

WHANGANUI DISTRICT - OBJECTING										✓
SUBMISSION NO.		SUBMITTER'S NAME	DATE	REASON(S) SUMMMARISED	ALTERNATIVE NAME	SECRETARIAT COMMENTS	City/District/Unclear	Does the Submitter indicate where they are from - Yes/No	W(h)anganui Elsewhere	Category No.s
001	Online objecting submission -	William Ashworth	2015-05-29	Founding fathers intended Wanganui, replacing the universally disliked 'Petre'			C	Yes	✓	6 17 43 47
002	Online objecting submission -	Gillian Kilmister	2015-05-29	Wants status quo, let the river be Whanganui			U	Yes	✓	19 28 36
003	Online objecting submission -	Phillip Groves	2015-05-29	Is a rate payer, referendum ignored			U	Yes	✓	2 8
004	Online objecting submission -	Judith Edwards	2015-05-29	If it isn't broken don't fix it. Ignoring the referendum. Does everyone else want an [h]?			C	No		8 15 28 36
005	Online objecting submission -	Cheryll Butters	2015-05-30	No valid historical reason, hold status quo			C	Yes	✓	1 2 32
006	Online objecting submission -	Simon Pearce	2015-05-31	Māori holding Wanganui to ransom, not democratic		Mostly same message as below	C	Yes	✓	1 8 10 28 36
007	Online objecting submission -	Shirley Pearce	2015-05-31	Māori holding Wanganui to ransom, not democratic		Mostly same message as above	C	Yes	✓	1 8 10 28 36
008	Online objecting submission -	Ed	2015-05-31	Confusion, will change pronunciation	Change Whangarei to Wangarei		U	Yes	✓	43
009	Online objecting submission -	Tanea Tangaroa	2015-06-01	Objects to the name being open to submissions		Possibly thinks we're taking submissions on the city again?	U	Yes	✓	34
010	Online objecting submission -	Craig Bright	2015-06-02	No democratic, councillors don't speak for people. Referenda not respected, racist sentiment, will have to change other names	Change Little Wanganui in South Island to Little Whanganui		D	Yes	✓	5 8 15 28 57
011	Online objecting submission -	Ian Brougham	2015-06-02	Not a Māori name, pre Māori Waitaha people from South America (arrived after the Celts apparently). Māori didn't have a written language. Pronunciation changed over time, colonial settlers wanted Wanganui, chiefs who signed Treaty accepted Wanganui, disrespect for them.		Forwarded from the Office of Louise Upston (Parliamentary Services). Is a pdf. Possibly amended from a previous submission on Wanganui City	C	No		4 9 24 33 37 42 60 67
012	Online objecting submission -	Miss Miranda Price	2015-06-02	Let individuals determine what to use, the Mayor is driving it against wishes of			U	Yes	✓	8 19 28 57

013	Online objecting submission -	David Sidney Burnham	2015-06-04	ratepayers. River can retain the H. Voted against it in a referendum		U	Yes	✓	8
014	Offline objecting submission -	Garry Peterson	2015-05-31	Minority influences, against majority, Mayor and Council pro Māori. Second submission: Lived in Wanganui for 65 years. Minority group have manipulated Council. Mispronounced 'Fonganui' by media. Against majority wishes.	Call Wellington Whellington	U	Yes	✓	1 10 15 28 36 57
015	Online objecting submission -	Sonya Toohey	2015-06-04	Wasting ratepayers money		U	Yes	✓	2 28 59
016	Online objecting submission -	Dave Bryson	2015-06-04	Long term resident, referendum ignored, wasting money		U	Yes	✓	1 2 8
017	Online objecting submission -	Anna McNeill	2015-06-04	Supports Wanganui		U	Yes	✓	16
018	Online objecting submission -	Denise McNeill	2015-06-04	Supports Wanganui without the [h]	Presumably 'djmceill' is Denise and James - don't email twice	U	Yes	✓	16
019	Online objecting submission -	James McNeill	2015-06-04	Supports Wanganui without the [h]	Presumably 'djmceill' is Denise and James - don't email twice	U	Yes	✓	16
020	Online objecting submission -	Mitchell Reilly	2015-06-04	Waste of money, against referendum, anti-Māori		U	Yes	✓	2 5 8 59
021	Online objecting submission -	William Roy Pullins	2015-06-04	Waste of money, Wanganui means something, changing the name is disrespectful		U	Yes	✓	2 6 56
022	Online objecting submission -	Jess	2015-06-04	Money could be spent on better things		U	Yes	✓	2 18
023	Online objecting submission -	Cameron Hall	2015-06-04	Money could be spent on better things		U	Yes	✓	2 18
024	Online objecting submission -	Shayla Johnson	2015-06-04	Waste of money (i.e. flag debate)		U	Yes	✓	2
025	Online objecting submission -	Greggory Adams	2015-06-04	Long term Wanganui, referenda ignored, Mayor pushing it		U	Yes	✓	8 13 57
026	Online objecting submission -	Sarah Brierley	2015-06-04	Proud of Wanganui, doesn't like 'Fonganui' pronunciation		U	Yes	✓	42
027	Online objecting submission -	Louise Caudwell	2015-06-04	Long term use		C	Yes	✓	6
028	Online objecting submission -	Michelle Walls	2015-06-04	Cost to business, money could be used for more important things		U	Yes	✓	2 18

029	Online objecting submission -	Angela Lynch	2015-06-04	Long term resident, majority wishes		U	Yes	✓		<b>1 2 28</b>
030	Online objecting submission -	Kirsty Davidson	2015-06-04	Referendum, ignored by new mayor		D	Yes	✓		<b>8 57</b>
031	Online objecting submission -	Kylie Mackenzie	2015-06-05	Waste of money, could be spent better		U	Yes	✓		<b>18</b>
032	Online objecting submission -	Geoff Parker	2015-06-05	Against majority, anti Māori		U	Yes		✓	<b>5 28</b>
033	Online objecting submission -	Phillip Kerwin	2015-06-05	Wasting money		U	Yes	✓		<b>2</b>
034	Online objecting submission -	Toni Mallinder	2015-06-05	Never used the H, are legal documents now incorrect?		U	Yes	✓		<b>31</b>
035	Online objecting submission -	Perry Lett	2015-06-05	At the time of the Treaty no H, no H is correct		D	Yes	✓		<b>38 60</b>
036	Online objecting submission -	Joe Let	2015-06-05	No [h] correct historical spelling, modern activists, Mayor bending over backward		U	Yes	✓		<b>38 55 57 60</b>
037	Online objecting submission -	Kim Ahern	2015-06-05	Wanganui has meaning, supposed meaning of Whanganui wrong, anti-democratic, anti-fonganui		U	Yes	✓		<b>38 56</b>
038	Online objecting submission -	Kaitlyn Baldwin	2015-06-05	Waste of money, is stupid, unnecessary		U	Yes	✓		<b>6 18</b>
039	Online objecting submission -	Darryl Mark Taylor	2015-06-05	Don't f--- with it	Don't email twice	U	Yes	✓		<b>6</b>
040	Online objecting submission -	Vanessa Taylor	2015-06-05	Always been Wanganui, money could be better spent	Don't email twice	U	Yes	✓		<b>6 18</b>
041	Online objecting submission -	Nelson Cross	2015-06-05	Racial blackmail		U	Yes	✓		<b>5</b>
042	Online objecting submission -	Shaun Terrey	2015-06-05	Cost to local business		U	Yes	✓		<b>2</b>
043	Online objecting submission -	Robert Cochrane	2015-06-05	No		D	No			<b>16</b>
044	Online objecting submission -	Krista Eades	2015-06-05	Long term use		U	Yes	✓		<b>6</b>
045	Online objecting submission -	Judith Massey	2015-06-05	Signed on Treaty as Wanganui, not democratic. Acknowledges the river spelling with an [h]	Responded on 19 June 2015 that the proposal is for the district name	D	Yes	✓		<b>28 38 60</b>
046	Online objecting submission -	June Miller	2015-06-05	Either spelling, change unnecessary	Implies that another alternative name would be best	D	Yes	✓		<b>53</b>
047	Online objecting submission -	Kelly Hammond	2015-06-05	Birth certificate, listen to majority		C	Yes	✓		<b>28 31</b>

048	submission - Online objecting submission -	Mark Franken	2015-06-05	Wanganui is correct		U	Yes		✓	<b>38</b>
049	Online objecting submission -	Lyndsay Amer	2015-06-05	Referendum held against change		U	Yes	✓		<b>8</b>
050	Online objecting submission -	John Palamountain	2015-06-05	Supports former mayor, referenda against change. Driven by a 'mortuary of ethnic radicals'. Causing negative attention to Wanganui. Have another referenda after the next council elections. Not democratic.	Have a referenda instead after next council elections	U	Yes	✓		<b>8 17 36 44 55</b>
051	Online objecting submission -	Bryanne Weber	2015-06-05	Supports referenda, minority blackmail, not democratic		U	Yes	✓		<b>8 28 36</b>
052	Online objecting submission -	Philip Weber	2015-06-05	Tribal dictatorship overriding democratic process		U	Yes	✓		<b>5 28</b>
053	Online objecting submission -	Janelle Hawker	2015-06-05	No reasons		U	Yes	✓		<b>16</b>
054	Online objecting submission -	Graeme Brown	2015-06-05	Treaty signed with Wanganui, waste of money		U	Yes		✓	<b>2 38 60</b>
055	Online objecting submission -	Bob Stanley	2015-06-05	Settlers changed it from Petre to Wanganui, acceptable to the 'real Māori' at the time. Anti-democratic		C	Yes	✓		<b>5 6 28 36 47 62</b>
056	Online objecting submission -	Sarsh Watkins	2015-06-05	Wasting money, put it to better use	Change it back to 'original' Petre	C	Yes	✓		<b>2 18</b>
057	Online objecting submission -	Alan Morris	2015-06-05	Confusion between Wanganui & Whangarei. [h] is silent in local iwi's dialect. Māori didn't have a written language. Waste of money having to change historic and legal documents		U	Yes	✓		<b>2 4 7 31 38 43</b>
058	Online objecting submission -	Melanie Dixon	2015-06-05	Name should be pronounced in the local iwi's dialect, which is 'Wanganui' without the [h] not "Fong a nooee", which is wrong		D	Yes	✓		<b>10</b>
059	Online objecting submission -	Ann and Denis Wilson	2015-06-05	Historically known as Wanganui and would and would cost far too much to change everything.		U	Yes		✓	<b>2 6</b>
060	Online objecting submission -	Bill Wright	2015-06-05	There is no [f] in Māori		U	Yes		✓	<b>10</b>
061	Online objecting submission -	Josh Stewart	2015-06-05	Surveyor uncle spelled Wanganui without [h] on maps in the 19th century. Incorrectly pronounced 'Fonganui' instead of 'Wanganui' by news presenters		U	Yes		✓	<b>6 10</b>
062	Online objecting submission -	Helen Moseley	2015-06-05	Always been spelled and pronounced 'Wanganui', which is what the people of		U	Yes		✓	<b>6 10</b>



