?

Tamiti vinsen

**Q8**

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

**Q9**

What is your email address?

N/A

**Q10**

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

No

**Q11**

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Q1

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

Yes,

Why?:

We live in Tokomaru but go to work and school in Palmy. We NEVER go to Levin unless to go to the council, which is a pain because we have to take time off work to do so

Q2

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Palmerston North

Q3

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

Yes

Q4

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Palmerston North City Council

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Roading, public services as waste water management, kerbside collections, network grids, pounds, etc ...

Q6

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

No,

Why:

It seems to all benefit Levin and a minimal amount is invested in Tokomaru

Q7

What is your name?

Christine

Seeking your feedback on a request for Opiki and Tokomaru to become part of Palmerston North City

**Q8**

Where do you live?

██████████

**Q9**

What is your email address?

████████████████████

**Q10**

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

No

**Q11**

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**Q1** No

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

**Q2** Horowhenua

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

**Q3** No

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

**Q4** Horowhenua District Council

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

**Q5**

What services do you want to receive from local government?

More infrastructure

**Q6** No

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

**Q7** Respondent skipped this question

What is your name?

**Q8** Respondent skipped this question

Where do you live?

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**Q9**

Respondent skipped this question

What is your email address?

**Q10**

No

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**Q11**

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

No,

Why?:

Because it will increase the cost of infrastructure with minimal rateable properties to support the uplift in cost

Q2

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Palmerston North,

Why?:

Because it's where I live

Q3

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

Yes

Q4

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Horowhenua District Council

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Infrastructure investment and maintenance, service maintenance and support.

Q6

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

Yes

Q7

What is your name?

Jessie

Seeking your feedback on a request for Opiki and Tokomaru to become part of Palmerston North City

**Q8**

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

**Q9**

What is your email address?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

No

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

**Q11**

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**Q1**

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

**No,**

Why?:

We have enough issues affecting rates without taking on other problems.

**Q2**

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

**Palmerston North,**

Why?:

Live in PN

**Q3**

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

**No,**

Why?:

It shouldn't move

**Q4**

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

**Horowhenua District Council,**

Why?:

They have done for years, no reason to change

**Q5**

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Roading, water, sewerage

**Q6**

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

**No,**

Why:

Money wasted on non essentials over the years letting important things like waste water to build up

**Q7**

What is your name?

Dave Finegan

Seeking your feedback on a request for Opiki and Tokomaru to become part of Palmerston North City

**Q8**

Where do you live?



**Q9**

What is your email address?



**Q10**

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

No

**Q11**

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Respondent skipped this question



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Q1

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

No,

Why?:

One reason is that I do not see there is a need to change the status quo. Tokomaru and Opiki is a rural area with a small village that provides essential services supported by Levin to the south and Palmerston North to the north. People who have moved into the area have done so: 1. To have a rural lifestyle. 2. To secure accommodation due to being involved in the Defence Force. While Tokomaru is close to the Linton Base it also has more affordable housing when compared to Palmerston North. 3. The area is predominantly rural, people have moved into the area to secure work in the farming community. Due to people using Palmerston North as their place of choice for shopping, medical, and other services I believe not a reason for the change. Irrespective as to which way the decision goes those people will still remain shopping and using all other services in Palmerston North. Where has the city confirmed the rates issue and for how long. Where have they confirmed that there will be no reduction in services and what is the situation regarding our area concerning the disposal of waste water from the city will it involve us. When Palmerston North has used the land and provided city services to the likes of Linton I see no reason to extend the boundaries and change the lives of those that have selected a rural lifestyle.

**Q2**

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

**Horowhenua,**

**Why?:**

Horowhenua provides all the services needed and having resided in Tokomaru for over 30 years I do not see the need for a change. We are situated in an area we can travel either way for services and what can not be provided such as a library service the Horowhenua District Council has arranged for those affected to have a free service with the Palmerston North City Library. People have moved into the area from the city and Linton and it is expected that they would keep ties with the city and its services. When considering the submissions taking into account must be the fact that a lot of people in Tokomaru are involved in the Defence Forces and therefore are here due to their posting rather than residing here because that is where they want to be. School buses operate to the city if they operated to Levin then there would be ties to there rather than the city more would be playing sport in Levin which in turn bring the parents. To claim that the the reason for the change is due to the fact that they use the city more than Levin should not be factored in because the same can be said for places such as Sanson, Bulls, Woodville and Pahiatua. All over the country this is happening. To be big is not a reason for enlarging a city it has not worked in other areas and in some instances costly, why do they think it will work here. Is the reason behind the change due to some having a dislike for what Council is doing or has done rather than considering what benefit will it bring to the area. We know what we have from Council now and what is proposed for the future. Palmerston North City has not come forward and advised of what they will provide and what they propose in the futures including costs.

