



**I give notice that
an Extraordinary Meeting of Council will be held on:**

Date:	Tuesday, 30 June 2026
Time:	10.30am
Location:	Council Chamber Level 1, 67 Horomātangi Street Taupō

AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

Chairperson Mayor John Funnell

Deputy Chairperson Cr Kevin Taylor

Members

- Cr Rachel Cameron
- Cr Duncan Campbell
- Cr Nicola de Lautour
- Cr Ngāhuia Foreman
- Cr Sandra Greenslade
- Cr Kylie Leonard
- Cr Steve Manunui
- Cr Wahine Murch
- Cr Christine Rankin
- Cr Yvonne Westerman
- Cr Hope Woodward

Quorum 7

**Julie Gardyne
Chief Executive**

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Karakia Timatanga – opening prayer gifted by Iraia Bailey of Ngāti Tūwharetoa to Taupō District Council

Tuia ki te mauri o te whenua	Connect to the life essence of the land
Tuia ki te mana o te tangata	Connect and respect to all
Tuia ki te pono, te aroha	Be honest and compassionate
Kia piki, kia eke	(As we seek) to improve, to exceed
Ki te taumata	Expectations
Hui e, Tāiki e	To aim/reach for the summit
	(As we) come together

Karakia Whakamutunga – closing prayer gifted by Iraia Bailey of Ngāti Tūwharetoa to Taupō District Council

Unuhia te rito o tēnei hui	Remove any angst/stress that may have arisen during this gathering
Kia wātea i runga	To be free of anything that impacts your wellbeing
Kia wātea i raro	
Aro ki te tika	That we will act with integrity
Aro ki te pae	As we pursue our goals
Hui e, Tāiki e!	(As we) come together

Order Of Business

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4.1 HEAD START PROPOSAL OPTIONS AND PRIORITIES

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TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE

This report seeks direction from elected members on the options that they want officers to assess further in relation to the Government reform called the Head Start process. It also seeks confirmation of the priorities that should be used to help guide that assessment process.

To support those decisions, this report also provides a copy of the feedback received from community engagement undertaken during June on the Head Start proposal, and feedback received so far from engagement with our iwi partners.

Officers expect to report back to elected members on 21 July 2026 at which point decisions will be sought on whether Council should submit a Head Start proposal and if so, which option should be supported.

WHAKARĀPOPOTOTANGA MATUA | EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Government has signalled that it intends on simplifying local government, moving to a smaller number of councils consolidated into unitary authorities (delivering both regional council and territorial authority functions). They intend to enable a first round of amalgamations via a Head Start process and then remaining councils would be amalgamated through a later backstop process by 2031.

Submitting a Head Start proposal by 9 August 2026 provides an opportunity for Taupō District Council to choose which councils to amalgamate with, rather than being directed into a new model which would be determined by Government. The assumption is that Taupō District Council will not be able to remain as an independent territorial authority beyond 2031.

To be able to prepare a proposal we need to identify practicable options for further investigation. We will use the Government's five criteria as well as a set of priorities for the Taupō district to assess the options. Together they will help us understand whether different options will deliver a better outcome for us.

Further information about Government's reform is available at <https://www.dia.govt.nz/simplifying-local-government>, and on Taupō District Council's website at <https://www.Taupōdc.govt.nz/council/local-government-reform>

NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)

That Council:

1. Directs officers to assess the following options (with no preference):
 - a. A single unitary authority including all of the councils in the Waikato region.
 - b. A central North Island unitary authority that could include various combinations of Ruapehu, Waitomo, Otorohanga, South Waikato and Taupō district councils.
 - c. A cross-boundary unitary authority that could include various combinations of Rotorua Lakes, Ruapehu, South Waikato and Taupō district councils.
 - d. Don't submit a Head Start proposal, remain as Taupō District Council and prepare for a potential Backstop process.
2. Notes that Taupō District Council has been named in various options also being investigated by other councils in the Waikato and Bay of Plenty and that we may need to respond to those as part of the assessment process.
3. Directs officers to use the following priorities alongside the Government's criteria when assessing the options:
 - a. Decisions on important local issues are made locally.
 - b. We have a strong voice on the significant decisions made by a unitary authority.
 - c. Community infrastructure continues to meet our needs and is delivered when we need it.
 - d. Local services continue to be delivered in a timely manner.
 - e. The key drivers of our economy are supported.
 - f. The Vision and Strategy for the Waikato River continues to be delivered.
 - g. Existing Treaty based settlement agreements, arrangements and obligations are upheld.
 - h. Our urban growth priorities are met so we are not held back.
 - i. Our environment is protected, particularly the integrated management of the Waikato River, Lake Taupō and its tributaries.
 - j. We consider the potential liabilities associated with new or amplified natural hazard risks such as tsunami, sea level rise, coastal erosion and inundation.
 - k. Any new unitary authority should be financially resilient over the long term and ensure financial impacts on the Taupō community are mitigated.