063	Online objecting submission -	Murray Hughes	2015-06-05	Wanganui want. Never written with an [h] nor ever pronounced with an [f] Public of Wanganui have voted not to have [h] included. The Council and iwi have no mandate to change without a referendum	U	Yes	✓	10
064	Online objecting submission -	John Taylor	2015-06-05	Public referenda ignored. No mandate to initiate change. Minority agenda, political correctness.	D	Yes	✓	3 10 36
065	Online objecting submission -	David Cameron	2015-06-05	Racists throwing their weight around. Language changes over time. Māori have no idea what words sounded like in 1800 - it sounded like 'Wanganui', so the modern version is appropriate.	U	Yes	✓	4 30 37
066	Online objecting submission -	Paul Gibson	2015-06-05	Will open up a can of worms about the name of the town - leave as Wanganui District	D	No		65
067	Online objecting submission -	Melissa Toy	2015-06-05	Maintain the name Wanganui	D	Yes	✓	16
068	Online objecting submission -	Melissa	2015-06-05	Ratepayers money would be better spent on other things, eg. sewerage leak in Kowhai Park	D	Yes	✓	2 59
069	Online objecting submission -	Richard Ansell	2015-06-05	Wishes of the majority/democracy should prevail. Sad day if city's name is dictated by the loudest voices. No one knows what the original inhabitants of New Zealand called the area and there are doubts how it was pronounced by early Maori	C	Yes	✓	10 28
070	Online objecting submission -	P Smith	2015-06-05	Don't do it	D	No		16
071	Online objecting submission -	Sharla May	2015-06-05	There are more important issues Council should be spending time and money on	D	Yes	✓	18
072	Online objecting submission -	Stephanie Battersby	2015-06-06	City has voted to keep the spelling as 'Wanganui', doesn't understand why it is being ignored	C	Yes	✓	8
073	Online objecting submission -	Rochelle Booth	2015-06-06	Whanganui River is the name of the awa. Need to keep city name as Wanganui as it is identity and home. Will save money and time, and prove that governing bodies listen to the majority	C	Yes	✓	2 19 28
074	Online objecting submission -	Justin Booth	2015-06-06	Wanganui is what is known, or revert to original name. Money should be spent on infrastructure	U	Yes	✓	2 6

075	Online objecting submission -	Penelope Brown	2015-06-06	Been spelled Wanganui for 30 years. Change not needed	U	Yes	✓		6
076	Online objecting submission -	David Brown	2015-06-06	Is an iwi member of Wanganui District. Happy with current spelling	D	Yes	✓		16
077	Online objecting submission -	Bevan Garmonsway	2015-06-06	Goes against referendum. Council does not accept majority vote and it is not democracy.	D	Yes	✓		8
078	Online objecting submission -	Wade	2015-06-07	Spend money on something that makes a difference to people	D	Yes	✓		2
079	Online objecting submission -	Rosemary and Warren Hicks	2015-06-07 and 2015-06-10	Poll to keep 'Wanganui' ignored. Long term resident (77 years) and will not change address. Not spelled with an [h] in the Treaty. Public vote was 4 to 1 against changing the spelling	U	Yes	✓		1 6 8
080	Online objecting submission -	Mrs G Currey	2015-06-07	Referendum and democracy ignored. Minority deciding for us	U	Yes	✓		8
081	Online objecting submission -	R Payne	2015-06-07	Majority are ignored	U	Yes	✓		8
082	Online objecting submission -	Donald Stewart	2015-06-08	Present name has served well for many years. Costs for change to signs, paperwork etc. Process to mollify a noisy minority	U	Yes		✓	2 6 36
083	Online objecting submission -	Michelle Cohen	2015-06-08	Majority vote was not to change. Costs to change signs, business cards etc	U	Yes	✓		2 8
084	Online objecting submission -	Freddy Cohen	2015-06-08	Has already been addressed. Should have the right to either spelling. Waste of money	U	Yes	✓		2
085	Online objecting submission -	Barry Tomlin	2015-06-09	Should be spelled how it's pronounced	U	Yes		✓	10 38
086	Online objecting submission -	Jone Innes	2015-06-09	Not democratic, ignored referendum, long term use	U	Yes		✓	6 8 28
087	Online objecting submission -	Neil	2015-06-09	We pay your wages, only landowners should be allowed to vote	U	Yes	✓		58
088	Online objecting submission -	David Lupton	2015-06-09	Recognise 'wanga' as an alternate spelling, reflects pronunciation	D	Yes	✓		6 10 43
089	Online objecting submission -	Ngairie Ellwood	2015-06-09	Wanganui the original, long term use, 'not a Māori word', birth certificates	U	Yes	✓		6 9 31
090	Online objecting submission -	Ivan and Jacqueline Kendall	2015-06-09	Referenda ignored, longterm use, ratepayers wishes	U	Yes	✓		6 8
091	Online objecting submission -	David Griffiths	2015-06-09	Iwi have blackmailed the Council into making the proposal. Overrides the democratic process	D	Yes		✓	8 48

092	Online objecting submission -	Sue Mildenhall	2015-06-09	Referendum gave clear mandate to retain city's spelling as Wanganui		C	Yes	✓		8
093	Online objecting submission -	Maurice Mildenhall	2015-06-09	Historically both spellings have been used. Rotorua dialect dominates local dialects. Language changes and evolves. Referendum gave clear mandate to retain city's spelling as Wanganui		C	Yes	✓		8 37
094	Offline objecting submission -	G & H Tyler	2015-05-30	Will continue to spell it the right way without the [h]		U	Yes	✓		6 38
095	Offline objecting submission -	VSP Milliken	2015-06-02	Lived in Wanganui 65 years. The people of Wangnauai have already decided by vote twice not to have Wanganui spelled with an [h]. Waste of ratepayers money		U	Yes	✓		1 8 59
096	Online objecting submission -	Jude Johnson	2015-06-10	Long term former resident, was always Wanganui		U	Yes		✓	1 6
097	Online objecting submission -	Grace Brougham	2015-06-10	Proud of name established by early settlers		U	Yes	✓		6 28
098	Online objecting submission -	Barbara Gordon	2015-06-11	Anti-Fonganui	Thinks region is spelled with Wh already.	C	Yes	✓		43
099	Online objecting submission -	Keith	2015-06-11	Family born in Wanganui		C	Yes		✓	13
100	Online objecting submission -	G W Ellwood	2015-06-11	Always known as Wanganui. To make a change of one letter to satisfy the phonetic whims of a minority would be capricious. Money would be better spent elsewhere		U	No			2 10
101	<del>Online objecting submission -</del>	Jill Hobbs	2015-06-12	<del>Whanganui is the preferred spelling by the local Maori therefore it must be officially spelled with the [h]. If the name was English then it would not be contentious. Let Maori make the decision</del>	Possibly should have been a supporting submission? Changed to Supporting 369	U	Yes	✓		
102	Online objecting submission -	Dr Vivien Wake	2015-06-14	Mispronunciation by TV/radio announcers. Reflects pronunciation by local Māori recorded by early missionaries. Printing costs. Established for over 100 years		U	Yes	✓		2 6 10
103	Online objecting submission -	Judy Palmer	2015-06-15	Traditionally known as Wanganui		U	Yes		✓	6
104	Online objecting submission -	Patricia Thonas	2015-06-15	Save a lot of money to be used on more important things		U	Yes		✓	2
105	Online objecting submission -	Damien Kiddie	2015-06-15	Grown up calling it Wanganui		U	Yes	✓		1
106	Online objecting	Peggy Fittes	2015-06-15	[wh] is silent. Has always been pronounced		U	Yes	✓		6

	submission -			Wanganui					
107	Online objecting submission -	Gregory Lance Cox	2015-06-16	Third generation resident. Democratic process has a hidden agenda. Never taught to spell Wanganui with an [h]. Changing the name will cause a social split. Need to listen to majority of ratepayers.	U	Yes	✓		<b>1 6 8 17</b>
108	Online objecting submission -	Lynley D Means	2015-06-16	Giving into minority - the people of Wanganui have spoken	U	Yes	✓		<b>36</b>
109	Online objecting submission -	Barbara Lett	2015-06-16	Treaty signed with the spelling [wa]. Māori are not tangata whenua of NZ, they are a minority being given authority to claim and change things	U	Yes	✓		<b>5 32 60 67</b>
110	Online objecting submission -	J Tweedie	2015-06-16	Referendum said no [h]. TV presenters pronounce it with an [f]	U	Yes	✓		<b>8 10</b>
111	Online objecting submission -	Audelle Mackle	2015-06-16	Don't need the expense	U	Yes	✓		<b>2</b>
112	Online objecting submission -	Peter John Andrews	2015-06-16	Wanganui has long term use on official government documents. Minority want change. Should be no change unless a majority of Wanganui people want it. Māori don't want change or don't care	U	Yes	✓		<b>6 28 31 60</b>
113	Online objecting submission -	Elizabeth Broome	2015-06-16	Not what the majority of Wanganui people want. Overrides referendum. Having the [f] sound in pronunciation is wrong	U	Yes	✓		<b>8 10</b>
114	Online objecting submission -	Leatham Broadhead	2015-06-17	Historically the name of the town/city. Name is for the particular city and does not have a link to Māori	C	Yes	✓		<b>6 9</b>
115	Online objecting submission -	JD Groves	2015-06-17	Majority have voted in favour of Wanganui. Name change is being forced by Māori orientated Mayor	U	Yes	✓		<b>8 28 57</b>
116	Online objecting submission -	Philip Brown	2015-06-17	Referendum was overwhelmingly in favour of retaining Wanganui	U	Yes	✓		<b>8 28</b>
117	Online objecting submission -	Ann and Charlie Berntsen	2015-06-18	Long time resident. Few Māori pushing for name change. Council is being racially blackmailed. Mayor has vested interest. Region and river are spelled with an [h] so leave the city alone. Referendum has been ignored	C	Yes	✓		<b>8 19 28 57</b>
118	Offline objecting submission -	Evan Hodges	2015-06-19	Never has been an [h]. There should be no 'either/or'	U	No		No return address	<b>38</b>
119	Offline objecting submission -	Jennifer Hodges	2015-06-19	Born in Wanganui 76 years. Never has	U	No		No return address	<b>8 13 59</b>

	submission -			been an [h]. Referendum totally ignored. Waste of ratepayers' money					
120	Offline objecting submission -	Ruth Mackay	2015-06-22	Objects to [h] in Wanganui	U	Yes	✓		<b>16</b>
121	Offline objecting submission -	Richard Noel Cox	2015-06-22	Honour two refernda and current spelling in the Treaty document Already been determined by the democratic process. Objects to potential cost involved for documents. Objects to the pronunciation 'Fonganui'	D	Yes	✓		<b>8 36 60</b>
122	Online objecting submission -	Brian G & Judith L Francis	2015-06-19		U	Yes	✓		<b>2 8 10</b>
123	Online objecting submission -	Glenn Sykes	2015-06-20	Born in Wanganui	U	Yes	✓		<b>13</b>
124	Online objecting submission -	David Lewis	2015-06-22	European settlers provided Māori with written language and named the town and district after listening to Māori phonetically Historically city and surrounding area not spelled with [h]. Early settlers wrote how they heard Māori pronounce it. Spelled Wanganui in the Treaty. Pronounced incorrectly by radio & TV reporters. Confusion with Whangarei for flights and mail	U	Yes	✓		<b>4 38</b>
125	Online objecting submission -	Lynette Phillips	2015-06-22	Not pronounced properly. Local iwi don't pronounce the [h]	U	Yes	✓		<b>7 10 32 38 43 60</b>
126	Online objecting submission -	Peter Morgan	2015-06-22	Media mispronounce the name. Respect the wishes of Wanganui people who voted in the last referendum	U	No		Whellington	<b>10</b>
127	Online objecting submission -	Laraine Burlace	2015-06-23	Referendum ignored. Lived in the city for 54 years. Media mispronounce the name. More important issues to consider	U	Yes	✓		<b>8 10</b>
128	Online objecting submission -	Sonya Sedcole	2015-06-23	No benefit to name change. Name change isn't going to bring more people to live and work in town. No evidence for changing spelling. More important issues to consider	D	Yes	✓		<b>1 8 10 18</b>
129	Online objecting submission -	Lisa Ledgerwood	2015-06-23	Media mispronounce the name. Council are not advertising the submission period. Mayor has been threatened by local iwi. Referendum showed majority don't want change	U	Yes	✓		<b>18 24</b>
130	Online objecting submission -	Matthew Lyne	2015-06-23	Waste of money. Result of referendum was not to change the name	U	Yes	✓		<b>8 10 57</b>
131	Online objecting submission -	Maria	2015-06-23	Long term use as Wanganui. Cost would	U	Yes	✓		<b>2 8</b>
132	Online objecting submission -	Winsome Wake	2015-06-23		U	Yes	✓		<b>2 6</b>