**Q3**

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

**No,**

**Why?:**

Due to the fact that there is no need for a change. However, if there is a change then the entire Okuku Road should be the boundary, not part of.

**Q4**

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

**Horowhenua District Council,**

Why?:

As I have stated this is a rural area and most people relate to it being under the Horowhenua District Council. To stand anywhere in the area and survey the surroundings and all you see is rural land, neighbours not close by but metres away and then compare that with Palmerston North City where neighbours are close by, suburbs have nothing but houses and the inner city is having a change with having high-density housing that's when you say to yourself and others I live in a rural area which is part of a district, not a city. My view is that local authorities need to listen more to the people they represent and by having community groups representing areas is a way forward. People in our area hear and see changes taking place in the likes of Levin and Foxton and because nothing is happening in their area they feel left out The Horowhenua District Council can increase their image by talking to the people, having them involved in the own community affairs, let them have their own Community Committees liaising with Council then the area will understand Councils planning better and will be onside. It does not have to feel the Community are always kept in the dark.

**Q5**

What services do you want to receive from local government?

The services currently provided by The Horowhenua District Council are adequate.

**Q6**

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

**Yes,**

Why:

It does not matter what Council it is not everyone will be satisfied. Thats life. Tokomaru and Opiki are a small part of the district, a district that has a population no greater than some of our larger towns in New Zealand, therefore, our Council has to maintain current services and also plan for expenditure on major infrastructure something that takes time but there are some people that want it done now and because it cannot be done then due to freedom of speech and media access it becomes a hot topic with the end result being it is Councils fault. We do not know what Palmerston North City Councils views, costs now and in the future are on the proposal, as to this date we have only seen or heard from Council staff.

**Q7**

What is your name?

Graham Purvis

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**Q8**

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

**Q9**

What is your email address?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

No

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

**Q11**

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

Yes,

Why?:

All my dealings are in Palmerston North: doctor, dentist, library, studies, work, shopping, dinners, movies, take aways, fiends. I very rarely got to Levin or Foxton. I feel I should be supporting Palmerston North through rates.

Q2

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Palmerston North,

Why?:

As above.

Q3

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

Yes,

Why?:

Seems logical.

Q4

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Palmerston North City Council,

Why?:

Palmerston North already responsible for Linton. With the addition of Tokomaru and Opiki the logistics of three waters, garbage collection and recycling becomes more viable.

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Garbage collection, recycling collection.

Q6

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

No,

Why:

Tokomaru has had sewerage and storm water and roading issues for years. It seems council prefers to put money into Levin and Foxton Heads,

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**Q7**

What is your name?

Johanna Whitehead

**Q8**

Where do you live?

██████████

**Q9**

What is your email address?

████████████████████

**Q10**

No

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

**Q11**

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Q1

No

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

Q2

Horowhenua

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Q3

Yes

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

Q4

Horowhenua District Council

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

The services applicable to us in our towns I do not agree with rates harmonisation because of unfair representation.

Q6

No

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

Q7

What is your name?

T.R. Whiti

Q8

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

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**Q9**

What is your email address?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

No

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

**Q11**

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No



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**Q1**

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

**Yes,**

Why?:

I work in Palmerston North and do all shopping there, i go to Levin possibly 4 times a year at most.

**Q2**

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

**Palmerston North,**

Why?:

Palmerston North is 15 minutes away where as Levin is over half an hour away. It is closer to get small items in Palmerston North than Shannon.

**Q3**

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

**Yes**

**Q4**

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

**Palmerston North City Council,**

Why?:

It is closer and has a better community engagement than the Horowhenua has ever managed.

**Q5**

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Building Consents  
Dog registrations  
Noise control  
Local roading  
Future planning

**Q6**

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

**No,**

Why:

Currently we pay a high level of rates for little in return, with no infrastructure services, no footpaths, poor roading and limited representation in council

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**Q7**

What is your name?

Nick Sneddon

**Q8**

Where do you live?

████

**Q9**

What is your email address?