TE WHAKAMAHUKI | BACKGROUND

Council has received several briefings and held a public workshop on 9 June 2026 to discuss the Head Start process. That workshop included a presentation from the Department of Internal Affairs on the Head Start process.

The Government announced the Head Start process in May 2026, providing a voluntary process for councils to amalgamate. The Government is looking to move from the current two tiers of territorial authorities and regional councils to a single layer of local government comprised of unitary authorities (a combination of territorial authority and regional council functions). The Head Start process is aimed at councils who have been discussing amalgamation for some time and are reasonably well advanced in terms of potential new arrangements. New unitary authorities are expected to be in place by the local body elections at the end of 2028.

Although the Head Start process is voluntary the Government has signalled that all territorial authorities will eventually be restructured into a series of unitary authorities. That alternative process has been called

Backstop, and its design is expected to pick up on the learnings from the Head Start process. New unitary authorities resulting from Backstop are anticipated to be in place by the 2031 local body elections.

At this point there is no legislative basis for either Head Start or Backstop processes. The current Government intends to introduce legislation in 2027 to enable these processes. There is the potential that the legislative change is impacted by changes in the make-up of the Government at the election in November 2026 or subsequent changes in Government priorities.

Councils across the country are investigating amalgamation options, trying to understand the impacts for their communities and positioning themselves to submit Head Start proposals with favoured partners. Submitting a Head Start proposal by the 9 August deadline provides an opportunity for councils to control who they amalgamate with. The alternative is wait for the Government to restructure local government, with uncertainty around the process, timing, and which councils might be amalgamated together.

Head Start proposals must be submitted by groups of territorial authorities, not individual councils. In addition, proposals must be supported by a majority of the territorial authorities in a directly affected area or representing a majority of the population. Proposals can cover all or part of a region and can include territorial authorities from neighbouring regions. Where there are large complex regions like the Waikato there is the opportunity to propose two or three subregional unitary authorities.

Proposals will be reviewed by the new Ministry of Cities, Environment, Regions and Transport before Cabinet makes decisions in September on which ones will proceed.

NGĀ KŌRERORERO | DISCUSSION

Taupō has been identified as a potential partner by other councils

At the time of writing the Taupō District Council had been identified by a number of other councils in various potential arrangements including:

- The whole of the Waikato region
- A unitary authority based on the councils who are shareholders in Waikato Waters
- A combination with South Waikato District Council and Rotorua Lakes Council
- A combination with South Waikato, Matamata-Piako, Hauraki and Thames Coromandel District Councils
- A unitary authority with Rotorua Lakes Council as one of three unitary authorities across the Bay of Plenty Region.

There is the potential that new combinations or options emerge as the assessment process progresses. We may need to remain flexible to respond to them as they emerge.

There are four proposed options to investigate

Because of Taupō district's positioning in four different regions there is a substantial number of possible variations when it comes to amalgamating with other councils. Council will need to narrow the number of options for deeper assessment, including working with other councils, and be clear about what the priorities are. The proposed options for further assessment are:

- A. A single unitary authority including all of the councils in the Waikato region.
- B. A central North Island unitary authority including Ruapehu, Waitomo, Otorohanga, South Waikato and Taupō district councils or various combinations of those councils.
- C. A cross-boundary unitary authority that could include various combinations of Rotorua Lakes, Ruapehu, South Waikato and Taupō district councils or various combinations of those councils.
- D. Don't submit a Head Start proposal, remain as Taupō District Council and prepare for a potential Backstop process.

Maps showing the location of councils in each of the options are included as Attachment 1.

These options represent a range of unitary authorities of varying sizes, cover options in three different regions and present the opportunity to explore amalgamation with neighbouring councils. Assessing them will give Council a good idea of the advantages and disadvantages of a wide range of potential combinations that can be subsequently altered.

Agreeing to assess these options does not commit Council to a particular outcome at this point. There is also the potential for new options to be introduced later in the process, however the ability to assess them diminishes as we get closer to the 21 July Council meeting.

Between the preparation of this report and the Council meeting on 30 June there are a series of discussions planned at a governance level between Taupō district and most of the potential council amalgamation partners. Those discussions may alter the feasibility of the proposed options. We will also continue to monitor the decision-making by other councils. It is possible that their decisions make some of our potential options no longer feasible.