133	submission - Online objecting submission -	Katrina Wyeth	2015-06-23	be huge to change Costly for businesses to correct documents. Noone can pronounce it correctly with the [h].	U	Yes	✓		<b>2 10</b>
134	Online objecting submission -	Samuel Walker	2015-06-23	Spelled without the [h] since 1854. Not pronounced correctly. Government went against wishes of the people who voted in the referendum	U	Yes	✓		<b>6 8 10</b>
135	Online objecting submission -	Anna Lyne	2015-06-23	Changing the name is like saying I grew up somewhere else.	U	Yes	✓		<b>13 42</b>
136	Online objecting submission -	Derek Prentice	2015-06-23	Residents rejected changing the name of the city. Confusion with Whangarei for mail delivery. Media pronounce the name incorrectly and contrary to local iwi dialect	C	Yes	✓		<b>7 8 10</b>
137	Online objecting submission -	Valerie Robertson	2015-06-28	Born in Wanganui and ancestors were first settlers. Whanganui is the river's name. The city has always been Wanganui	U	Yes		✓	<b>13 19</b>
138	Online objecting submission -	Patricia Chainey	2015-06-28	Objects to minority group changing the name of the city. Sounds revolting with the [h] added	C	Yes		✓	<b>10 36</b>
139	Online objecting submission -	Robyn Sherriff	2015-06-29	Former resident. Europeans spelled it Wanganui because that's how Māori there pronounced it. Not pronounced 'Fonganui'	U	Yes		✓	<b>10</b>
140	Online objecting submission -	Adam Unsworth	2015-06-29	Majority who voted in referendum don't want change. Not pronounced 'Fonganui'. More important matters	U	Yes	✓		<b>8 10 18</b>
141	Online objecting submission -	Cherry Channon	2015-06-30	Overriding referenda is undemocratic. Māori chiefs signed the Treaty with the spelling Wanganui. Whanganui is pronounced incorrectly. Condemns Wanganui's history & identity to oblivion. Local iwi don't agree on the meaning of the name	C	No			<b>8 10 28 32 56 60</b>
142	Online objecting submission -	Garth Lyne	2015-07-01	Referenda ignored. Minority want the change	U	Yes	✓		<b>8 36</b>
143	Online objecting submission -	Alan Wise	2015-07-02	Referenda ignored. Māori never had a written language. Council pandering to racial blackmail and economic threats from iwi. Local Māori don't pronounce [f].	U	Yes	✓		<b>4 8 10 48 62</b>
144	Online objecting submission -	Allen Mulligan	2015-07-02	Pronounced incorrectly by iwi Referenda voted to have the name unchanged. Long term association with	U	Yes	✓		<b>1 6 8</b>

145	Online objecting submission -	Vera Mulligan	2015-07-02	Wanganui. Wanganui River and its tributaries spelled without the [h] Referenda ignored. Confusion with Whangarei. Pronunciation becomes unrecognisable	U	Yes	✓		7 8 10
146	Online objecting submission -	David Anderson	2015-07-06	Referenda ignored. Pronounced 'Funganui'	C	Yes	✓		8 10
147	Online objecting submission -	Kathryn Greensides	2015-07-07	Long term use. Changing history for a minority. Referenda ignored. Waste of taxpayers' money. Cost to change road signs etc.	U	Yes	✓		2 6 8 36
148	Online objecting submission -	Brian Greensides	2015-07-07	Expensive to change business stationery	U	Yes	✓		2
149	Online objecting submission -	Faye Morley	2015-07-07	Birth certificate has Wanganui. Pronunciation 'Fonganui' is wrong	U	Yes	✓		10 31
150	Online objecting submission -	Alfred Morley	2015-07-07	Local iwi was consulted at the time of spelling 'Wanganui'. Never pronounced 'Fonganui'	U	Yes	✓		10 38
151	Online objecting submission -	Ray Rohloff	2015-07-10	Been named Wanganui since 1854. Cost to change signs, maps, official documents	U	Yes		✓	2 6 31
152	Offline objecting submission -	Colin Gibbard	2015-07-03	Lived in Wanganui 93.5 years. Including [h] disapproved of by majority of citizens. Whanganui Collegiate School no longer uses [h] in its advertising	U	Yes	✓		1 8
153	<del>Online objecting submission -</del>	<del>Cherry Channon</del>	<del>2015-07-14</del>	<del>Referenda ignored. In 1940 Māori chiefs signed the Treaty without the [h]. Wanganui is pronounced correctly, but Whanganui isn't. Wanganui has a proud history and strong national identity. Local iwi don't agree on the meaning of the name.</del>	<del>D</del>	<del>No</del>			<del>8 10 32 52 60</del>
154	Online objecting submission -	Michael Sandlant	2015-07-14	Evidence of the meaning of the name Whanganui has been manufactured - local iwi has a different translation. Iwi motivation is political - iwi has threatened to withdraw its support of the Council. Wanganui has cultural meaning to the people of Wanganui - it is an English word, not a Māori word. Since 1840 no fixed settlement on the site has been named Whanganui. Wanganui conforms with history of the area and pronunciation of its Māori inhabitants at that time of settlement by Europeans. Family	D	Yes	✓		9 12 48 56 57 61
155	Online objecting submission -	Bryan Killalea	2015-07-15	Wanganui conforms with history of the area and pronunciation of its Māori inhabitants at that time of settlement by Europeans. Family	U	Yes		✓	6 32 38 47

156	Online objecting submission -	Paul Grant Angus	2015-07-17	connection goes back to 1841. Changing the spelling changes the history of Wanganui. Family has lived there since mid-1800s. Incorrect pronunciation. Referenda ignored. Waste of money. Mayor is being blackmailed by local iwi.	U	Yes	✓	1 8 10 57 59
157	Online objecting submission -	Wendy Whitham	2015-07-17	Never has been an [h]. Vote was in favour of keeping Wanganui.	U	Yes	✓	6 8
158	Online objecting submission -	Kieran John Whitham	2015-07-17	Wanganui supports the correct pronunciation of the local dialect. It is the chosen spelling of the locals.	U	Yes	✓	6 10
159	Offline objecting submission -	TR Harris	2015-07-13	Iwi involved are not mana whenua. [h] was never in the local dialect. The Council is flying the [h] kite to divert the citizens from the costs of failed infrastructure. [h] has already been rejected and the money involved could be better used to reduce debt.	U	Yes	✓	2 5 8 18 38 51
160	Offline objecting submission -	RP & PA Jones	2015-07-15	Local Māori never wanted or used the [h]. Not a democratic decision. Māori haven't respected the referendum results. Council has been intimidated and bribed. Offensive to Wanganui Māori and ratepayers. The meaning is obscure. Not pronounced correctly. Wanganui was the original Māori name. Treaty was signed 'Wanganui'.	U	Yes	✓	4 8 10 36 48 57 60 61 62
161	Offline objecting submission -	CMJ Treadwell	2015-07-15	Referendum ignored. Historian's research found there was no [h]. Driven by the minority. Council has ignored citizens. Costs of change will be a burden on ratepayers.	D	Yes	✓	8 36 59
162	Online objecting submission -	Terry Coxon	2015-07-20	Disregarding polls, original pakeha settlers confirmed 'Wanganui' with the local Māori.	C	Yes	✓	8 19 47
163	Online objecting submission -	Colin Slaughter	2015-07-24	Confusion with Whangarei, against majority wishes, using the h is misspelling. Ancestral links to Wanganui. It is acceptable to have [h] in the river's name.	U	Yes	✓	7 28 38 43
164	Online objecting submission -	Pamela Stent	2015-07-21	Pronounced incorrectly. A centre cannot have two names. Referendum ignored.	U	No		6 8 10 19
165	Online objecting submission -	David Fraser	2015-07-25	Māori dialect of the area stipulates it must be pronounced /wa/. Has been Wangnau	U	Yes	✓	6 38



166	Online objecting submission -	John & Janice Carson	2015-07-26	for 150 years. Never pronounced by locals with the /f/ sound. Petre was disliked by everyone. Wanganui was probably how it was spoken and sounded, so that's how an educated missionary spelled it. Wanganui is liked by the majority, now changing it to a name whose pronunciation is confusing and disliked by many.	Second email received 2015/07/31	U	Yes	✓	<b>10 28 43 47</b>
167	Online objecting submission -	Brian Carson	2015-07-26	Wanganui was probably how it was spoken and sounded, so that's how an educated missionary spelled it. Has lived in Wangnau for 70 years. Confusion over pronunciation. Costs to change signs etc. Majority voted for Wanganui in the referendum.		U	Yes	✓	<b>1 2 10 28 43 47</b>
168	Online objecting submission -	Judith Davies-Carson	2015-07-26	Referendum ignored. Huge costs involved in changing the name. Confusing for pronunciation.		U	Yes	✓	<b>2 8 10 43</b>
169	Online objecting submission -	Allan Royce Anderson	2015-07-27	Residents have the ultimate right to determine spelling. Those who founded and built the city and district are entitled to call it what they wish. No evidence to support misspelling of oral language. Unlikely that early missionaries got it wrong. Wishes of the majority should be respected - referendum ignored. Media mispronunciate the name.		D	Yes	✓	<b>4 8 10 13 32</b>
170	Online objecting submission -	Frog Falconer	2015-07-29	Costs businesses to change name. Long term use of Wanganui (100 years). Ratepayers money should be spent more wisely.	Attached derogatory comments	U	Yes	✓	<b>2 6 59</b>
171	Online objecting submission -	Gary Marsh	2015-07-29	Original name was Wanganui in <i>Papers Past</i> . 1844 petition was to restore Wanganui, not Whangnau. Recent referendum not upheld. Done to please minority of local iwi. Cost of change to ratepayers and tax payers is unnecessary. Spelling should remain a choice.		U	Yes	✓	<b>2 6 8 36 47</b>
172	Online objecting submission -	Paul Read	2015-07-29	Expensive to change name when there's more important issues to deal with.		U	Yes	✓	<b>2 59</b>
173	Online objecting submission -	Larn Sweeney	2015-07-29	Māori had no written language before		U	Yes	✓	<b>4 6 12 59</b>

174	Online objecting submission -	Reuben Joblin-Mills	2015-07-29	Europeans arrived. Whanganui is not pronounced properly. Waste of money which should be spent on infrastructure. Waste of money and time.		U	Yes	✓	<b>59</b>
175	Online objecting submission -	Dianne Lance Patterson	2015-07-31	Petre was disliked, locals pleased for the governor to change the name to Wanganui. Should be spelled how it sounds.		C	Yes	✓	<b>43 47</b>
176	Online objecting submission -	Stephen Voss	2015-07-31	Māori only a spoken language		U	Yes	✓	<b>4</b>
177	Offline objecting submission -	Trish Herbert	2015-07-29	Referendums ignored, weatherman can't pronounce it correctly.		U	Yes	✓	<b>5 8</b>
178	Online objecting submission -	William Philip	2015-07-31	Petre was disliked, locals pleased for the governor to change the name to Wanganui. Should be spelled how it sounds.	Almost identical to submission 175	C			<b>43 47</b>
179	Online objecting submission -	Robyn Allen-Dick & Michael Dick	2015-08-01	Dislikes that Māori threatened to withdraw cooperation if Council didn't support change of name. Irritated by pronunciation. Named Wanganui to conform to history of the area and pronunciation by Māori at the time. Written as Wangnau in historical family documents. NZGB has no mandate		U	Yes	✓	<b>10 48 62</b>
180	Online objecting submission -	Valerie A Bristol	2015-08-02	The town has been known as Wanganui for several years. Costly to change signs and stationary. [f] is not used in the local dialect. Māori did not have a written alphabet. Proposed spelling will promote mispronunciation. Alternative spellings would be the sensible solution.		U	Yes	✓	<b>6 12 31 40 47</b>
181	Online objecting submission -	Joyce Slimin	2015-08-04	Mispronounced when the [h] is added.		U	Yes	✓	<b>2 10 38 53</b>
182	Online objecting submission -	Joanne Rodgers	2015-08-04	Originally spelled as Wanganui on maps.		U	Yes	✓	<b>10</b>
183	Online objecting submission -	V Perry	2015-08-05	Lived there whole life, everything is Wanganui. Wanganui is unique as a name. Changing everything to Māori names. Makes comparison of rangatiratanga flag to nazi flag. Māori 'pledged allegiance to the Crown'. 'Some of my best friends are Māori'.		U	Yes	✓	<b>1 5 8 31 36 39 43 61</b>
184	Offline objecting submission -	Murray Weir	2015-08-03	Historically spelled as Wangnau. Waste of money that could be better used.		U	Yes	✓	<b>6 59</b>
185	Online objecting submission -	Sheryle Horne	2015-08-10						