████████████████████

**Q10**

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

No

**Q11**

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Respondent skipped this question

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**Q1**

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

**Yes,**

Why?:

Very simple, I have lived in this community (Opiki) for over 40 years, but have always considered Palmerston North my nearest hometown. I do ALL shopping, recycling, entertaining, education, business, medical, as well as all my social contacting in Palmy. The ONLY time I visit Levin is passing through on route further south, and rarely visit Shannon. I already consider myself part of Palmy, even reflected in my postal address....RD4, Palmerston North. I already use many many Palmy services....it is unfair that I don't contribute rates to that area, but contribute rates to an area that I receive very little benefit. With Covid 19 on the horizon, this change in boundary could be even more essential, because if locked down, losing the ability to freely enter the Manawatu, frankly would be debilitating.

**Q2**

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

**Palmerston North,**

Why?:

For the reasons explained in question 1. I am CONNECTED with Palmy.....I am NOT CONNECTED with the Horowhenua.

**Q3**

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

**Yes,**

Why?:

I say yes, but I am open on where exactly the boundary should be.

**Q4**

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

**Palmerston North City Council,**

Why?:

Because Palmy is the place where the majority (and I believe a large majority) of people from our communities interact and carry out the minutiae of life.

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**Q5**

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Better value for money services, is the key for me....I live on a 2 acre country block, so are used to receiving very limited services, but pay a fairly hefty rate to HDC, on the other hand, I often use PNCC services, but pay nothing to them. It does not seem fair.

**Q6**

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

**No,**

**Why:**

For a small district council, too much money is spent on unnecessary capital items, as an example, new council chambers were too expensive, I take more interest in how the PNCC spends money, as that is the community I am engaged in, even though I am not contributing to them, at least not through the rates take.

**Q7**

What is your name?

Paul Goodwin

**Q8**

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

**Q9**

What is your email address?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

**No**

**Q11**

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Respondent skipped this question

# Submission Form

Submission 029

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Yes  No

If yes, please provide a contact phone number:

**QUESTION 1: Do you support the requested boundary alteration?**  Yes  No

Why?

**QUESTION 2: Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?**  Palmerston North  Horowhenua

Why?

**QUESTION 3: Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?**  Yes  No

Why?

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Why?

**QUESTION 5: What services do you want to receive from local government?**

**QUESTION 6: Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue that it gets from rates, fees and user charges?**  Yes  No

Why?

ITS BECAUSE OF OUR  
LAND LADY SHE'S NOT HAPPY  
TWO  
RATE RISES IN ONE YEAR - RENT RISES

**Please tell us about anything further you would like the Commission to consider in its decision on the requested boundary alteration.**

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Q1

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

Yes,

Why?:

Tokomaru is far more connected to Palmerston North than to the Horowhenua. It is also traditionally very neglected by Horowhenua.

Q2

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Palmerston North,

Why?:

My children go to school in Palmerston North. My wife and I work in Palmerston North. Our animals go to vets in Palmerston North. We shop in Palmerston North. We do nothing in Horowhenua except drive through it to get to somewhere else.

Q3

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

Yes,

Why?:

I don't have a strong opinion on this, as long as it is south of Tokomaru.

Q4

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Palmerston North City Council,

Why?:

As above.

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

No opinion.

Q6

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

No,

Why?:

There is very little infrastructure development or repair.

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**Q7**

What is your name?

Damian Glenn

**Q8**

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

**Q9**

What is your email address?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

No

**Q11**

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Respondent skipped this question



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Q1

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

Yes,

Why?:

My family work, shop and my children will all go to school in Palmerston North . Not once in the 9 odd years that I have been a ratepayer in this region, have I had a favorable interaction or outcome from an interaction with any member from the Horowhenua District Council

Q2

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Palmerston North,

Why?:

Me and my partner work and have always had better job opportunities in Palmerston North and our children's parents live in Palmerston North - we have a 95% more interaction on a regular basis with Palmerston North businesses

Q3

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

Yes

Q4

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Palmerston North City Council,

Why?:

Palmerston North City Council are far more professional and proactive as a council. They have been helpful with our library memberships and any other dealings regarding our day to day living irrespective that we live outside their boundary.

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Waste Collection, Water Treatment, Community maintenance, School Support, Recycling

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**Q6**

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

**No,**  
**Why:**

Not in the slightest - HDC takes near on \$100 a fortnight from me for rates and not once have they advised me of any positive investment in our small community

**Q7**

What is your name?