Our proposed priorities

The Government has set out five criteria that it will use to assess Head Start proposals meet their desired outcomes:

1. **Deliverability:** Proposals are realistic and demonstrate how new arrangements can be implemented in a timely manner.
2. **Supports the new planning system:** Shows clear support for implementing the new planning system – including progress on spatial and natural environment plan development – and avoids or minimises disruption to that work.
3. **Simplifies local governance:** Proposes more efficient regional governance arrangements, consolidating decision-making and improving alignment between a region's councils.
4. **Economies of scale:** Supports regional strategic planning and effective delivery of key regional functions (such as transport and catchment management), and demonstrates responsible and affordable asset management, infrastructure investment and service delivery.
5. **Maintains local voice:** Demonstrates fair and effective representation for communities of interest and how decisions will be made at the local level balancing urban and rural interests.

Further information on how those criteria are expected to be applied can be found on the Department of Internal Affairs website <https://www.dia.govt.nz/simplifying-local-government> (Guidance for Head Start outline proposals).

We will use those criteria to assess the four options we have identified, however on their own they do not reflect the priorities for our community. We also propose to assess the ability of the options to achieve the following set of priorities:

- a. Decisions on important local issues are made locally.
- b. We have a strong voice on the significant decisions made by a unitary authority.
- c. Community infrastructure continues to meet our needs and is delivered when we need it.
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As we work through the assessment of different options and discussions with other councils about their priorities we expect there may need to be some trade-offs between these priorities.

Confirming this set of priorities now will help guide officers in terms of information and work with other councils, however that doesn't preclude Council from considering other matters when making future decisions.

Financial analysis

Feedback from the community engagement over June (see Attachment 2 for a summary), has highlighted the importance of understanding the financial implications of different amalgamation options.

High-level financial modelling has been completed to support options analysis and discussions/negotiations with other councils. As part of that modelling, we have looked at a wide range of council groupings to consider various financial indicators, potential transition costs, and likely efficiencies.

While this is a strategic screening tool only, it will help inform initial analysis and allow Council to consider the financial aspects of each option. Negotiations about the management of financial impacts are likely to be a key and complex part of any potential proposal to ensure Council gets the best outcome for the community.

Assuming that other councils are willing to work with us, we intend to assess a more detailed range of financial information to understand the relative financial health of different councils. For example, cross subsidisation and/or community ringfencing, upcoming or committed significant expenditure, asset-condition differences, or district-specific splits of regional council function.

We are also seeking specialist advice on how we could protect existing Taupō financial assets for the Taupō community.

NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA | OPTIONS

We have considered the options being investigated by other councils along with the Government's objectives. That has helped inform the selection of the four options proposed for further assessment. Council has the opportunity at this point in the process to identify other options that should be further assessed.

We have also identified a set of priorities for the Taupō district that we propose to use alongside the Government's own criteria. The Taupō priorities have been informed by feedback from the community and initial discussions with iwi partners. Council can amend that list of priorities at this time, recognising that as the assessment process evolves there may be the need to add other priorities. The Head Start process is constantly evolving as different councils better understand options, their implications and shift positions. That means we need to stay flexible.

NGĀ HĪRAUNGA | CONSIDERATIONS

Ngā Aronga Pūtea | Financial Considerations

The assessment of the four identified options is expected to be done by council officers without the need for further budget approval.

Ngā Aronga Ture | Legal Considerations

There is no legislative support for the Head Start process, it simply reflects the Government's current policy position. They have signalled an intent to introduce legislation in 2027 to enable the successful Head Start proposals to be implemented ahead of the 2028 local body elections.

Further legislation would also be required to enable the proposed Backstop process. There is a suggestion that could also be introduced in 2027 to ensure that new unitary authorities are in place by the 2031 local body elections.

Ngā Hīraunga Kaupapa Here | Policy Implications

At this point in the process there are no direct policy implications for Council given that direction is simply being sought on how to proceed with further assessment. However, longer term the Head Start process has the potential to significantly impact the operations or future existence of Taupō District Council.

The timing of the Head Start process has already impacted the development of the next iteration of the Long-term Plan. Council will need to be mindful that the Long-term Plan still needs to be adopted in June 2027. There is a substantial amount of work to be completed by officers and elected members to achieve that deadline, and ongoing work on the Head Start process will potentially make that challenging.

