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**Sent:** Thursday, 30 May 2024 1:52 pm  
**To:** info@ourmapua.org  
**Subject:** Fwd: The Government's proposed referendums about council Māori seats

Hi Jim,  
Here's Tim King's reply to my email.  
Moira

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**From:** Tim King <Tim.King@tasman.govt.nz>  
**Date:** 30 May 2024 at 12:13:55 NZST  
**To:** Moira Tilling <moiratilling@gmail.com>  
**Subject: RE: The Government's proposed referendums about council Māori seats**

Thank you Moira for your email

Firstly, let me confirm that Tasman District Council fully supports the establishment of a Māori Ward. In fact, at its meeting on 21 September 2023, the Council resolved to establish one Māori Ward – see resolution below.

Moved Councillor Hill/Mayor King  
CN23-09-6

That the Tasman District Council

1. receives the Māori Ward Determination report, RCN23-09-7; and
2. notes that the Council has engaged with the Te Taihu Iwi Trusts who support the establishment of a Māori ward in Tasman District; and
3. acknowledges that the Council has sufficient information from affected groups to make this decision in accordance with the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy; and
4. resolves to establish one Māori ward for Tasman District for electoral purposes pursuant to section 19Z of the Local Electoral Act 2021; and
5. approves staff engaging with the Te Taihu Iwi Trusts on the name of the Māori ward in Tasman District which will form part of Council's initial proposal for its representation arrangements for consultation in 2024.

CARRIED

In December last year, we also signed a partnership agreement with the eight iwi of Te Taihu and Nelson City and Marlborough District Councils. This is an enduring agreement that provides an agreed framework for our continuing work together. Fundamentally, the agreement is about ensuring we keep taking steps forward and building on the relationship and acknowledging that, yes, we are stronger together.

Since then, the Council has made a submission to the Government opposing the

proposed referendum on Māori Wards. And I was one of 52 Council Mayors and Chairs who wrote to the Government opposing the proposed referendum.

So, in short, I agree with your comments below and the Council is doing all it can to support the introduction of a Māori Ward for Te Kaunihera o Te Tai o Aorere / Tasman District Council

Ngā mihi  
Tim King

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Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2024 10:50 AM

To: Tim King <[Tim.King@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:Tim.King@tasman.govt.nz)>

Subject: The Government's proposed referendums about council Māori seats

Mayor King,

I wish to object strongly to the coalition government's requirement that councils set up referendums to assess the ratepayers' opinion of Māori seats on the council.

This is a frivolous use of our precious rates. It just panders to the party politics of the coalition.

I want my rates spent on maintenance and renewal of infrastructure.

Yours sincerely

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