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To whom it may concern:-

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the name of the new West Auckland Electorate.

This submission is to object the proposed name of RANUI for the New Electorate West Auckland.

Proposed Electorates Objection Form

Your details I am making an objection as an individual.

I do not want to present my objection to the Representation Commission in person.

 Title Mrs Beverley Anne REVELL

My objection relates to a proposed Electorate name. of RANUI.

**PREFER CHANGE TO BE HENDERSON.**

Although I now live in Mangawhai Heads, Northland, I grew up in Massey and in West Auckland for 69 years. My father worked for Pan American Airways at the then Whenuapai Air port and base, my husband had his Law Practice – Corban Revell in Henderson, and our children went to Massey Primary School, as did our family.

I feel well qualified to comment on the new Electorate boundaries, and particularly the proposed name of Ranui.

**OBJECTION OF PROPOSED ELECTORATE NAME RANUI.**

Rānui (Maori name for MIDDAY ) Is a small suburb of West Auckland, at the foothills of the Scenic Drive and Waitakere Ranges. It has an estimated population of 15,640 as of June 2024.

Ranui has small community accessed from Henderson, and Don Buck Road. It is not the centre of West Auckland; it is not a transport hub and does not even have a rail station and does not reflect communities of interest in the wider area. It is a suburb one drives through and has no significance in the wider area.

**PROPOSE NEW ELECORATE BE HENDERSO**N

**REASON:**

**Background and History**

Henderson was established in 1844.

Henderson is named after early colonial settler Thomas Henderson, a Scottish immigrant who purchased land from Ngati Whatua in 1844 and established a timber mill on the banks of [Te Wai-o-Pareira / Henderson Creek](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Te_Wai-o-Pareira_/_Henderson_Creek) in 1847 to process the logs of [kauri](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kauri) trees which were cut from the Henderson Valley and further upstream, from the eastern flanks of the [Waitākere Ranges](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wait%C4%81kere_Ranges).

It was developed around the timber mill of Thomas Henderson., becoming a trading route, from which it developed – first as a small Henderson Suburb, then Henderson Square was built, now a large West City Shopping Centre, then into the Henderson Borough and in 1989 Waitakere City, before amalgamation into Auckland City.

The first European settlers in the community were mill workers, who were joined by gum diggers, farm workers and brick makers located to the south of the Whau River.

**CURRENT**

Henderson is the epi centre of West Auckland with a population of around 16, 503. It is the Transport Hub for buses and Railway stations from Auckland to Henderson, Sturgess Road, Swanson and Waitakere suburbs, which Henderson services.

All roads lead into Henderson from Auckland- Great North Road, the Northwestern Motorway along Edmonton and Te Atau Roads, Lincoln Road, Don Buck Road, and the outer areas of Massey, Royal Road, Upper Harbour, West Gate and West Harbour. Henderson is identified as the Central Hub, of greater West Auckland.

Henderson has a strong Commercial centre of local businesses, the previous Apple and Pear Marketing Board, Movie Studios, cafes Restaurants, Primary Schools, several high schools, the Waitakere Police Station, a Law court, historical links with the Corban Family Wine Estate, now the Corban Arts Centre. It has the West Wave Leisure Centre which hosted the aquatics 1990 Commonwealth Games. The Historic Falls hotel and the Trust Stadium are landmarks. Henderson is home to Ons Dorp the Dutch retirement and Hospital Village, the Waitakere Hospital, medical centres, the original West Auckland Hospice HomeCare, and many churches. Henderson has been settled by famous Dalmatian families who established orchards and vineyards – the Babich, Boric, Fredatovich and Yelavich families to name a few. Many streets and locations are named after these families.

Recent immigrants, along with historical Maori Ngati Whatua, and Pacifica peoples make Henderson a rich vibrant multi-cultural society.

It is for this reason that Henderson as the new Electorate name, will resonate with

the wider community and voters.

Thank you.

Beverley Revell

[Street address & phone number redacted by Representation Commission]