Te Kōrero tahi ki te Māori | Māori Engagement

Taupō District Council is committed to meeting its statutory obligations including in relation to Te Tiriti o Waitangi/Treaty of Waitangi principles, consideration of Māori interests and meaningful engagement with Māori. In meeting its statutory obligations, Council is committed to acting reasonably and in good faith and consistently with a partnership-based approach. Te Tiriti/Treaty principles include but are not limited to active protection of Māori interests, informed decision-making and enabling effective Māori participation in Council processes.

Council officers have begun an ongoing process of engagement with iwi authorities (both individually with respective iwi authorities and also collective iwi hui). This has been focused on building an understanding of the Council and Government processes along with an understanding of what might be important to iwi authorities. Initial discussions have highlighted the importance of:

- Upholding existing Treaty based settlement agreements, arrangements and obligations. Council has joint management agreements with a number of iwi authorities in relation to achieving the Vision and Strategy for the Waikato River. There are also specific obligations in relation to the health and wellbeing of Lake Taupō.
- Protecting the environment and particularly the health and wellbeing of waterways including Lake Taupō and the Waikato River, recognising the intrinsic link between them. Central to this is the integrated decision-making that underpins good catchment management.
- Iwi representation as part of the design of governance and decision-making structures for new unitary authorities. Iwi have also advocated for representation in any decision-making structure.

These views have helped to shape the proposed priorities. A further iwi collective hui is planned for 29 June and there may be the opportunity to provide additional verbal updates on any outcomes from that hui at this Council meeting.

Ngā Tūraru | Risks

There is a risk that Taupo district is named as part of an alternative amalgamation proposal by other councils. That could drive the need for further analysis and negotiation with those councils. It is possible that such an alternative proposal is submitted to Government despite a lack of support from Taupo District Council. That risk is being mitigated through active communications with other councils, however it cannot be completely avoided.

There are risks around community and our iwi partners not fully understanding or supporting this process. Because of the Government's deadline of 9 August and the ambiguity in their process, there is a significant amount of work for Council to do in a very short space of time. This has severely curtailed Council's ability to actively engage with the community and iwi partners, build understanding of the process, its purpose, which options are available and how they might impact the community and iwi. We are trying to mitigate this through our early engagement and ongoing communications, however there may still be challenges for the community and iwi to actively influence the decision-making process. We may also be able to partially mitigate this by making any Head Start proposal conditional on undertaking further engagement on the preferred option ahead of submitting a final proposal in March 2027.

There is a risk that some of our options cease to be feasible. To successfully submit a proposal we require willing partners who share similar views, however individual councils are looking at their own needs and opportunities. We may end up without willing partners to work with. In that situation we would not be able to lodge a proposal, however we could still advocate to Government for what we believe the right outcomes should be through any future Backstop process.

There is a risk that Council must make a decision without all of the desired information. The Head Start process is moving at a high pace with a close deadline. Realistically there will be limits to the amount of analysis that can be completed. That is also influenced by the willingness of other councils to share information with us. Council may need to base future decision-making on the best available information at the time. Officers will try and mitigate this risk by providing draft versions of the assessment to elected members as the process evolves. That will enable elected members to signal any concerning information gaps as soon as possible.

There remains a risk that the Head Start and Backstop processes do not eventuate because of a change in the make-up of the Government or changes in the Government priorities.

TE HIRANGA O TE WHAKATAU, TE TONO RĀNEI | SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DECISION OR PROPOSAL

Council's Significance and Engagement Policy identifies matters to be taken into account when assessing the degree of significance of proposals and decisions.

Officers have undertaken an assessment of the matters in the [Significance and Engagement Policy \(2022\)](#), and are of the opinion that the proposal under consideration is significant. This matter is of high public interest and impacts all the community.

We are still in the process of collecting information and understanding the options. When elected members come to make decisions on 21 July, they will need to consider the decision-making requirements in Part 6 of the Local Government Act 2002.

There is an inherent tension in the Head Start process between the Government's objectives and Council's decision-making obligations under the Local Government Act 2002. The Government is looking to move fast with this first round of amalgamations, however this severely inhibits Council's ability to actively engage with the community on this matter. If the Government confirms that Council is successful with an initial proposal in September, there will be an opportunity for further engagement before making a decision on whether to submit a final proposal in March 2027.

In recognition of the significance of this matter, we propose to take an integrated approach to decision-making. There are multiple and interdependent workstreams including financial analysis, weighing up local priorities, iwi priorities and direction from community engagement. Helping support that analytical work are ongoing discussions with neighbouring councils, coordination at mayoral forum and chief executive forum levels, and support from the Department of Internal Affairs officials.