186	Online objecting submission -	Kass Kirk	2015-08-10	Born and lived in Wanganui. Would be pronounced incorrectly if it was altered.		U	Yes	✓		<b>1 10 31</b>
187	Online objecting submission -	Regan Sharp	2015-08-11	Historically spelled without the [h]. Taught that it was the Wanganui dialect. Treasures the Māori language. Local dialect doesn't have aspirated [f]. It has never been Fonganui, which is how media says it. Current spelling celebrates local mita [dialect]. There are various interpretations of 'whanga'. Each dialect of Māori is special and different. Shouldn't slavishly follow convention of spelling rules that ignore dialect differences.		U	Yes		✓	<b>6 38</b>
188	Online objecting submission -	Keith Beautrais	2015-08-11	History should not be erased. The debate is divisive, undemocratic and erases history. Wanganui has heritage and tradition. Disrespectful of pioneers. Wanganui is a label, it does not need to have meaning and should be enduring. Spelling of the town should have nothing to do with correct grammar. Using either spelling is confusing. Community should decide by referendum if it wants the name changed.		U	Yes		✓	<b>10 38</b>
189	Online objecting submission -	Errol Christiansen	2015-08-11	Wanganui is a label, it does not need to have meaning and should be enduring. Spelling of the town should have nothing to do with correct grammar. Using either spelling is confusing. Community should decide by referendum if it wants the name changed.		C	No			<b>6 13 17 28 43 46 47</b>
190	Online objecting submission -	Graham Erle Tyler, Helen Mary Tyler, Stuart Erle Tyler, Christine Ellen Spooner, Annette Mary Murdoch	2015-08-11	Family born and lived in Wanganui most of life.	Submission received through CRM	U	Yes	✓		<b>1 13</b>
191	Online objecting submission -	Murray Dusty Loveridge	2015-08-08	Honour referenda	Submission received through CRM Email repeated on 15/08/2015	U	No			<b>8</b>
192	Online objecting submission -	Brian Kelly		Change leads to mispronunciation. Needless associated costs. Refendum voted to retain the spelling Wanganui. Council voted for Whanganui because iwi threatened to withdraw support. WDC held to ransom. Two different translations - one by the NZGB and one by iwi.		U	Yes	✓		<b>2 10</b>
193	Online objecting submission -	R L Barry	2015-08-12			D	Yes	✓		<b>8 61 62</b>

194	Online objecting submission -	Don Gordon	2015-08-12	Referenda ignored.		U	Yes	✓	8
195	Online objecting submission -	Robert Watt	2015-08-11	Referendum voted in favour of status quo. People pronounce the names of places differently. Confusing that media use two different spellings. Changing the name brings bad luck and tragedy (recent floods) of changing the name of vessels. Tamperers with sonic energy.	Submission received through CRM	D	Yes	✓	8 10 43 63
196	Online objecting submission -	John and Lesley McFarlane	2015-08-13 & 2015-08-27	Referenda ignored. Wanganui is not a Māori name.	27/08/2015 Confirmed that the submission is for the District.	D	Yes	✓	8 9
197	Online objecting submission -	Cameron Butchart	2015-08-16	Born and raised in Wanganui. Change means no birth place and no identity. Referendum favoured retaining original spelling and should be upheld.		U	Yes	✓	1 13 8 42
198	Online objecting submission -	W Woon	2015-08-16	Born and raised in Wanganui. Always been spelled without the [h].		D	Yes	✓	6 13
199	Online objecting submission -	Jenine Brown	2015-08-16	Constant battle to retain integrity of our language. Te Reo Māori change the name by dropping a letter. Can also apply to any other language linguistically changes the whole meaning of words and sentences it may seem inconsequential to the Council. Respect language as tangata whenua then leave it be.		U	Yes	✓	21 56
200	Offline objecting submission -	Theodore Ronald Curran	2015-08-14	Opposed to inclusion of [h].	Letter not dated. Received 14/8/2015	U	Yes	✓	16
201	Online objecting submission -	Aileens Sproull	2015-08-17	Historically spelled as Wanganui. Rev. Taylor deemed the pronunciation and spelling to be Wanganui. Majority of citizens voted for Wanganui. Council wants to change spelling to appease a few. Family history shows Wanganui did not have [h]. Birth, death & marriage certificates will be made null & void. Anomaly should have been addressed earlier. Now pronounced as 'Fonganui'.		U	Yes	✓	6 8
202	Online objecting submission -	David Leslie Mosen	2015-08-17	Council wants to change spelling to appease a few. Majority voted to keep		U	Yes	✓	10 31 32 48
203	Online objecting submission -	Lynda Evelyn Johnson	2015-08-17	Council wants to change spelling to appease a few. Majority voted to keep		U	Yes	✓	8 10 48 62

204	Online objecting submission -	Regina Joblin-Mills	2015-08-19	spelling as Wanganui in the referenda. Blackmail threats have been made if the name change doesn't happen. Media use pronunciation 'Fonganui'. Cost is outrageous and there's more important things to be done in the town. Should be a choice whether to use the [h] or not.	U	Yes	✓	53 59	
205	Online objecting submission -	Philip Gifford	2015-08-19	Majority of residents are against change. Outside objectives of NZGB to change the name with no consensus on such a large area. Wanganui District Council hasn't properly and openly carried out studies.	D	Yes	✓	12 28	
206	Online objecting submission -	Fay Prince	2015-08-20	Area has always been known as Wanganui and should remain so.	D	Yes	✓	6	
207	Online objecting submission -	M Norris	2015-08-20	Māori had no written language when Kupe was arrived 600 years ago, and Kupe wouldn't have known of the English language. [h] cannot be included when it's not the correct pronunciation of the name.	U	Yes	✓	4 10	
208	<del>Online objecting submission -</del>	<del>Audelle Mackle</del>	<del>2015-08-20</del>	<del>Do not add [h] to Wanganui.</del>	<del>Duplicate</del>	<del>Yes</del>	<del>ü</del>	<del>16</del>	
209	Online objecting submission -	John Thornton	2015-08-20	Referendum against the [h] must stand, it is what the people of Wanganui want.	U	Yes	✓	2 28	
210	Online objecting submission -	John Love	2015-08-20	[h] should not be added to Wanganui.	U	Yes	✓	16	
211	Online objecting submission -	Raymond Gaylard	2015-08-20	Leave name alone.	U	No		16	
212	Online objecting submission -	Paul Duncan	2015-08-20	There is no right or wrong. Wanganui is the name early settlers and Māori called the town. It is a point of difference. No sensible reason to change if academics say Wanganui doesn't mean something and Whanganui does. Rewriting history is wrong. Pronounced as 'Fonganui' by outsiders. Majority believe it should remain as Wanganui.	Submitter confirmed on 21/08/2015 that his objecting submission is for Whanganui Disitrc	D	Yes	✓	6 10 28 32
213	Online objecting submission -	Stewart	2015-08-21	Resident for 40 years. Majority of residents are against change. Referenda ignored. There are enough race issues without adding this. Should be given the choice to use either name.	U	Yes	✓	1 8 28 53	

214	Online objecting submission -	Eunice M Jeffers	2015-08-21	Cites referendum		C	No			8
215	Online objecting submission -	Velma and Peter Smith	2015-08-22	Long time resident. Wanganui appears on their legal documents. Referenda ignored.	Follow up email from Velma Smith on 26/08/2015 reiterating previous comments	U	Yes	✓		1 8 31
216	Online objecting submission -	Donald Bull	2015-08-23	It's been the name of the city since it was first established. Name change would not be beneficial.		C	Yes		✓	6
217	Online objecting submission -	Hilda Smith	2015-08-24	Objects to [h] being included in name of town. Council referendum voted against inclusion of [h] in town and district names. Minority are trying to force their will on the majority, which is undemocratic.		C	No			8 36
218	Online objecting submission -	Rex Titter	2015-08-25	Born and lived in Wanganui all of his life. Objects to media pronunciation of 'Fonganui'		U	Yes	✓		1 10
219	Offline objecting submission -	Tom Pittams	2015-08-18	Local Māori have always said Wanganui. 1844 settlers requested Wanganui. Whanganui was written by mistake in 1845. Māori produced traditions of Whanganui in 1854. There is no [f] sound in true Māori. Māori wasn't written until Europeans began to write what they heard Māori say. Wanganui comes from Te Wainui a Rua, via Wainui, Wainganui. Pronounced as 'Fonganui' in media. Mail being sent to Whangarei by mistake.	Enclosed copies of letters and studies written over some years.	U	Yes	✓		4 6 7 10 38 47 56
220	Offline objecting submission -	Garry Peterson	2015-08-20	Lived in Wanganui for 65 years. Minority group have manipulated Council. Mispronounced 'Fonganui' by media. Against majority wishes.	Also made an offline submission on 31/05/2015	U	Yes	ü		1 10 28 36
221	Offline objecting submission -	Nelson Tizard	2015-08-20	Status quo is acceptable for most residents. NZGB supports vocal minority who want change. Don't fix something that isn't broke. NZGB has no reasons for change. Not changing other Wanganui place names. Businesses don't want change.		D	Yes	✓		12 36 55
222	Offline objecting submission -	Dell McGee	2015-08-19	Referenda ignored. Mispronounced 'Fonganui' by media. Council pressured by		C	Yes	✓		2 8 10 62

				local Māori. Cost to alter stationery, road signs etc.					
223	Offline objecting submission -	RB Russell	2015-08-18	Spelling should remain without the [h].		U	Yes	✓	<b>16</b>
224	Offline objecting submission -	M & B Tucker	2015-08-?	Recd. 26-08-2015. Honour the referendum.		U	Yes	✓	<b>8</b>
225	Offline objecting submission -	Yvonne Meynell	2015-08-21	Retain the spelling of Wanganui.		U	Yes	✓	<b>16</b>
226	Offline objecting submission -	Ella ??	2015-08-?	Recd. 26-08-2015. Honour the referendum. It has always been Wanganui. Name being changed to appease Māori. Mispronounced 'Fonganui' by media.	Attached multiple media articles. Surname indecipherable.	U	Yes	✓	<b>6 8 10 48</b>
227	Offline objecting submission -	BW Bull	2015-08-?	Recd. 26-08-2015. Respect outcome of the referenda. Do not give in to vocal minority.	Not acknowledged - address indecipherable	U	Yes	✓	<b>8 36</b>
228	Offline objecting submission -	Leslie Phillips	2015-08-20	Wanganui is the correct way to spell and pronounce it. Choice of letters was intentional.		U	Yes	✓	<b>38</b>
229	Online objecting submission -	Brenda Bayly	2015-08-25	No need for change. Referenda ignored. Unnecessary cost.		U	Yes	✓	<b>2 8</b>
230	Online objecting submission -	Charlie Anderson and	2015-08-14 2015-08-28	Council has disregarded voters/ratepayers objections in referendum. Outcome has been predetermined by the NZGB. Birth, marriage certificates etc will be invalid. Phone book shows 110 businesses without and 19 with the [h].	Wanganui District councillor. Email sent to Minister for Land Information's office & forwarded to NZGB. Also made a submission to NZGB directly on 28/8/2015	C	Yes	✓	<b>8 25 31 34 62</b>
231	Online objecting submission -	Terry O'Connor	2015-08-26	All Nzers have the rights of British citizens. Disaffected group is forcing its views on others. Brings Wanganui into line with other Wanganui names in NZ. Anti-Māori sentiments. Iwi have used blackmail to force Council to support them. Panders to disaffected, trouble making minorities.		D	Yes	✓	<b>5 29 36 42 55 62 64</b>
232	Online objecting submission -	James Neill	2015-08-26	Need to be consistent with other places spelled Wanganui. Racist as referenda were ignored. Media pronounce it incorrectly.		U	Yes	✓	<b>8 10 30 64</b>
233	Online objecting submission -	Terry Mullins	2015-08-26 and 2015-08-28	Long term use of Wanganui. Against majority wishes. Names were written in English to emulate the spoken sounds.	Made identical submission twice	C	Yes	✓	<b>2 4 6 10 28 31 43</b>