Rachel Wilson

**Q8**

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

**Q9**

What is your email address?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

**Yes**

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

**Q11**

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[REDACTED]

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**Q1**

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

**Yes,**

Why?:

Because they have not provided and don't intend to provide anything in their 20 year plan for Tokomaru. They try to justify not spending anything on Tokomaru because they upgraded our water system. They have neglected us for far to long and only now are trying to do something.

**Q2**

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

**Palmerston North,**

Why?:

Because it is closer, better public facilities.

**Q3**

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

**Yes**

**Q4**

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

**Palmerston North City Council,**

Why?:

HDC has neglected us for a long time why not try a new council count get any worse

**Q5**

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Recycling

**Q6**

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

**No,**

Why:

Because we never use facilities in levin or shannon

**Q7**

What is your name?

Jesse & Rose Luckman

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**Q8**

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

**Q9**

What is your email address?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

No

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

**Q11**

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Q1

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

Yes,

Why?:

Because opiki and tokomaru are closer to palmerston north than levin.

Q2

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Horowhenua,

Why?:

I lived there for a few years.

Q3

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

Yes

Q4

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Palmerston North City Council,

Why?:

Because they're closer.

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

All services.

Q6

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

Yes

Q7

What is your name?

Carl

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**Q8**

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

**Q9**

What is your email address?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

No

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

**Q11**

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Q1

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

No,  
Why?:

The Opiki meeting I attended seemed to be one persons personal vendetta against the HDC ...and all about the rates which now seem to be presented as incorrect 3 times ? Initial paper publications of the boundary change was of grids.. and in no way clear.

Q2

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Horowhenua,  
Why?:

Mostly Horowhenua for business...Elderly parents who are 2 years away from retirement will purchase in Levin.

Q3

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

No,  
Why?:

DEFINITELY NOT. !!!.. We are the last property on Okuku Road South and the change will divide the farm of 51 years one half stays and one half goes. This area south of the Tokomaru stream on Okuku Road affect 3 properties 1 stays 1 goes and we get cut down the middle. The most common-sense approach will be to divide at the Tokomaru Stream North goes to PNCC and The South stays with HDCC.

Q4

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Horowhenua District Council,  
Why?:

Do the PNCC current rate payers get a vote to allow their boundary to change? thus stretching already insufficient resources provided by PNCC. ie water, sewerage, buses, rubbish, Health. We are not city business and are country based, by choice.

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Nothing will change for us no matter who it is.

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**Q6**

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

**No,**  
Why:  
not satisfied rural always the loser.

**Q7**

What is your name?

T Barrie

**Q8**

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

**Q9**

What is your email address?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

**No**

**Q11**

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**Respondent skipped this question**



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**Q1**

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

**Yes,**

Why?:

Cheaper rates and I think we will get better services from PNCC.

**Q2**

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

**Palmerston North,**

Why?:

We do all shopping etc in Palmerston North.

**Q3**

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

**Yes**

**Q4**

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

**Palmerston North City Council**

**Q5**

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Better recreational facilities, safer roads.

**Q6**

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

**No,**

Why:

They do bare minimum here in toko, and wonder why we go to Palmerston North more often than levin.

**Q7**

What is your name?

Logan broughton

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**Q8**

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

**Q9**

What is your email address?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

**No**

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

**Q11**

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Q1

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

Yes,

Why?:

It makes complete sense to correct the geographic anomaly.

Q2

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Palmerston North,

Why?:

I went to secondary school in Palmerston North and my 3 children will attend secondary school in Palmerston North. I use Palmerston North for all my, and my families healthcare needs. We use the recreational facilities in Palmerston North. Our farming company does all its business in Palmerston North.

Q3

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

Yes,

Why?:

That line is about where people north of it would come north to Palmerston North, and those south of it would probably go towards Horowhenua / Levin.

Q4

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Palmerston North City Council,

Why?:

Being a bigger council, they will be more efficient, with lower overheads.

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

The same ones as I already receive.

Q6

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

No,

Why:

Because I never go in that direction to get any use from them. Also, very little is spent on the roading in our area.

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**Q7**

What is your name?

Mark Anderson

**Q8**

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

**Q9**

What is your email address?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

No

**Q11**

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Q1

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

Yes,

Why?:

I very rarely go to Shannon or Levin; Palmerston North is more convenient. I support the general direction that PNCC is taking to develop as a smart, liveable city. I would like to be able to vote in the local elections for PN.