TE KŌRERO TAHI | ENGAGEMENT

Council undertook engagement with the community over the first half of June with:

- Six in-person engagement events across the district.
- Communications via newspaper, radio and digital advertising.
- A survey that had 1113 responses.

All of the survey responses have been provided to elected members in advance of this meeting, and a summary of the responses is included as Attachment 2.

The following key themes have been identified:

- There is confusion from many in the community about what the rationale is for amalgamation and the speed at which it is being driven by the Government.
- People are protective of Taupō district's identity, assets and autonomy.
- While there is some support for the concept of reform many are sceptical about whether amalgamation will deliver lower costs, better services or improved accountability. People want to see clear evidence that benefits will be achieved.
- There is an expectation that Taupō District Council should protect local decision-making, key assets, our strong financial position, the environment, things that are important to our identity, and community relationships.

TE WHAKAWHITI KŌRERO PĀPAHO | COMMUNICATION/MEDIA

A media release will be issued after this meeting providing a response to the community on the survey results received, decisions made and what the next steps are in our process working towards a Head Start proposal.

WHAKAKAPINGA | CONCLUSION

The Government is driving the Head Start process with a view to amalgamating councils into unitary authorities and simplifying local government. Government's deadline is 9 August 2026 for councils to lodge

outline proposals for consideration by officials. Cabinet is expected to make decisions on the proposals in September 2026.

All the councils surrounding Taupō district are investigating potential amalgamation options and positioning themselves to determine what is important for the future of their communities, rather than necessarily wait for Government to determine what reform may look like. This report seeks Council's support to investigate four potential options, recognising that there may be different variations within those options as individual councils start to confirm their positions.

Undertaking the assessment work will place Council in the best position to make decisions planned for 21 July 2026.

To help officers work through the assessment of the options we have identified a set of priorities that are proposed to be used alongside the Government's own criteria for success.

Approving the list of options for assessment and the proposed criteria does not preclude Council from considering other options at the 21 July meeting, nor does it prevent Council from considering other matters that might impact their decision-making. Following the Backstop process will remain an option for Council, but given Government's decisions, that does not necessarily mean that the status quo will remain after 2031.

NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS

1. Maps of options [↓](#)
2. Community Survey Summary - June 2026 [↓](#)

Attachment 1

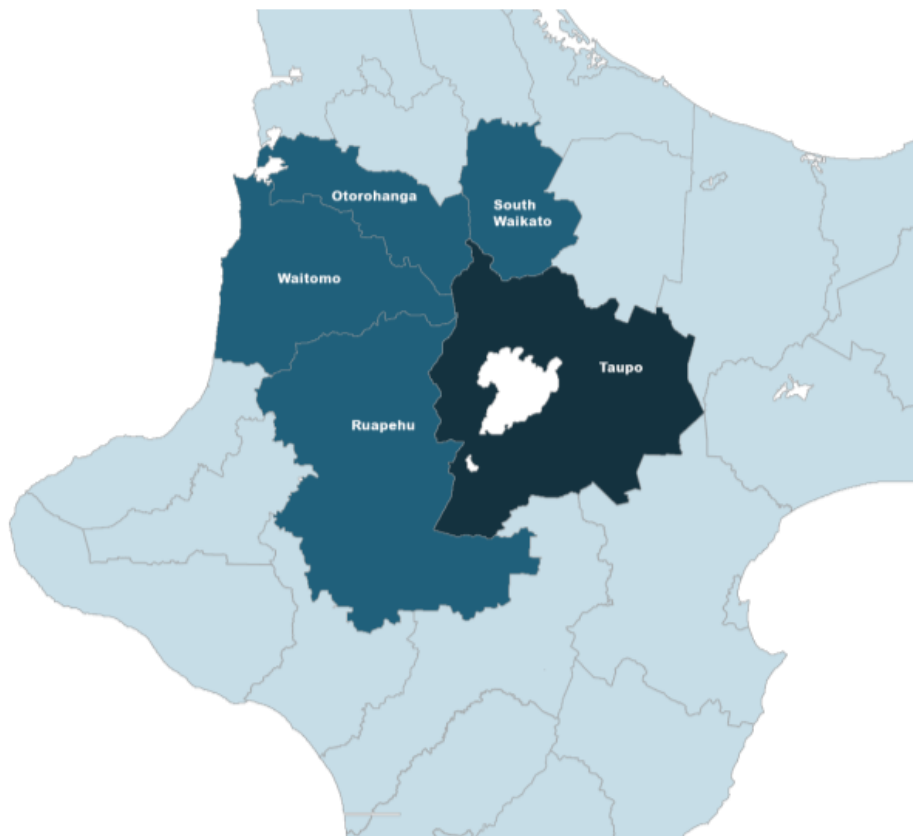
Option A

A single unitary authority including all of the councils in the Waikato region



Option B

A central North Island unitary authority including Ruapehu, Waitomo, Otorohanga, South Waikato and Taupo district councils.



