



**Decide Together
Thrive Together**
**VOTE to keep
Māori Wards**

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No matter who we are or where we come from, most of us want a future where people and the environment are well cared for.

But some people and groups are trying to divide us, and divert us from these concerns that matter to so many of us. At times, this division has meant our councils are not able to make the best decisions for our long term-decisions that put **care for people and our environment first**.

Māori Wards have been a positive solution. By bringing in Māori culture, knowledge and ways of life, councils have become a better reflection of our communities and our shared concerns. Māori Ward councillors have helped harness our collective strength by weaving our communities together so our councils can make better, long-term decisions that benefit all of us and the places we love.

Māori Wards (or constituencies) are seats on local councils that represent Māori who otherwise might not have a voice in local decisions. They are voted on by people enrolled on the Māori electorate roll and are committed to serving the entire community.

This October, you might be asked to vote on whether to keep your Māori Ward in the local body election. If you're enrolled, you will receive your voting papers in the mail. If you're not enrolled, contact your local council to find out how to cast a special vote.

Vote to keep Māori Wards! Because when we decide together as a community, we thrive together.

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