

FACT SHEET | ĀROHI

2025 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS
11 OCTOBER 2025



➔ WHAT DOES A REGIONAL COUNCIL DO?

While district councils are responsible for a wide range of local services in your area, the role and responsibilities of the Regional Council involve managing the region's natural resources. The Taranaki Regional Council manages land, air, coast and the quality of water in our lakes and rivers. They are also responsible for biodiversity, regional parks, flood protection, emergency management and regional transport. The Regional Council works closely with district councils and other agencies on some issues, to ensure they are managed to benefit the entire region.

➔ BACKGROUND

Local government triennial elections are being held by postal vote on Saturday 11 October 2025 and will be undertaken by Election Services, under contract to Taranaki Regional Council.

The first past the post (FPP) electoral system will be used for the Taranaki Regional Council elections.

➔ 2025 KEY DATES

Nominations open	Friday 4 July
Nominations close	noon, Friday 1 August
Delivery of voting packs	from Tuesday 9 September
Close of voting	noon, Saturday 11 October
Official results announced	Friday 17 October

➔ WHO IS BEING ELECTED?

Elections will be required for the following positions:

- ➔ Councillors (11)
 - New Plymouth General Constituency (5)
 - North Taranaki General Constituency (2)
 - Stratford General Constituency (1)
 - South Taranaki General Constituency (2)
 - Taranaki Māori Constituency (1)

In addition electors will be able to vote on a poll – whether to retain or disestablish the Māori constituency for the Taranaki Regional Council. The outcome of this poll will be binding and apply to the 2028 and 2031 triennial elections.

➔ HOW CAN I BE NOMINATED?

Nominations for these positions open on Friday 4 July 2025 and close at noon on Friday 1 August 2025.

For online nominations go to: www.esp.electionservices.co.nz.

Printed nomination papers and a candidate handbook will also be available during this period from:

- ➔ New Plymouth District Council's Civic Centre, 84 Liardet Street, New Plymouth.
- ➔ South Taranaki District Council's Administration Building, 105-111 Albion Street, Hawera.
- ➔ Stratford District Council's Administration Building, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford.
- ➔ Or download and print at: www.trc.govt.nz.
- ➔ For assistance call 0800 922 822.

To be eligible to stand for election, a candidate **must** be:

- ➔ a New Zealand citizen (by birth or naturalisation ceremony); **and**
- ➔ enrolled as a Parliamentary elector (anywhere in New Zealand) on either the general or Māori electoral roll, irrespective of the position being nominated for; **and**
- ➔ nominated by two electors whose names appear on the electoral roll within the respective area that a candidate is standing for.

A detailed candidate information handbook will be available in May 2025.

➔ WHO CAN VOTE?

Those eligible to vote are all resident electors and non-resident ratepayer electors whose names appear on the electoral roll when it closes on Friday 1 August 2025. The Preliminary Electoral Roll will be available for public inspection between Friday 4 July 2025 and Friday 1 August 2025 at the aforementioned locations.

Resident Roll: All parliamentary electors, including those on the Māori Electoral Roll, are automatically enrolled on the Resident Roll, at the address where they live.

Any alterations to the Resident Roll (e.g. change of address

details, including new postal addresses) should be made by:

- completing the appropriate form (available from the Electoral Commission or Council service centres and libraries);
- phoning 0800 36 76 56 to request a form be posted to you with a return envelope.
- accessing the Electoral Commission website on: www.vote.nz

Ratepayer Roll: If a person is on the parliamentary roll in one area and pays rates on a property in another area, this person may be eligible to be enrolled on the non-resident ratepayer roll.

A firm, company, corporation or society paying rates on a property may nominate one of its members or officers as a ratepayer elector (provided the nominated person resides outside the area).

To check if you may be eligible or to obtain an enrolment form, go to www.ratepayer.co.nz. Ratepayer Roll enrolment forms are also available at www.trc.govt.nz or by phoning 0800 922 822.

Those electors on the general electoral roll will be able to vote for the respective general constituency councillor(s) and those on the Māori electoral roll will be able to vote for

the Māori constituency councillor. All electors will be able to vote for the Māori Constituency poll.

→ HOW TO VOTE?

Voting packs will be sent out in the mail to all those who have enrolled from Tuesday 9 September 2025.

The voting period is just over four weeks (Tuesday 9 September 2025 to noon Saturday 11 October 2025.)

Electors may drop off their completed voting documents to a vote box at a number of specified locations throughout the region or post them back to the electoral officer using the orange prepaid envelope sent with their voting documents.

Polling places for the issuing of special voting documents and for the receiving of completed voting documents will be available from Tuesday 9 September 2025 to noon Saturday 11 October 2025 at:

- New Plymouth District Council's Civic Centre, 84 Liardet Street, New Plymouth
- South Taranaki District Council's Administration Building, 105-111 Albion Street, Hawera
- Stratford District Council's Administration Building, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford.

To be counted, all completed voting documents must be in the hands of the electoral officer or an electoral official by noon, Saturday 11 October 2025.

→ RESULTS

Progress results will be known early afternoon on election day, and preliminary results will be known on Sunday 12 October 2025.

Final results will be known on Friday 17 October 2025, and all results will be accessible on Council's website: www.trc.govt.nz.

