

# Representation Review 2024

PRELIMINARY FEEDBACK

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## COMMUNITY SURVEY

**Our Council is reviewing how our local communities are represented. This is called a Representation Review and it will come into effect for our October 2025 local body elections. We are keen to hear from our communities to understand how you feel about some key parts of Council's structure.**

At its 31 October 2023 meeting, our Council unanimously voted to establish one or more Māori Wards for the 2025 Local Elections. This is what has triggered the representation review process, to make sure our communities are fairly and effectively represented at Council. The review does not revisit the decision to establish Māori Wards.

This survey will help us to understand how our communities feel about key aspects of our current representation structure. Your feedback will help to inform our proposal, which will go out for formal consultation later this year. **The survey will be open until Sunday 31 March 2024. Everyone who completes the survey can go in the draw to win one of two \$100 Prezzy Cards (details at the end of the survey).**

Please return your completed survey to a Council office or District Library by Sunday March 31 2024. Visit **[tcdc.govt.nz/contact](https://tcdc.govt.nz/contact)**

If you have any questions, feel free to email **[repreview@tcdc.govt.nz](mailto:repreview@tcdc.govt.nz)**

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## Demographic questions

These questions are to make sure we're hearing from a representative range of people. Feel free to skip these if you would prefer.

### Question 1

**Are you a resident, or a non-resident ratepayer?**

- Resident
- Non-resident ratepayer
- I'd rather not say
- Other (please specify)

### Question 2

**Which ward do you live in or own property in?**

- Coromandel-Colville Ward
- Mercury Bay Ward
- Thames Ward
- South Eastern Ward
- I'd rather not say
- Other (please specify)

### Question 3

**Which age group are you in?**

- Under 15
- 15-24
- 25-34
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65-74
- 75+
- I'd rather not say

## Our Council

### Question 4

**Do you think the name of our Council (Thames-Coromandel District Council) accurately reflects the district?**

- Yes
- No
- I'm not sure

**Why did you choose this answer?**

### Question 5

**Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: “I feel I’m well-represented with the current representation arrangements (e.g. wards, number of councillors, etc)”?**

- I agree
- I somewhat agree
- Neutral
- I somewhat disagree
- I disagree
- I’m not sure

**Why did you choose this answer?**

### Elected Members

#### Question 6

**Do you think we should have more, fewer, or the same amount of elected members, to ensure fair and effective representation?**

- We should have more
- We should keep it the same
- We should have less
- I’m not sure

**Why did you choose this answer?**

#### Question 7

**How do you think our Councillors should be elected?**

- Councillors elected from wards
- Councillors elected from a mixture of wards and ‘at large’
- I’m not sure

**Why did you choose this answer?**

## Wards

### Question 8

**Do the current wards boundaries and names make sense to you?**

- Yes
- No
- I'm not sure

**Please explain why you chose this answer and any changes you would like to see?**

### Question 9

**Do you have any suggested names for our Māori Ward(s)?**

## Community Boards

### Question 10

**Do the current community board areas, boundaries, and names make sense to you?**

- Yes
- No
- I'm not sure

**Please explain why you chose this answer and any changes you would like to see?**

### Question 11

Are there any other 'communities of interest' that Council should be considering?

### Question 12

Do you have any other comments or feedback that you would like considered as part of the review?

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