234	Online objecting submission -	Alan Lints	2015-08-27	Name is pronounced in unrecognisable form. Spelling distorts an historic name. Creates unnecessary costs. Confusion with places with similar spelling. Opinions of citizens ignored when alternative names given to the city. Cites 1999 Waitangi Tribunal report using Wanganui spelling. Pronunciation has devolved to 'Fanganui' in media, which isn't the local dialect. Council name should not be changed. Referendum has no bearing on outcome. Common use should influence decision. Has three meanings so why not two spellings. NZGB should advise on pronunciation. Iwi sold land so relinquished rights to naming.		D	Yes	✓	6 8 10 33 60
235	Online objecting submission -	Alan Davidson	2015-08-27	Whanga-nui' is wrong. 'Wanga-nui' is very likely wrong. 'Wa-nga-nui' is most likely correct. This name is established, and is confirmed by local dialect and 150 years of custom and use. 'Whanganui' is deeply unpopular. Rejoice in the richness and diversity of Māori dialects.	Wa-nga-nui	U	Yes	✓	38
236	Online objecting submission -	Garry and Wendy McElwain	2015-08-27	No [h] in Wanganui.		U	No		16
237	Online objecting submission -	Jo Standley	2015-08-27	Sees no reason to change.		D	Yes	✓	16
238	Online objecting submission -	Anne Slade	2015-08-27	Pronounced incorrectly by media. Bills are overdue because of the [h] in addresses. Majority of businesses don't use [h]. Family has lived in Wanganui since 1906. Current Wanganui District councillor. Supports spelling Whanganui with [h] but does not support or accept responsibility for Council making a decision prior to consulting with the community.		C	Yes	✓	1 7 10 28
239	Online objecting submission -	Philippa Baker-Hogan	2015-08-27	Consultation undertaken by Council is a farce, but it is important for tangata whenua to have their district named correctly. No need to force on community when change will happen over time, giving Māori mana and respect they deserve rather than it being a political statement by the Council.	Current WDC councillor	D	Yes	✓	48



240	Online objecting submission -	Cindy Bardell	2015-08-27	Expensive when infrastructure requires work. Referendum ignored. Media uses bad pronunciation. NZGB should resign if name is changed. Makes official paperwork invalid.	Has same email address as Anne Slade (no. 240)	U	Yes	✓		<b>2 8 10 31 34 57</b>
241	Online objecting submission -	Larene Jeffery	2015-08-28	Spelled Wanganui whole lfe.		U	Yes	✓		<b>6</b>
242	Online objecting submission -	Karyn Slade	2015-08-28	Whanganui is the river, not the town. Wanganui dialect doesn't pronounce the [h]		C	Yes	✓		<b>10 19</b>
243	Online objecting submission -	Leo Boyle	2015-08-28	Contrary to local idiom of spelling and pronunciation.		U	Yes	✓		<b>10</b>
244	Online objecting submission -	Donald Murray	2015-08-28	Been spelled without the [h] for a long time. Political aspect of the change is divisive.		U	Yes		✓	<b>6 17 48</b>
245	Online objecting submission -	Glenn Holland	2015-08-28	Name is well established. Endonyms shouldn't be used. Offends language rules. It has always been Wanganui in English. It is another guilt driven unjustified concession.		U	Yes		✓	<b>6 41 48</b>
246	Online objecting submission -	Pauline Boyle	2015-08-28	Will cause confusion with Whangarei. Referenda have been ignored. Older people's preferences have been disregarded.		U	Yes	✓		<b>7 8 43</b>
247	Online objecting submission -	Sandra Tofa	2015-08-28	Cost for birth certificates etc. It has always been Wanganui. Most people don't want it changed.		U	Yes	✓		<b>6 28 31</b>
248	Online objecting submission -	Anne Lovell	2015-08-28	Cost and waste of time.		U	Yes	✓		<b>2</b>
249	Online objecting submission -	Denise Brougham	2015-08-28	Referenda ignored.		U	Yes	✓		<b>8</b>
250	Online objecting submission -	Nicole	2015-08-28	No need for change.		U	Yes	✓		<b>6</b>
251	Online objecting submission -	Ian Brown	2015-08-28	Disregards the need for change. Seriously doubts there was no distinction between [w] and [f]. No justification for change.		U	Yes		✓	<b>32</b>
252	Online objecting submission -	Michael James Dallas	2015-08-28	180 years of written proof in official documents. Dialect of local Māori has no [h] sound.		U	Yes	✓		<b>6 38</b>
253	Online objecting submission -	Damon Baxter	2015-08-28	Wishes of the majority ignored.		U	Yes	✓		<b>28</b>
254	Online objecting submission -	Jim Baxter	2015-08-28	Referenda ignored. Waste of money and resources.		U	Yes	✓		<b>8 59</b>
255	Online objecting submission -	Aileen Baxter	2015-08-28	Against majority wishes.		U	Yes	✓		<b>28</b>



271	Online objecting submission -	Colin Hughes	2015-08-28	Family records has Wanganui recorded without [h]. Been spelled Wanganui for 175 years. Minority consider it to be incorrect. Early scribes wrote it how it was spoken by Māori. Will be pronounced as Fonganui.		U	Yes	✓	4 6 10 36 38
272	Online objecting submission -	Rosie Hackett	2015-08-28	Been Wanganui forever. Referenda ignored. Waste of money. The river is Whanganui.		U	Yes	✓	6 8 19 59
273	Online objecting submission -	Bradley McDonald	2015-08-28	Doesn't want to change the name. Don't fix what's not broken. Freight and mail will go to Whangarei.	See Supporting sheet no. 352. Submitter advises he 'ticked the wrong box' - it should be an objecting submission. <u>Fourteen</u> objecting submissions made by the same submitter.	U	Yes	✓	7 8 38
274	Online objecting submission -	Shay La Roche	2015-08-28	Change is being made to please minority. Freight is being sent to Whangarei. Costs local businesses to rebrand.		U	Yes	✓	2 7 36
275	Online objecting submission -	Andrew Alexander	2015-08-28	Public keep saying no.		U	Yes	✓	28
276	Online objecting submission -	Raewyn Munro	2015-08-28	Throughout European/Māori history the city, district and river have been spelled Wanganui. The meaning hasn't changed.		U	Yes	✓	6 56 47
277	Online objecting submission -	Helen Waring	2015-08-28	It should stay the same.		U	Yes	✓	16
278	Online objecting submission -	Paul Robert Gordon	2015-08-28	Wanganui has been in long term use. Activists want their own way. Considerable costs to businesses to change to the new name.		U	Yes	✓	2 6 36 55
279	Online objecting submission -	Rhonda Lyette Campbell	2015-08-28	Been called Wanganui for more than 150 years. Māori had no written language. Referenda ignored.		U	Yes	✓	4 6 8
280	Online objecting submission -	Marion Campbell	2015-08-28	Wanganui has the right to keep its name after 150 years. Why does name have to have a meaning? Whanganui River flowing through Wanganui joins the two. Five generations of family born in Wanganui.	Dual name Wanganui/Whanganui	U	Yes	✓	1 6 19 66

281	Online objecting submission -	Carolyn Swain	2015-08-28	Money spent on changing the name should be spent on infrastructure.		U	Yes	✓		<b>59</b>
282	Online objecting submission -	Clive Rivers	2015-08-28	Local Māori are in conflict with the meaning of Wanganui vs Whanganui. References to an older name 'Wai Nga nui' and over time [i] was dropped. Inserting [h] will cause conflict. People should be able to choose. Majority voted to keep Wanganui for the city and Whanganui for the river and environs. Pronounced varies throughout the country.		U	Yes	✓		<b>8 10 17</b>
283	Online objecting submission -	Peter Monrad	2015-08-28	Referenda ignored. Waste of time and money.		U	Yes	✓		<b>8 59</b>
284	Online objecting submission -	Tony Swain	2015-08-28	Costs to change business stationery and logos. Money should be spent on infrastructure.		U	Yes	✓		<b>2 59</b>
285	Online objecting submission -	Stephanie Pearce	2015-08-28	Not cost effective. Majority should rule.		U	Yes	✓		<b>2 28</b>
286	Online objecting submission -	Christopher Ernest Morton	2015-08-28	In 1843 Richard Taylor, who consulted widely with local Māori, found that it should be Wanganui.		U	Yes		✓	<b>6</b>
287	Online objecting submission -	BJ Hodson	2015-08-28	Born in Wanganui. People don't want change.		U	Yes	✓		<b>13 28</b>
288	Online objecting submission -	Colin Rawson	2015-08-28	Home town for over 60 years.		U	Yes	✓		<b>1</b>
289	Online objecting submission -	Graeme Russell Carey	2015-08-28	Majority are against change.		U	Yes	✓		<b>28</b>
290	Online objecting submission -	Ross Weenink	2015-08-28	Missionaries and settlers wrote Māori place names as they heard them. They didn't hear [h] so they didn't write it. It is politically correct nonsense. Supports retention of Wanganui District.		D	Yes		✓	<b>4 38</b>
291	Online objecting submission -	Ngairé Ann Carey	2015-08-28	Lived in Wanganui whole life. Referenda ignored.		U	Yes	✓		<b>1 8</b>
292	Online objecting submission -	Wozzo	2015-08-28	Supports existing name or have both spellings as official name of the city.	Wanganui and Whanganui as alternative names	C	Yes	✓		<b>53</b>
293	Online objecting submission -	Bruce McMillan	2015-08-28	100 years of use. Change causes confusion. Widespread costs.		U	Yes	✓		<b>2 6 43</b>
294	Online objecting submission -	Beverley Doreen McMillan	2015-08-28	Avoids confusion. Common use. Will cost to change.		U	Yes	✓		<b>2 6 43</b>

295	Online objecting submission -	Anne Ravn	2015-08-28	Does not want [h]. Six family members agree.	Submission made via CRM	U	No		<b>16</b>
296	Online objecting submission -	Jenny Burgess	2015-08-28	Pronunciation is of concern.	Submission made via CRM	U	Yes	✓	<b>10</b>
297	Online objecting submission -	Leigh Grant	2015-08-28	Confusing and will not be pronounced correctly.	Submission made via CRM	U	No		<b>10 43</b>
298	Online objecting submission -	Geoff Bayley	2015-08-28	Born in Wanganui. Council submission process was flawed. Inconsistent transcription of te reo as an oral language. It is confusing, illogical and divisive. Minority self interest groups are dictating to the majority. Council was threatened.	Submission made via CRM	D	Yes	✓	<b>3 4 13 36 38 48 62</b>
299	Offline objecting submission -	CV Perry	2015-08-22	Referenda ignored. Council works for only one sector of the community.		C	Yes	✓	<b>8 36</b>
300	Offline objecting submission -	Colin Simonson	2015-08-21	Activists causing trouble. Anti NZGB sentiment. Against majority wishes. Lived in Wanganui for 87 years. Pronounced incorrectly.	No return address	U	Yes	✓	<b>1 28 34 55</b>
301	Offline objecting submission -	Barbara Pettigrew	2015-08-24	No [h] for Wanganui. Binding referendum should be only submission.		U	Yes	✓	<b>8</b>
302	Offline objecting submission -	KL Crafar	2015-08-27	Referenda ignored. Treaty shows spelling 'Wanganui'. Submissions should only be from residents and ratepayers. NZGB should not make a decision unless there is a formal referendum. Media mispronunciation.		U	Yes	✓	<b>8 10 58 60</b>
303	Offline objecting submission -	JRL Tripe	2015-08-26	Confusion with Whangarei. Standard spelling or pronunciation of Māori is a myth. Dialectical differences should be respected. Argument for change is mischievous. NZGB has already prejudged the issue. Established use.		U	Yes	✓	<b>6 7 32 34 38 43</b>

Submitted on Friday, 29 May 2015 - 8:13am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: William Ashworth

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name. You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

Historically it is clear the founding fathers wished the settlement to be called WANGANUI.