Q2

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Palmerston North,

Why?:

Palmerston North is where my daughter goes to daycare, where my clients' offices are, where my extended family lives, where we do our shopping, go to the doctor, the optometrist. It's where we go as a family each weekend, to use the library, go to the playgrounds, visit Te Manawa, Cloud 9, walk or ride the bridle track. I ride my bike from Tokomaru to Palmerston North and back regularly.

Q3

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

Yes

Q4

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Palmerston North City Council,

Why?:

Horowhenua DC provides very little value for money, as evidenced by the footpaths, poor road drainage, the boil notice for the water supply that lasted for many years. Looking to towns managed by PNCC, such as Ashhurst, it appears that money is being spent on infrastructure and services.

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Improved roading, specifically, safety improvements that make it possible to ride with my kids to school, and to and from PN in the future, e.g. sealing Korini Rd, widening the shoulder of Makerura Road between Williams and Tane Roads and Akers Road and Kendalls Line. Longer-term, a shared path connecting Tokomaru to Linton.

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**Q6**

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

No,  
Why:  
Refer Q4.

**Q7**

What is your name?

Chris Schraders

**Q8**

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

**Q9**

What is your email address?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

No

**Q11**

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BARRY MANDERSON

**Where you live:**



**Your email, residential or postal address:**



**Do you wish to speak at a Commission hearing:**

Yes

No

If yes, please provide a contact phone number:

**QUESTION 1: Do you support the requested boundary alteration?**

Yes

No

Why? COMMUNITY OF INTEREST

PALMERSTON NORTH IS WHERE I CONDUCT ALL OF MY BUSINESS AS IT IS MY CLOSEST CITY

**QUESTION 2: Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?**  Palmerston North  Horowhenua

Why? I DO ALL MY SHOPPING IN PALMERSTON NORTH

LEVIN IS TOO FAR AWAY.

QUESTION 3: Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?  Yes  No

Why? SHANNON HISTORICALLY BELONGS IN THE LEVIN AREA.

QUESTION 4: Which territorial local authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?  Horowhenua District Council  Palmerston North City Council

Why? IT IS CLOSER.

HOROWHENUA HAS NOT LOOKED AFTER OUR AREA AS WELL IN THE PAST AS IT SHOULD HAVE WITH THE REVENUE THAT HAS BEEN COLLECTED FROM HERE

QUESTION 5: What services do you want to receive from local government?

ROADING,  
RUBISH SERVICE

QUESTION 6: Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue that it gets from rates, fees and user charges?  Yes  No

Why? MORE MONEY NEEDS TO GO TO INFRASTRUCTURE

Please tell us about anything further you would like the Commission to consider in its decision on the requested boundary alteration.

AT THE TIME OF THE ORIGINAL AMALGAMATION THIS AREA SHOULD NOT HAVE JOINED HOROWHENUA. AS MOST PEOPLE TRAVEL AND WORK IN PALMERSTON NORTH



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**Your name:**

ROGER MIDDLEMISS

**Where you live:**



**Your email, residential or postal address:**



**Do you wish to speak at a Commission hearing:**

Yes  No

If yes, please provide a contact phone number:

**QUESTION 1: Do you support the requested boundary alteration?**  Yes  No

Why? All my social, business, medical etc connections are with PNth <sup>have</sup> been since I moved here in 1978

**QUESTION 2: Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?**  Palmerston North  Horowhenua

Why? As in Question 1

**QUESTION 3: Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?**  Yes  No

Why? No firm thoughts on this as I'm in Tokomaru  
Really a matter of those living closer to Shannon  
or Levin

**QUESTION 4: Which territorial local authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?**  Horowhenua District Council  Palmerston North City Council

Why? Bigger, better resourced & a little closer. Current  
boundary is only just down the road

**QUESTION 5: What services do you want to receive from local government?**

Current services adequate

**QUESTION 6: Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue that it gets from rates, fees and user charges?**  Yes  No

Why? As above in Questions 5

**Please tell us about anything further you would like the Commission to consider in its decision on the requested boundary alteration.**

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Q1

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

Yes,

Why?:

We do not use any amenities in Levin, we find the Horowhenua Council focus all their energies into building Levin and this is useless in terms of utilising the facilities. It also makes sense as our landline calls to Palmerston North don't cost but they do in the rest of the Horowhenua.

Q2

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Palmerston North

Q3

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

Yes

Q4

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Palmerston North City Council

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Recycling, better care of our reserves, a better infrastructure to support the growth of the area.