Option C

A cross-boundary unitary authority that could include various combinations of Rotorua Lakes, Ruapehu, South Waikato and Taupo district councils.





Local Government Reform

Community Survey Summary

June 2026



Overview of communications and engagement

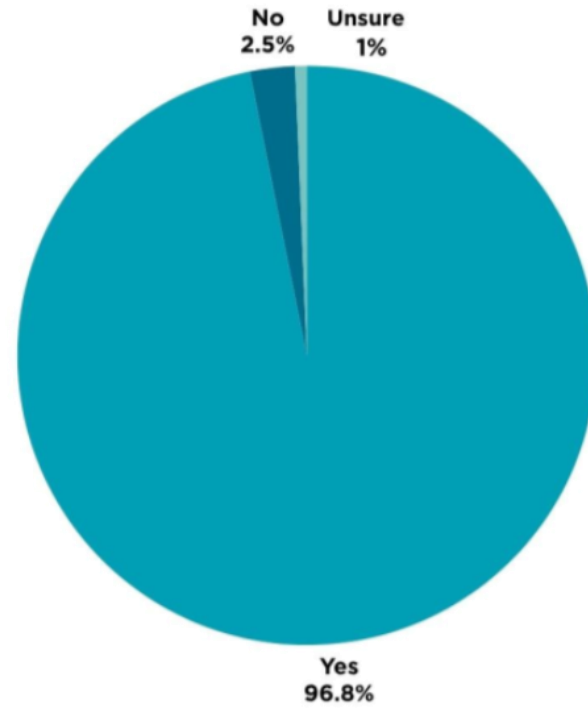
- TDC Engagement Team delivered six in-person engagement events across the district with an estimated 96 people attending
- Communications: newspaper, radio and digital advertising of the survey.
- Website: Over 3000 page views making it the most-visited page on the TDC website for the month to date, with 1763 click throughs to the survey.
- Social media: Eight Facebook posts with a total of 59,842 views, 630 interactions and 253 click throughs to the survey.
- Survey submissions: 1113 in total including 56 hard copy and 1057 online.

Feedback themes

- Community is confused about the ‘why’ – what the rationale and purpose is for amalgamation and the speed at which it’s being done.
- The mood is cautious, concerned and protective of Taupō District’s local identity, assets and decision-making authority.
- Some responses support reform in principle, mainly for potential efficiencies, reduced duplication and stronger regional capability. But many are sceptical that amalgamation will deliver lower costs, better services or improved accountability.
- A recurring message is that TDC should not be rushed into any arrangement without clear evidence of benefit and should actively advocate for its district’s interests rather than accept a govt outcome.
- Expectation that TDC should protect local voice, assets, finances, environment, identity and community relationships.

