

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Councillor Jack's statement in The Observer 28 April, regarding the inclusion of non-elected groups having voting rights on Council matters may need some clarification. The Kapiti Chamber of Commerce has never demanded a place around Council's table, nor can it imagine doing so. To 'sit around the table' and debate and decide on local issues is what KCDC councillors have been elected to do. Our role is to promote and support a vibrant business sector for the betterment of our community.

However, what we do expect, is that KCDC Councillors will research and avail themselves of all the facts, of matters under discussion. When they vote on issues, we assume they will have consulted widely to ensure they are fully informed as to the opinions and wishes of the wider Kapiti community. Our expectation is that our elected representatives will not take it upon themselves to represent only their personal views, nor just those of interest groups they happen to agree with.