Better development opportunities for those wanting to build, the Horowhenua Council don't do enough to support the growth or the need for housing built by first home buyers.

Q6

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

No

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**Q7**

What is your name?

Amanda

**Q8**

Where do you live?

████

**Q9**

What is your email address?

████████████████████

**Q10**

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

No

**Q11**

If you wish to speak at a Commission hearing, please provide a contact phone number.

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**Q1**

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

**Yes,**

Why?:

I feel Tokamaru dont get much from the Horowhenua council. I do everything in Palmerston North.

**Q2**

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

**Palmerston North,**

Why?:

I work just out of Palmerston North. so I go to Palmerston North for everything that i need

**Q3**

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

**Yes**

**Q4**

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

**Palmerston North City Council**

**Q5**

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Rubbish collection, recycling,

**Q6**

**No**

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

**Q7**

What is your name?

Danny Dewes

Seeking your feedback on a request for Opiki and Tokomaru to become part of Palmerston North City

**Q8**

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

**Q9**

What is your email address?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

No

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

**Q11**

If you wish to speak at a Commission hearing, please provide a contact phone number.

N/A

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**Q1**

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

**Yes,**

Why?:

No one goes to Levin for groceries and the like, Palmerston North is where it's at.

**Q2**

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

**Palmerston North,**

Why?:

Palmerston North has more to offer than Levin/Shannon

**Q3**

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

**Yes**

**Q4**

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

**Palmerston North City Council,**

Why?:

Hopefully they can do more than the current council are doing which is bugger all

**Q5**

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Home postal service and a skate park for the kids

**Q6**

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

**No,**

Why:

They don't do shit in Tokomaru, in the last 12 years they have covered an open drain and laid down a lime footpath. A skatepark/pump track behind the hall would be great

**Q7**

What is your name?

Ben Parsons

**Q8**

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Q9**

What is your email address?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

No

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

**Q11**

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n/a



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**Q1**

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

**Yes,**

**Why?:**

More connection with this area.

**Q2**

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

**Palmerston North**

**Q3**

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

**Yes**

**Q4**

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

**Palmerston North City Council**

**Q5**

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Road maintenance and library

**Q6**

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

**No,**

**Why:**

Mismanagement of funds. Very poor road maintenance

**Q7**

What is your name?

Kristin

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**Q8**

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

**Q9**

What is your email address?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

No

**Q11**

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Q1

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

Yes,

Why?:

I prefer to see all the rates I pay put towards the facilities within the community/district in which we live, do business, recreation, education etc. It is said NZ has too many district councils. With the extension of the expressway, eventually to north of Levin, I believe the HDC should merge into a greater Kapiti regional council. The only benefit I will gain by the expressway is a quicker route on my occasional road trip to Wellington. HDC has huge issues coping with its population growth about Levin. Residents of Opiki and Tokomaru have very little connection with Levin. Our community of interest is Palmerston North. Being a PNCC ratepayer would give me the right to express opinions about PN affairs and the opportunity to vote at local body elections for candidates who I believe would be most suitable to lead the council in developing and improving the township and district within which I have spent my life. It is a 'user pays' society but in our case we pay Levin but use PN who don't receive a cent from me apart from some coins for the parking meter! The opening of the Opiki Bridge in 1969 (replacing the old toll bridge) brought Opiki and Tokomaru much closer to PN. Surprisingly, it has taken 70 years for locals to voice their opinions and make a choice to join their nearest town. It makes sense that we be connected to PN now as I have concerns that, if the Tokopiki application fails, this district could one day become part of a greater Kapiti-based council. We would be out on a limb and even less connected to that council than we are with the present HDC.

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**Q2**

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

**Palmerston North,**

**Why?:**

I visit Levin only about twice a year. I was born in PN and will end up in cemetery there. My family all educated in PN schools and university. We are members of clubs and organisations in PN and so are our friends. Our doctor, dentist, accountant, lawyer etc are all in PN. Far more local residents commute to work in PN than commute to Levin.

**Q3**

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

**Yes,**

**Why?:**

I see the shortest, simplest and most practical boundary being in the vicinity of Kara Road. A stream from the hills runs under the highway and railway by entrance to Otauru Rd. The stream, which has stopbanks, flows into Tokomaru River and on to Manawatu river. This eliminates any road being a boundary and greatly reduces instances of ratepayers having their property divided by two councils. Some ratepayers on Okuku Rd have properties on both sides of the road. Hence watercourses are more suitable boundaries.