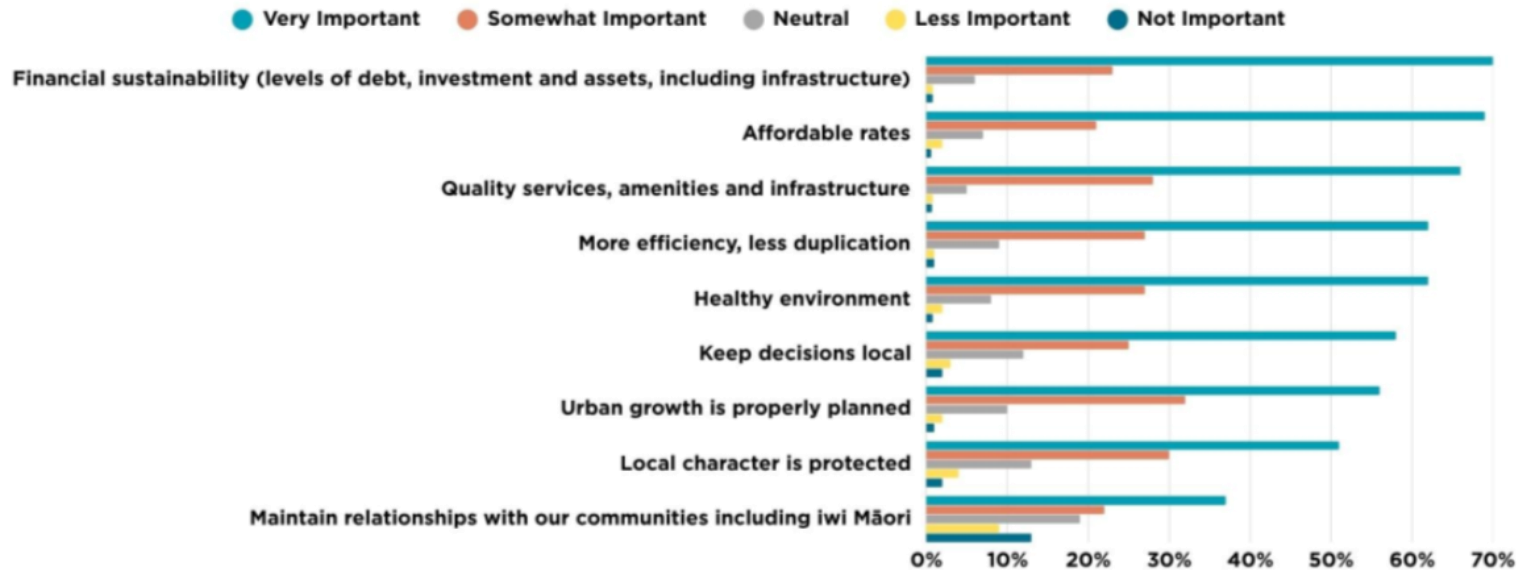
Q001 -

Had you heard that Central Government wants to reduce the number of councils in NZ and is wanting councils to merge together?



Q002 -

What priorities do you want TDC to consider when assessing which other councils it might want to merge with?

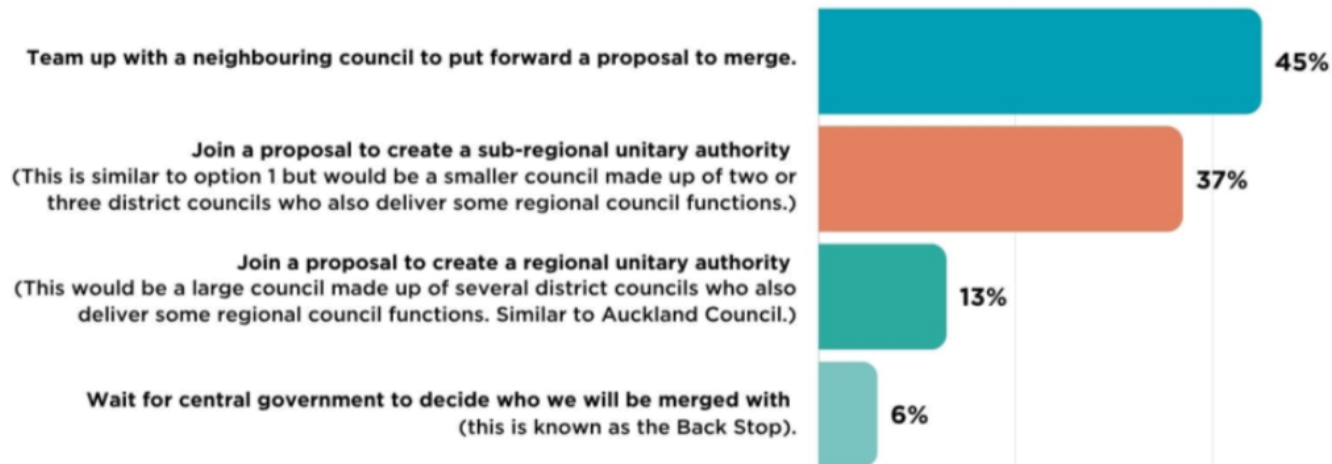


Question 2 commentary

- Little variance between priorities with the top eight all scoring highly as ‘most important’ or ‘somewhat important’.
- Financial sustainability and debt protection: Any potential partner to be assessed carefully, with concern that TDC ratepayers could end up subsidising other councils with higher debt or poorer infrastructure. Repeated concern that TDC’s assets and investments such as the TEL fund should be ring-fenced and used for Taupō District benefit.
- Affordable rates and value for money: Comments emphasise keeping rates affordable, reducing waste, improving accountability, focusing on core services, and avoiding spending without clear benefits.
- Quality infrastructure and core services: Maintaining a strong focus on water, wastewater, roading, rubbish, parks, transport, emergency management, and community facilities.
- Protect local identity and character: any future structure should protect Taupō District’s unique local character, lifestyle, amenity, and tourism reputation.

