



Kapiti Coast Chamber of Commerce  
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Greater Wellington Regional Council.  
Wellington.

Dear Sir/ Madam.

Kapiti representation on the Regional Council.

The Kapiti Coast Chamber of Commerce has 165 members and represents business interests from Paekakariki to Otaki.

The Kapiti Coast is still one of the major growth areas in NZ .

The Chamber is against the proposal to merge the Porirua and Kapiti areas in terms of representation on the Greater Wellington Regional Council.

We do not think that the possibility of not having a Kapiti representative in the future in the interests of the area. There are no business linkages at all with Porirua and indeed both areas now even have their own Chambers of Commerce. The only linkage is political, and most Kapiti business people do not believe this has been successful at all.

We note that some areas within the regional council's area have two representatives with a similar population and we believe a better option is to make an adjustment to the representation by reducing the representation in areas that are over represented and reduce the number of board members to a more effective number of ten and retain one representative for both Porirua and Kapiti.

This would then better equate the representation on a population basis and probably growth basis, also being more equitable.

Yours faithfully,

Mike Olsen  
Chairman.