**Q4**

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

**Palmerston North City Council,**

**Why?:**

Being close to PN means we already rely on PN for emergency services, other services, tradesmen, contractors etc. We are in PN rural delivery district. It is a tollcall to ring Shannon or Levin. PNCC councillors and staff would be more familiar with our district than Levin-based staff.

**Q5**

What services do you want to receive from local government?

The only service I receive is a recycle container at Opiki School and council support for the maintenance of community hall. I'm happy with that and, at present, don't wish for anything more.

**Q6**

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

**No,**

**Why:**

I pay \$23,000 in rates but don't get to see where it is spent apart from occasional maintenance of local side roads. If my rates went to PNCC at least when on my regular visits to PN, sometimes several times a week, I can see what council work is being done and can say to myself, "some of my rates are probably going towards this improvement". Because I rarely visit Shannon or Levin I don't see what work HDC is doing.

**Q7**

What is your name?

Clive Akers

**Q8**

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

**Q9**

What is your email address?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

Yes

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

**Q11**

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[REDACTED]



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**Q1** Yes

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

**Q2** Palmerston North

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

**Q3** Yes

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

**Q4** Palmerston North City Council

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

**Q5**  
What services do you want to receive from local government?

Library

**Q6** No,  
Why:  
Waste at all levels

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

**Q7**  
What is your name?

Stuart McPhail

**Q8**  
Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

**Q9**

What is your email address?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

No

**Q11**

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Q1

Yes

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

Q2

Palmerston North

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Q3

Yes

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

Q4

Palmerston North City Council

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

roading

Q6

No

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

Q7

What is your name?

Leyton Gledhill

Q8

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

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**Q9**

What is your email address?

██████████

**Q10**

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

No

**Q11**

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**Q1**

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

**Yes,**

**Why?:**

Kia ora, I totally agree with the rationale proposed and submitted by the Tokopiki Boundary Change Group and hopefully this will be beneficial for Tokomaru and Opiki residents. The current regional growth projects will have positive spillover effects on Tokomaru and Opiki. I hope these areas will be well connected and considered in the future growth plans. Ngā mihi.

**Q2**

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

**Palmerston North**

**Q3**

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

**Yes**

**Q4**

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

**Palmerston North City Council**

**Q5**

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Local government should have more control over rating valuations (RV) as this is one of the main factor for the current housing crises in Palmerston North. Just as an example to share is that there was 68% average rise in residential land values during 2018 revaluation exercise.

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/manawatu-standard/news/108381181/unprecedented-growth-in-palmerston-north-land-values>

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/manawatu-standard/news/103635007/revaluations-expected-to-bring-sharp-increases-in-palmerston-north-property-values>

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**Q6**

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

**No,**

**Why:**

Local government should have more control over rating valuations (RV) as this is one of the main factor for the current housing crises in Palmerston North. We know that Palmerston North City Council contracts Quotable Value (QV) for the valuation services and as exponential rise in property prices will leave a first home buyers out of the property market as the the average house price in Palmerston North is projected to hit \$1 million by 2022. Just as an example to share is that there was 68% average rise in residential land values during 2018 revaluation exercise. Following are few articles published in Stuff. <https://bit.ly/315vJ92> <https://bit.ly/3d0C8YO> <https://bit.ly/3sfyfpj> I hope that the property prices in Opiki and Tokomaru will not be highly impacted by this Boundary Reorganisation.

**Q7**

What is your name?

Arshad Javed

**Q8**

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

**Q9**

What is your email adress?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

**Yes**

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

**Q11**

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Q1

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

Yes,

Why?:

We are currently charged excessive rates from the HDC and living in Opiki receive effectively no services. Have no community of interest with Levin or the Horowhenua generally, we simply don't go there, Palmerston North is where we go.

Q2

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Palmerston North,

Why?:

Because our children go to school there, play sport there, all the services we use including doctors, dentists and the like are all there. All our business suppliers are based there and it is simply closer. Also our friends are all there as this has been our community for our whole lives. We make on average 10 trips to Palmerston North every week, whereas we would go to Levin once or twice a year.

Q3

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

Yes,

Why?:

There is a natural boundary in this area with the river, and most people I know who live in this particular head towards Palmerston North while many of those south of the proposed boundary seem to head to Levin. It seems a natural boundary.

Q4

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

Palmerston North City Council,

Why?:

Time has shown that the HDC is unable to do anything for us, I'm sure Palmerston North will be able to.