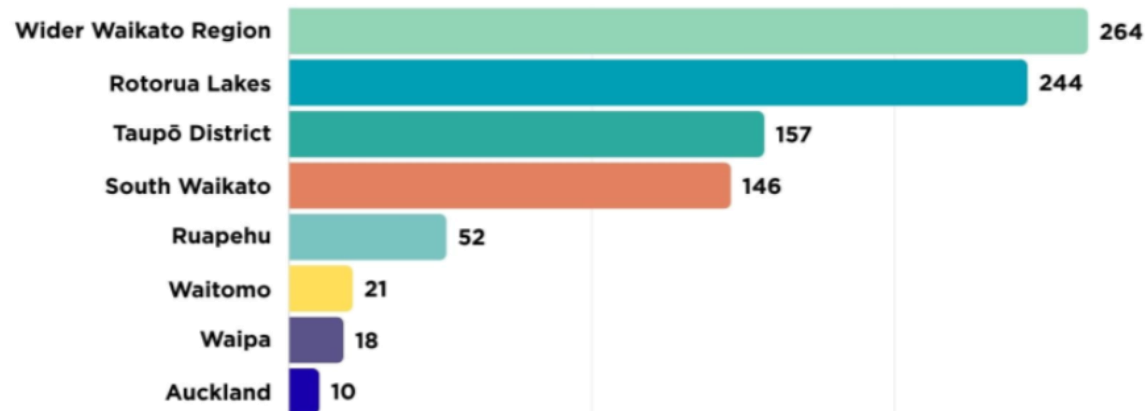
Q003 -

The Government says we will have to work with at least one other council to submit a proposal, otherwise it will be decided for us.
Do you have a preferred scenario?



Q004 -

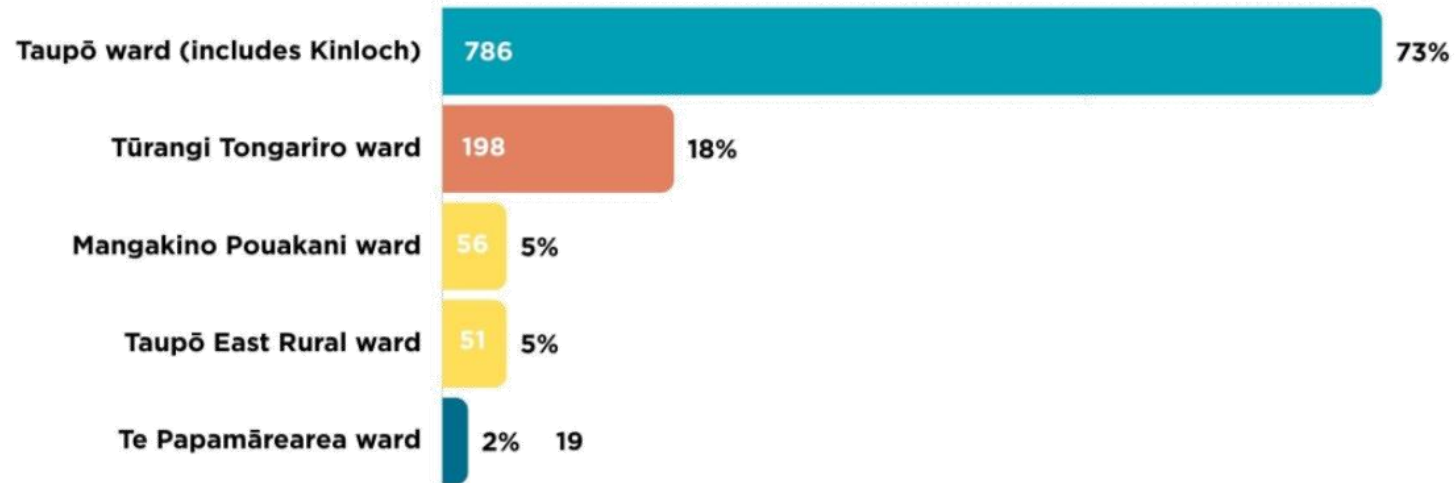
Do you have a particular preference for which council/s we should work with?



- In the comments, staying within Waikato region is mentioned often. Feedback also includes South Waikato as the major preference, with Rotorua coming in second.
- There is a strong preference for Taupō District to remain as status quo and not merge.

Q005 -

Which part of the district do you belong to?



The question allowed up to 2 choices. It is calculated by dividing the count of responses for an option by the total number of people that completed the question, then converting to a %. Note the total may not equal 100% due to rounding to the nearest whole number. For multi-answer questions, the total percentage will be higher than 100%.