The settlement was named Petre in 1842, after Lord Petre, a director of the New Zealand Land company, but the name was never popular. In 1844 settlers petitioned for the name "Wanganui" to replace the New Zealand Company name of Petre in a petition dated May 3, 1844, noting that the name "Petre" was "universally disliked".

I have seen a copy of this online and recognise some of the names, Rev Richard Taylor who named Whanganui river settlements, John Handley who was the first chairman of the Wanganui Town Council, John Gillfillan who was murdered not too far from where I live and James Watt (watt fountain) who was the town's first Mayor.

Petre was changed to Wanganui officially in 29/1/1854 by a Provincial Council of Wellington Act.

I do not accept the spelling/pronunciation was an English translation of the Maori language.

If it was I believe that time, 150 years it has been known as Wanganui can be wiped away because a perceived error.

There is considerable confusion re pronunciation. "Fanganui" seems to be the most common and this would be a completely wrong. "Waanganui" would be more accurate, but is not proposed.

The District Council voted against the proposal and then for it and has shown no leadership in raising the name change. Instead they have "passed the buck" as it were. I believe the matter is divisive for the whole community.

Your submission process will not be definitive.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/618>

Submitted on Friday, 29 May 2015 - 8:59am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: gillian kilmister

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

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Wanganui should be left as it is. I strongly believe this and I do not want to be called Whanganui which will then be pronounced "Fonganui".

Let the river still retain its name Whanganui River but do not touch Wanganui. This is the third time we have been asked for submissions and our opinion. Just leave it alone. The majority want status quo as it has been voted on before. I do not know who we are kow towing to. Thankyou.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/629>



Submitted on Friday, 29 May 2015 - 4:52pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: phillip groves

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: as a rate payer in Wanganui we had a referendum to change the name to Whanganui or not and the vote was to leave it as it was without the h in it so why do you think yo can change it now ,ARE YOU MORE IMPORTANT THAN DEMOCRACY AND THE VOTE OF THE PEOPLE that are taxed toy pay your salaries' , that is very arrogant phillip groves

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/667>

Fri 29/05/2015 3:58 p.m.

To:  
The Secretary NZ Geographic Board.

There has been much debate over the changing of our town's spelling. Frankly I can't see any reason to do so.

If it isn't broken why try to fix it. Wanganui isn't broken. It is being influenced by people who insist the correct spelling should be Whanganui and if you listen to nightly news and weather broadcasts on television you will find there is many different pronunciations of our town.

We citizens of Wanganui were asked in a ballot whether we would prefer to change the spelling and a large majority voted against it. Not satisfied with the result a further step has been taken to try and change the name. Why? is it so necessary.

You can drive around town and some places have already opted to include the 'H'.

Would the people of Wellington like to have a "H" too. And why stop there I am sure if this goes through it won't be the end of the 'H' debate.

Please leave Wanganui as it is.

Regards,  
Judith Edwards.

Submitted on Saturday, 30 May 2015 - 11:09pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Cheryl Butters

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: I have lived in Wanganui all my life and don't feel there is any reason to add the H into the name of this city. I have read numerous reasons for and against and see no valid reason (historical or otherwise)to make this change. We have spent far too much time and money battling this issue and I wish the status quo to be upheld.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/700>

Submitted on Sunday, 31 May 2015 - 3:41pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Simon Pearce

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

The phantom "H" in Wanganui. Even Facebook along with most Government departments, want us to spell the name of our place incorrectly! For more than 76 years I have called Wanganui my home town. Just why is it that a small percentage of Maori people wish to hold the rest of us to ransom over a very debatable name for our place? The Maori people can not even agree on a definition of the meaning of the name (with the "H") The local Maori prefer the translation as (Large or Great) Estuary. However the great explorer, Kupe, Said that it meant "Long Wait" What-ever the translation, the people of Wanganui voted overwhelmingly in favour of keeping the name without the "H" in 2 referenda. Given the Fact (as supplied by the Council, who will persist in going against the wishes of their electors) That the Maori population here is about 25 percent, Just why is the vote to keep our name without change far above 75 percent in all cases. Finally We must all detest the mistaken efforts of the media and Govt. departments to pronounce our name Fonganui or even worse Farnganui.

Simon Pearce,  
Wanganui

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/705>

Submitted on Sunday, 31 May 2015 - 3:47pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Shirley Pearce

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

The phantom "H" in Wanganui. Most Government departments seem to want us to spell the name of our place incorrectly! For more than 71 years I have called Wanganui my home town. Just why is it that a small percentage of people wish to hold the rest of us to ransom over a very debatable name for our place? The Maori people can not even agree on a definition of the meaning of the name (with the "H") The local Maori prefer the translation as (Large or Great) Estuary. However the great explorer, Kupe, Said that it meant "Long Wait" What-ever the translation, the people of Wanganui voted overwhelmingly in favour of keeping the name without the "H" in 2 referenda. Given the Fact (as supplied by the Council, who will persist in going against the wishes of their electors) That the Maori population here is about 25 percent, Just why is the vote to keep our name without change far above 75 percent in all cases. Finally We must all detest the mistaken efforts of the media and Govt. departments to pronounce our name Fonganui or even worse Funganui.

ShirleyPearce,  
Wanganui

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/706>

Submitted on Sunday, 31 May 2015 - 10:51pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: ed

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name. You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

Whangarei

Wanganui.

Whanganui

Wangarei.

If you change the spelling you'll change how non locals pronounce leading to confusion.

Leave Wanagnui as it is.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/733>

Submitted on Monday, 1 June 2015 - 8:34pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Tanea Tangaroa

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: I can't believe this unprofessional, culturally insensitive, unintelligent and continuous slanderous procedural of recognition for my whanau hapu of Whanganui. You non-Maori have taken these procedural matters and turned them into a shameful fiasco where you have prompt up and fed the colonial Maori of Whanganui to fuel your fire. I am sickened by your treatment of my people of Whanganui!

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/751>

Submitted on Tuesday, 2 June 2015 - 8:45am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Craig Bright

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: I DO NOT AGREE WITH THE NAME CHANGE TO AN H.

This

is a wish by 11 councillors who had to have 2 votes on this matter as they couldn't decide what they wanted to do. 11 people don't talk for 35000. As a town we have already had this debate. A non-binding referendum was held in Wanganui in 2006, where 82 percent voted for Wanganui without an 'h'. Turnout was 55.4 percent. This is stated in Wikipedia on the internet. Annette has her own agenda , as she has a business on the river road which is surrounded by Maoris and the town of Wanganui has already got the option to include H in the name. The council wanted to change the spelling of the District council name and install an H as stated in the chronicle recently , and now as of today the mayor is now saying in todays paper its the Disrtict name that needs to change. Status Quo i say and so do a lot more people in Wangnau. PS Will you be changing the Liittle Wanganui (in the South Island) name aswell, because you can't change one and not the other if thats how it was originally spelt.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/754>



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Office of Hon Louise Upston

Date 18-5-2015:

**Amended Submission to the Wanganui District Council on the Spelling of  
Wanganui**

by Ian Brougham: email [REDACTED]

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**Wanganui is not a Maori name, it was originally named by the Waitaha people.**

Those citizens who are determined to insert an 'h' in the name of our city (Wanganui) have forgotten that the Pronunciation of the Maori language has varied a great deal over both time and place. In the Treaty of Waitangi for instance, the word for land is written 'wenua' which is the way the translators heard it pronounced but now there is talk everywhere of 'tangata whenua'. In the south 'takat wenu' would have been more accurate with final vowels almost silent and a 'k, not 'ng'.

Thus when the pioneers here heard Maoris say the name of our river and decided to name our town after it, 'Wanganui is what they heard and wrote - nothing surer. Putting in an 'h' all over the place is only a fashion introduced by semi-educated people at a much later date.

It was Peter Sharples who said that the Maori language was theirs and they could do what they liked with it. Of course he was referring to the spoken language since they did not have a written one. That was produced by English missionaries so it belongs entirely too white New Zealanders alone.

Local Maoris can pronounce the name of our city (Wanganui) any way they like but the settlers wrote it Wanganui and that is how the written name should remain for ever.

In Tariana Turia speech in Parliament she says, "Tranquility of the W'anganui River", "Te Awa Tupua o W'anganui", "and iwi of W'anganui" even Tariana doesn't spell Wanganui with an 'h'.

The treaty that was signed in Wanganui on the 23 and 31 May 1840 by the chiefs signed it as "chiefs of Wanganui" as you will see in the document that I have enclosed.

It was the pioneers who wrote down Maori place names, not the tribes, and it is a slight to our forebears to deny what they achieved in this as in other ways.

The evidence for a "wh" as in "when" anywhere is very slight, though Jean Jackson who is very knowledgeable and of Ngai (or Kai) Tahu descent says it may have existed. (Note also the "Ngai" and "Kai" both of which have been seen on gravestones in the old

Karitane cemetery.) “Wh” does not occur anywhere in the Treaty of Waitangi though “w” alone as in “wenua” and “wakaritea” and “h’ alone as in “hapu” and “hoki” do. (I suspect that many people who claim to have firm opinions have not even looked at the actual treaty, let alone scanned through it. One does not have to be an expert in the language to learn from doing this.) The treaty was written in the Ngapuhi dialect of course by Henry and Edward Williams who were very familiar with it, 21-year-old Edward being said to have an excellent knowledge.

There are some important points which should be recognized.

1. The pronunciation of the spoken Maori Language, like that of all Languages, has varied greatly over space and time. Thus what is correct in some place at some time will be wrong at another.
2. The written Maori Language was developed by English missionaries and they will have spelt words as they heard them pronounced. It was not constructed by Maoris. Nobody today of part-Maori ancestry has any right whatever on account of that ancestry to claim more authority about spelling Maori words than anybody else.
3. It is notable that nowhere were Maori words or place names spelt with the letter “f”, (as in “fifty”), which is a strong indication that the sound did not occur in classic Maori dialects.

The name “Wanganui” is entirely valid and should stay. It is only certain racist bullies, seeking to increase their own “mana”, who would impose an alternative to it and only the ill-informed, silly politically correct who would fall for the pressure they exert.

Even historian Diana Beaglehole who was commissioned by the Wanganui District Council had found that Wanganui was the correct spelling.