Q5

What services do you want to receive from local government?

I'm open to ideas, (we currently get very little) roading of a reasonable standard would be a good place to start, currently this is not the case.

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**Q6**

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

**No,**

**Why:**

Too much wastage, and money spent on things that aren't necessities.

**Q7**

What is your name?

Michael Moleta

**Q8**

Where do you live?

████

**Q9**

What is your email address?

████████████████████

**Q10**

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

**No**

**Q11**

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**Q1**

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

**Yes,**

Why?:

The majority of our business and needs are in Palmerston North. Our rates price compared to what we actually get done here in Tokomaru is not very good. We have poor street lighting, sub standard footpaths that are needing maintenance and open drains that are not maintained.

**Q2**

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

**Palmerston North,**

Why?:

I work in Palmerston North and my daughter attends Palmerston North girls high school. Palmerston North is closer and has more amenities that suit our needs such as hospital for our son and supermarkets and shopping

**Q3**

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

**Yes**

**Q4**

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

**Palmerston North City Council**

**Q5**

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Hospital, water, rubbish and recycling, better postal service, locals grounds (domain and reserve) maintained, library etc

**Q6**

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

**No,**

Why:

We very rarely have people out here to service our community. It seems all the funds go into the bigger towns (levin,foxton) and our small communities right on the outskirts are overlooked.

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**Q7**

What is your name?

Christopher Lister

**Q8**

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]

**Q9**

What is your email address?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

No

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

**Q11**

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Q1

Do you support the requested boundary alteration?

No,  
Why?:

Palmerston North is an urban town whereas the other regions are rural or semi rural. Urban areas have entirely different needs to that of rural areas. Also I have noticed that Horizons District Council have stated that Palmerston Norths water supply will more than likely be transferred into the hands of Horizons Regional Council. Palmerston North do a great job in looking after the water supply - we certainly dont want it being taken over by Horizons. Rates for Palmerston North Residents and businesses could go up if extra areas are included in its boundary. It must also be remembered that rural areas have quite a bit more land with Cattle or other farming animals grazing on it. That is not suitable for urban areas. As far as transport into Palmerston North is concerned, that can easily be done via arrangement with Horizons District council. Transport issues are with Horizons - Not Palmerston North City Council. Finally, Palmerston North City Council have more than enough on their plate to contend with including Nature Works, Road Works, Parks & Reserves, Central Library needing work done to fix it just to name a few tasks. Palmerston North City Council does not need to be burdened further with the addition of other areas. Thank you.

Q2

Do you feel more connected with Palmerston North or the Horowhenua, including Shannon and Levin?

Palmerston North,

Why?:

I have family living in Palmerston North. There are also a number of friends to see and activities I go to. The buses and taxi services cater to my needs. There is an airport at Palmerston North which enables me to fly on Domestic Routes. That gives me a break and enables me to see even more friends. Finally, I prefer Urban rather than Rural areas.

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**Q3**

Is the suggested southern boundary at Kingston Road, and part of Okuku Road, in the right place?

**No,**

**Why?:**

The type of area is Rural. Palmerston North is Urban. Furthermore, Palmerston North looks after Ashhurst and Linton. The Council does not need to be loaded with other areas.

**Q4**

Which territorial authority is best able to represent Opiki and Tokomaru residents and property owners?

**Horowhenua District Council,**

**Why?:**

Horowhenua District Council looks after mainly Rural areas, whereas Palmerston North is definitely an urban area. The needs of both these areas are as different as chalk is to cheese. Also the issue of rates being more expensive in Horowhenua is partly based on the amount of land and type of lifestyle in that area. An urban area has other expenses. It is unfair to charge ratepayers even more just to accommodate two different areas together.

**Q5**

What services do you want to receive from local government?

Great Water supply, Easy access to shops, Parks and Reserves, Weekly Rubbish collection, looking after our Rivers and streams.

**Q6**

Are you satisfied with how your council uses the revenue it gets from rates, fees and user charges?

**No,**

**Why:**

Palmerston North City Councils decision to have cycle lanes on main Roads is a waste of time and money. Very few people cycle and there are alternatives to using cars. Public Transport and walking are two of the best. Also accidents with cyclists on roads used in industrial areas are bound to happen.

**Q7**

What is your name?

Julie Griffiths

**Q8**

Where do you live?

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Q9**

What is your email address?

[REDACTED]

**Q10**

No

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Commission hearing?

**Q11**

Respondent skipped this question

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