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RANGITIKEI
DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Dear Bruce

Initial proposal for representation arrangements for the 2019 elections

The Rangitikei District Council appreciates the opportunity to comment on the initial proposal for representation arrangement for the 2019 elections.

This was discussed at the Council's Policy/Planning Committee on 10 May 2018. While acknowledging that Rangitikei and Manawātū each has a member in the current two member Manawātū-Rangitikei constituency, that is not a certainty for future elections. Because of this, we request consideration to splitting the constituency so each district has a single member (as is the case for Ruapehu and Tararua). That would ensure that the two distinct communities of interest are represented at the Council table.

We believe that this consideration justifies setting aside the +/-10% prescription in the Local Electoral Act.

I would like the opportunity to speak with your Council on this matter

Yours sincerely

Andy Watson
Mayor of Rangitikei

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