

Proposal to use Single Transferable Vote for Ruapehu elections



Notice is given under Section 28(1) and (2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001 (the Act), that:

1. At its meeting on 30 August 2017, Ruapehu District Council resolved "that the Single Transferable Vote system be used for the 2019 and 2022 elections". This resolution is effective for the triennial general elections of Ruapehu District Council, National Park Community Board and Waimarino Waiouru Community Board. This is a change from the previously used First Past the Post (FPP) electoral system.
2. Electors of the Ruapehu District Council have the right, under section 29 of the Act, to demand a poll at any time to countermand the resolution to use the Single Transferable Vote (STV) system.
3. Unless a poll determines otherwise, the STV electoral system will be used.
4. If a valid demand for a poll is received by 21 February 2018, a poll of electors will be held by 21 May 2018 on whether the FPP voting system or STV voting system will be used for the next two triennial elections (2019 and 2022) of Ruapehu District Council.
5. If a valid demand for a poll is received after 21 February 2018, a poll will be held after 21 May 2018 with the outcome applicable for the 2022 and 2025 triennial general elections.

Under section 30 of the Act a valid demand for a poll must be:

- Made in writing;
- Signed by at least 5 percent of eligible electors of the Ruapehu District Council (this will require a minimum of 635 elector signatures);
- Delivered to the office of the Ruapehu District Council, 59-63 Huia Street Taumarunui by 5pm, 21 February 2018.

Every elector who signs a demand must also set out in it his or her full name and the address for which he or she is qualified as an elector of the Ruapehu District Council.

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