When the Wanganui chiefs signed the tirit o Waitangi in 1840 they signed it under the heading, ‘**Chiefs of Wanganui**’ Not long after the Treaty was signed the town was renamed **Petre** by the New Zealand Company after the Director of the Company, lord Petre.

In 1844 the people of **Petre** decided they wanted to revert back to the original name **Wanganui** and petitioned the Superintendent of the Wellington Province, praying him to take steps to have the town altered from **Petre** to its original name of **Wanganui**. This was officially granted some 10 years and the “official” name became **Wanganui**.

Over the years **Wanganui** has been spelt with an ‘h’ and without an ‘h’ but it is obvious from the trouble our ancestors went to, both Maori and non Maori they wanted their town spelt without the ‘h’ “**Wanganui**”.

Today’s Maori have decided to go against the wishes of their ancestors and the majority

of the people of **Wanganui** and put an 'h' in its spelling.

The **Waitaha** people who were here 300 plus years before a group of people who are called Maori arrived. The broken down name for Wanganui according to the **Waitaha** people is (**Wa**) is energy, **nga** is many, **nui** is large.

The **Waitaha** people came from South America they arrived after the Celtic – Turehu people and settled in both the North and South Island. There is a Pa site 2.6 km out of Wanganui State Hwy 4 called **Waitaha Pa** this belonged to these people.

An ancient name for the Wanganui River was A-wa-nui-a-Rua

**New Zealand and its inhabitants: Pg140**, Hau came in one of the canoes, upon reaching the first river, he named it, from its great width, Wanga-nui (the great mouth).

I hope the foregoing in addition to what I have sent you is helpful. I say again that any idea that there is a "pure" form of the Language which must be imposed everywhere is sheer nonsense.

It is about time to show respect for the **Waitaha** people who named it Wanganui before the arrival of a group of people called Maori, and the Maori Chiefs who signed the treaty at Wanganui on the 23 and 31 May 1840 as the **chiefs of Wanganui**.









## Waikanae, May 16, 1840—continued.

PUKERANGIORA.	HIANGARERE.
KUKUTAI. Killed at Te Poutoko.	HURERUA. Killed at Waikanae.
KOINAKI.	TE WEHI.
RARANGA.	PEHI.
HOHEPA MATAHAU.	KETETAKERE.
KIHA.	

*Witnesses*—Henry Williams, Clerk; Octavius Hadfield, Clerk.

## Motu Ngarara, June 4, 1840

TE RANGIHIROA.	TE OHU.
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*Witnesses*—Henry Williams, Clerk; George Thomas Clayton, Merchant.

## Wanganui, May 23 and 31, 1840

TE ANAUA (Hori Kingi).	TAKA.
TAWITO (Kawana Paipai).	KURAWHATIA.
TE MAWAE.	RANGIWHAKARURUA.
REBE.	URIPO.
TE TAURI (Wiremu Eruera).	TE HIKO.
RORE.	TAKATERANGI.
TUROA.	PAKORO.

*Witnesses*—Henry Williams, Clerk; Octavius Hadfield, Clerk.

## Turanga, Poverty Bay

MANUTAHI, Turanga.	AWARAU, from Waiapu.
TURUKI, Turanga.	TAMITERE, from Tokomaru.
TE KAINGAKIORE, Turanga.	MANGERE, from Turanga.
ERUERA WANA, Turanga.	MARONUI, from Turanga.
TAKATUA, from Waiapu.	TAUAMANAIA, from Turanga.
DAVID RANGIKATIA, from Waiapu.	MATENGA TUKAREAHO, from Waiapu.
TAMAIWHAKANEHUA, from Tokomaru.	TUHURA, from Turanga.
TE PAKARU, from Turanga.	TE HORE, from Turanga.
PAIA-TE-RANGI.	TE PAKARU, from Turanga.
TUTAPATURANGI of Teitangaware, Turanga.	WHAKAHINGATU, from Turanga.
TITIRANGI, Turanga.	PAREKAHIKA (Hori), from Uawa.
TAWARAU, Turanga.	RANGIWHAKATATAE, from Waiapu.
RANGIUIA (Nopera Rangiuiia), Uawa.	TE MOKOPUORONGO (Paratene). Leader of the Kingites at Tokomaru.
RANGIWAI, from Waiapu.	TURANGI POTOTI, from Turanga.
TE MIMIOPAQA, from Waiapu.	TE URIMAITAI, from Turanga.
KAKATARAU, from Waiapu.	TUWARAKIHI, from Turanga.

Submitted on Tuesday, 2 June 2015 - 6:38pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Miss Miranda Price

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

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official name needs to stay as Wanganui. A CHANGE IS NOT WHAT THE MAJORITY OF RATE PAYERS IN WANGANUI WANT AT ALL. The

current

Mayor has her own agenda and reasons for wanting a change - her business and personal preference is to have an H in Wanganui as she has claims to the river of some sort and is very biased to this. I do not like being pushed into something as a ratepayer and resident at all. It is not fair and not ethical. Please consider leaving the name without an H and the river can retain the H as it always has etc. Thank you and regards, Miranda Price

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/762>



Submitted on Wednesday, 3 June 2015 - 5:50pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: David Sidney Burnham

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

I ALONG WITH 80% OF VOTERS IN A COUNCIL RUN REFERENDRUM VOTED TO

KEEP THE NAME OF WANGANUI WITHOUT THE H. SURELY THE WISHES OF

THE PEOPLE SHOULD BE OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE.

I THEREFORE SUPPORT KEEPING THE EXISTING NAME WANGANUI.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/769>

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31st May 2015

DEAR SIR

Both my wife and myself strongly oppose the "H" being put into our town's name. I have lived in Wanganui for 65 years as a homeowner / Rate Payer and feel very let down that a minority group can come in and change the spelling of my city of which I am very proud of.

I play a lot of Indoor + Outdoor Bowls entertain in Rest homes and the general feeling of all the hundreds of people I mix with is they don't want it and detest hearing our City pronounced Fonanganui or Funguanui.

Our Mayor and Council are Very Pro-Maori and Very P.C. Can I remind you that 2 Opinion Polls in the last few years showed over 80% of Wanganui Citizens oppose the "H".

How would Wellington folk feel if a Minority Group Tried to Put a H in WHELLINGTON, and TV Newsreaders started calling it FELLINGTON or similarly a Minority Group wanted New Zealand changed to POTEAROA.

Surely Commonsense should prevail. We look to you as our NATIONS Leaders. Please don't fail us like Maurice Williamson did by sitting on the fence.

Thanking you for taking the time to read my letter.

Yours faithfully

Garry Petersen  
"Wanganui"

RECEIVED

24 AUG 2015

NZGB  
LAND INFORMATION NZ

To NZ Geographic Board.  
Wellington.

20<sup>th</sup> August 2015

Dear Sir,  
I don't think you have any idea how serious the Anti "H" feeling is in Wanganui.  
My wife & I have lived in Wanganui for 65 yrs and this is our home. Why should a small minority group who have manipulated our Woosy Council get their own way and change what over 80% of the population want. Myself and many others will not support any business or institution with the H in their name.  
We have to sit in front of our TV and listen to newsreaders calling us Fonanganui or Fanganui. How would you like that an H in Wellington TV.

IF this goes ahead you are going to stuff up our City!!

I just hope Democracy will Prevail.

Yours faithfully  
Garry Petersen.

P.S. Please read the attached newspaper letter from Charlie Anderson one of our more switched on councillors and respected Chopper Pilot.



LETTER - The 'H' debate - vote now

Dear editor

On August 28, submissions to the Geographic board close regarding the "H" being proposed for inclusion in the name of Wanganui to become Whanganui.

There has been plenty of debate against it. I urge you to put your submission in even though you may think it a waste of time, and you are probably right; However, the lack of submissions will give the Geographic board more ammo to frog march over the top of the silent majority the less submissions they receive. I venture to suggest they have already made up their minds.

My greatest concern regarding this submission process is not only the fact this Councils blatant disregard for the voters/ratepayers overwhelming objection to the name change in a perfectly valid referendum, but the Geographic boards statement concerning the name change on page one of the boards information pack. "Wanganui, was spelt incorrectly and has never been formally gazetted by this board or its predecessors. It is therefore not currently an official New Zealand place name."

This statement is an absolute travesty and predetermination of an outcome of outstanding proportions.

Board Chairman Dr. Grant and his cronies should resign on mass for this outrageous statement; I have sent a copy of this letter to Minister for land information. The boards blurb goes on to say, this is the first time the board has received

a proposal to change the name of a NZ city, if this goes ahead watch out for the next one.

If what the Board says is correct, and the name of Wanganui was never formally recognised and is changed, what happens to all the birth certificates, marriages and deaths in our city are these all invalid? What happens to all our address's and business names.

The attached photo of the latest phone book shows 110 business's without the "H" and 19 with the "H" of which only five are private organisations, don't take my word for it count them.

Put in your submission folks, and watch the fun



when the result of this nonsense comes out.

Charlie Anderson, Wanganui District Councillor

To make a submission post a letter to the Secretary of the New Zealand Geographic Board, c/o Land Information New Zealand, PO Box 5501, Wellington 6145 or email nzgbsubmissions@linz.govt.nz

Secretary of the New Zealand Geographic Board, c/o Land Information New Zealand, PO Box 5501, Wellington 6145 or email nzgbsubmissions@linz.govt.nz

Submitted on Thursday, 4 June 2015 - 2:40pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: sonya toohey

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Stop wasting ratepayers money when most of Wanganui said NO

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/774>

Submitted on Thursday, 4 June 2015 - 6:33pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Dave Bryson

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: I was born in Wanganui 59 years ago and that's how I know it, we have had referendums and the people have spoken, why waste precious dollars on yet another useless exercise

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/782>

Submitted on Thursday, 4 June 2015 - 6:43pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: anna Mcneill

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: I support Wanganui.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/783>

Submitted on Thursday, 4 June 2015 - 6:44pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: denise mcneill

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: I support Wanganui WITHOUT the H.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/784>



Submitted on Thursday, 4 June 2015 - 6:44pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: james mcneill

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: No H. Wanganui it is.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/785>

Submitted on Thursday, 4 June 2015 - 6:55pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Mitchell Reilly

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: A waste of ratepayers money. The people of wanganui have spoken. We did the referendum and voted against it. If the people have no say in the matter then why was ratepayers money wasted on a referendum in the first place! Stop giving in the the Maori!

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/786>

Submitted on Thursday, 4 June 2015 - 7:09pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: William Roy Pullins

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

Silly waste of tax payer money.

Also I feel that the whole push for the change overall is strange. Wanganui is a unique place.

Historically Wanganui signifies something special. Early europeans in the area clearly lived with and among Moari in the area. Wanganui could easily have been called Wellington, Auckland or something else european.

However it is not. It may be technically a very old example of a spelling mistake, but it signifies something bigger. It signifies to coming together of two peoples. Not Moari, not european, but something Kiwi.

To change the name will in a be disrespectful to what our ancestors both Moari and european sacrificed, strived for and ultimately achieved. The land of the long white cloud and life as we know it.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/787>

Submitted on Thursday, 4 June 2015 - 7:24pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Jess

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: I think it's silly to put the H back in when it was taken out originally. That money should not be spent on this! I should be spent fixing up things around Wanganui. For example the ucol building, it gas changed around and is now a lot smaller than it should be (the information Centre is in the library - too loud and too cramped) Does it even matter about putting the H back in anyway?

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/788>

Submitted on Thursday, 4 June 2015 - 7:35pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Cameron hall

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Money should be spent on much better projects like the sewage treatment system than putting an h into the council.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/789>

Submitted on Thursday, 4 June 2015 - 7:51pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Shayla Johnson

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name. You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Please don't. Millions of tax payer dollars are already being wasted on a flag. Can we just not?

