

Title	Proposed Māori Electorates 2020
Description	<p>These boundaries comprise the proposed seven Māori electorates released by the Representation Commission in November 2019 for public consultation. Public objections to the proposed electorate boundaries can be made between 20 November and 20 December 2019. Following release of the objections, counter-objections can be made between 10 and 24 January 2020. Following consideration of objections and counter-objections, the boundaries for the 2020 and 2023 general elections will be fixed by the Representation Commission in April 2020. The Representation Commission is convened by the Surveyor-General, its role is to re-draw electorate boundaries to make sure each electorate has about the same number of people. The Māori electoral population, number of Māori electorates and electoral quota are calculated using formula specified in the Electoral Act 1993. When setting the boundaries, the Representation Commission also considers existing boundaries, communities of interest (including iwi affiliations), the infrastructure that links communities (such as main roads), topographical features, and any projected variation in the population of those electorates during their existence. Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) and Stats NZ are the data custodians. Data is provided with tohutō/macrons (UTF-8 format). To support users with the compatibility of the data and the applications they might be using, additional fields are also provided in ASCII format. Meshblocks, which aggregate to form electorates, are updated annually by Stats NZ. Since the 2013/14 boundary review, a number of meshblock boundaries that coincide with electorate boundaries have been adjusted to a better position i.e. to follow the correct line of a river or road. These minor adjustments do not affect any populations. The adjustments are visible in a small number of land and coastal areas where the current and proposed boundaries do not exactly align. The Representation Commission will be asked to approve these minor adjustments when they fix the boundaries in 2020.</p>
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