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.lin.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/790>

Submitted on Thursday, 4 June 2015 - 8:09pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Gregory Adams

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

It is already widely known as Wanganui, without the 'h' and should stay this way. The public of Wanganui have already had two referendums on the issue, which both came back with an overwhelming no to this issue, and our current mayor keeps pushing this issue, and I don't believe she'll stop until she gets her way which is wrong.

I've grown up in Wanganui, my kids are growing up in Wanganui, and my grandkids will grow up in Wanganui.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/792>

Submitted on Thursday, 4 June 2015 - 8:27pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Sarah Brierley

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Wanganui is a place I am proud of and I don't like hearing it pronounced as Fonganui!!!!

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/794>



Submitted on Thursday, 4 June 2015 - 8:39pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Louise Caudwell

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: In my opinion and belief this town has always been and always will be Wanganui, not spelt with an H

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/795>

Submitted on Thursday, 4 June 2015 - 8:57pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Michelle Walls

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: The cost to business owners etc. I think if some want to spell it with an 'h' let them. Lets put the money into something that really makes a difference like better housing etc.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/796>

Submitted on Thursday, 4 June 2015 - 10:13pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Angela Lynch

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Waste of tax payers money. I have lived in Wanganui all my life and so has my extended family. Wanganui people have voted many times and the answers are always no.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/800>

Submitted on Thursday, 4 June 2015 - 10:39pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Kirsty Davidson

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: I believe it should continue to be the Wanganui District. The City voted in the referendum a few years ago to NOT add the H and we should be listened to not ignored by our mayor.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/801>

Submitted on Thursday, 4 June 2015 - 10:39pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Kylie mackenzie

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: I support Wanganui. If it ain't broke don't fix it. In my opinion I would prefer to see the money spent elsewhere this is a waste of time and resources.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/802>

Submitted on Friday, 5 June 2015 - 6:07am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Geoff Parker

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

It ain't broke so don't attempt to fix it

It was democratically voted against previously

It never had the 'H' in the spelling, this is just another Maori nonsense.

I fully support WANGANUI - without the 'H'

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/804>

Submitted on Friday, 5 June 2015 - 6:37am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Phillip kerwin

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name

You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Leave it how it is. You have wasted enough of our rate payer money already

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/805>

Submitted on Friday, 5 June 2015 - 7:12am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Toni Mallinder

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: I oppose the name change because the letter h has never been in the name. Also all my birth certs and marriage cert does not have the letter h, are all these legal documents then going to be incorrect? If so who is going to pay to have them corrected?

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/807>



Submitted on Friday, 5 June 2015 - 7:22am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Perry Lett

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: The name is WANGANUI - no H. At the time of "The Treaty" it had no H. In just the same way as New Zealand and America both use the English language but spell words different (colour/color etc), the district here doesn't use the letter H like other "tribes" around NZ who do.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/808>

Submitted on Friday, 5 June 2015 - 7:27am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Joe Lett

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: At the time of the Treaty, the local Maori Chief signed it as "Wanganui" - no H then and no H now. That Chief had more right to spell it as he saw fit, than some modern day so-called Maori activist and a Mayor willing to bend over backwards to please the minority and keep here personal business on side with said minority.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/809>

Submitted on Friday, 5 June 2015 - 7:42am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Kim Ahern

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

Apparently Wanganui with an "H" means big harbour... We dont have a big harbour. So theres half the arguement wiped out already in that without the H, The name Wanganui is meaningless. But to me and many others, Wanganui means our home. Its where my daughter, me, my mum and dad, and my grandparents all lived, loved, were born, married and buried. Its the mountains in the distance. Its the river through the town. Its the best kids park in new zealand, third most temperate climate in the world! Its home.

After all these years, Whanganui is meaningless. WANGANUI means home. Also after so many people protesting that they do NOT want the H... Why are we still arguing about this? The desicion was made within a democratic vote. What right does the local council have to overthrow this ?

And moreover, it is painful to hear people pronouncing it Fonganui. Our local iwi do not have the FO in their dialect. Only one in the country that doesnt. So honour them by pronouncing it correctly.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/810>

Submitted on Friday, 5 June 2015 - 8:07am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Kaitlyn Baldwin

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Because it's stupid, Wanganui has said time and time again wr don't want the H!! Why is it necessary? It's not. Wanganui has never been spelled with an H never so there is no need for it now, it is not how you spell. Also what a complete waste spending all that money that could be put to something alot more important! Wake up council!!

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/812>

Submitted on Friday, 5 June 2015 - 8:15am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Darryl mark Taylor

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: It's the way it's all ways been don't f with it

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/813>

Submitted on Friday, 5 June 2015 - 8:24am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Vanessa taylor

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: I object because it has always been spelt wanganui and there is PLENTY of other projects that us rate payers money could be spent on eg foot paths, drain systems. But like a lot of us, i suspect that we will be ignored.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/814>

Submitted on Friday, 5 June 2015 - 9:00am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Nelsons Cross

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: The correct name is Wanganui and should remain so. Do not submit to racial blackmail.j

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/815>

Submitted on Friday, 5 June 2015 - 10:23am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Shaun terrey

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Keep it the same , cost on local business is to great .

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/816>

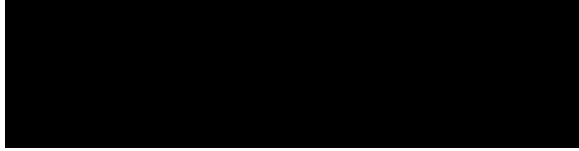


Fri 5/06/2015 10:26 a.m.

I do not want any of Wanganui changed to any other spelling

Cheers

Robert Cochrane



Submitted on Friday, 5 June 2015 - 10:40am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Krista Eades

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Leave it as it is, Wanganui is all I've ever known and that's how it needs to stay

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/817>

Submitted on Friday, 5 June 2015 - 11:14am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Judith Massey

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

I object to the change of name from Wanganui to Whanganui, on the grounds that the Maori Chiefs of Wanganui signed the Treaty of Waitangi on May 23rd and 31st, 1940. There was no mention of Whanganui, just the heading "Wanganui" the names of the Chiefs namely:

Te Anaua (Hori Kingi), Tawito (Kawana Paipai), Te Mawae, Rere, Te Tauri (Wiremu Eruera), Rore, Turoa - all signed in with Wanganui beside their names. Witnesses - Henry Williams, Clerk, Octavius Hadfield, Clerk. How would it be possible to dishonour the Treaty of Waitangi now? Wanganui is a Historical City, and many previous Rangatira's of the various Marae's have never questioned the spelling. With respect to the minority of Tupoho, I ask PLEASE HONOUR THE TREATY, and leave the name of Wanganui as the majority of Wanganui people have requested. Democracy surely must favour the majority.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/818>

Fri 19/06/2015 11:09 a.m.

I wish to notify by way of a submission, that I would heartily disagree with the 'H' being put in the name to read Whanganui District. I am for the status quo, - Wanganui District. My reason being that the 'H' was not in Wanganui at the time of the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi by the Chiefs of Wanganui between the dates of 24-31st May 1840. The 'H' however was in the original spelling of the Whanganui River - I realise that has nothing to do with this submission, but has caused confusion.

Thank you

Judith Massey

Submitted on Friday, 5 June 2015 - 11:20am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: June miller

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Was satisfied with using either spelling and see no need to change and upset many people who still use the spellingWanganui. It is thought that pressure is being placed on Dist council to submit to the Change

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/819>

Submitted on Friday, 5 June 2015 - 11:26am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Kelly Hammond

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name

You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

I was born in Wanganui not Whanganui according to my birth certificate. The town has never had an 'h' in it and it should stay that way. I believe the majority of this town want it kept this way too so why not listen to the majority of people and leave the 'h' out of Wanganui.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/820>

Submitted on Friday, 5 June 2015 - 11:31am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Mark Franken

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Wanganui is customary use and pronunciation.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/821>

Submitted on Friday, 5 June 2015 - 1:26pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Lyndsay Amer

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: A referendum has already been held with a result of 80% NOT wanting a name change.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/829>



Fri 5/06/2015 1:28 p.m.

Dear Sir,

I 'am writing to the New Zealand Geographic Board to lodge our total rejection on re naming of Wanganui to Whanganui. ( even our spell check cant pick up the name of Whanganui) .Back around six years ago a referendum was conduct by the Wanganui Council mayor the then Michael Laws and received an 80% vote return. Clearly stating that the name Wanganui stays unchanged. Since then there has been a very small monitory of around 10% holding the Wanganui Council and the citizens of Wanganui to back door deals with the now Wanganui councillors.

This small group have caused unnecessary disharmony within a very tight community of Wanganui. If the name change does go ahead we feel that this town and surrounding areas stand to be totally degrade and dysfunctional. Along with any further trust in this democratic sociality of New Zealand. Just to satisfy a small mortuary of ethnic radicals. This situation has the potential to turn quite nasty for honest and hard working Wanganui citizens. Which in turn has spite the local council into a dysfunctional organisation and needs to be disbanded, stood down and reformed in a democratic way.

I know by a large group of Wanganui citizens that they will totally ignore the name change. As I have already mention this situation has the potential to turn quite sceptic and will further impact on the image of Wanganui and its citizens. Who over the last ten years or so have had a considerable amount of negative news which has created a very bad impression of Wanganui as a place to bring up young families as well as live in. I travel extensively throughout New Zealand through the course of my work. Which I personally find very sad and disturbing for the Wanganui citizens for the negative comments made about this town. As they themselves haven't created this situation, they just live here working hard and bringing up a family. The question needs to be ask, are they receiving the type of support from our local Government intuitions. They just don't deserve this image being made out of and incompetent Council. making bad policy decisions Our suggestion is to leave any name change until the next council elections which is only twelve months or so away. Then hold another referendum, which can then be made binding if a name change is agree to by a fair democratic sociality.

Your sincerely

John Richard Palamountain

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John Palamountain



Fri 5/06/2015 3:13 p.m.

Thank for your response Christopher,

There is an over whelming amount of concern within the majority of Wanganui citizens, how this present council is functioning. If the New Zealand Geographic board can hold off making a decision regarding the name change debacle. The Wanganui citizen I have spoken to believe that the next Wanganui elections is where they can determine its own city naming.

Kind Regards John Palamountain

Submitted on Friday, 5 June 2015 - 1:29pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Bryanne Weber

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: I object to the name change principally because the referendum clearly shows the majority of those who bothered to vote, were clearly in favour of the status quo. For this reason let the democratic process be upheld and do not let the minority blackmail and pressurise our weak public representatives who are voted into their positions to uphold the democratic process.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/830>

Submitted on Friday, 5 June 2015 - 1:34pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Philip Weber

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: The Council have been hijacked and blackmailed by local iwi. This shows clearly dictatorship of the tribe overrides the democratic process. I challenge the board to uphold the democratic process and do not alter the official name of Wanganui.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/832>

Submitted on Friday, 5 June 2015 - 1:39pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Janelle Hawker

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Wanganui District

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/833>

Submitted on Friday, 5 June 2015 - 2:13pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Graeme Brown

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Wanganui was the chosen name and its spelling was accepted by Maori even at the treaty signing. There was no H when transcribed from Maori verbal into written word. To say so is a nonsense. I do not support the name change and the associated costs that go with it. Wanganui is totally fine as it is.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/834>

Submitted on Friday, 5 June 2015 - 2:22pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: bob stanley

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: The name of our city was changed in 1854 from Petre to WANGANUI (no H ) as requested by the citizens of this city. This was acceptable at the time by the real Maori of this area as this was the correct spelling for the local Maori pronunciation. This spelling has been acceptable for the last 150 years. Unfortunately the local slightly Maori pressure group under the leadership of the ambitious slightly Maori boy Ken Mair in his constant attempts to prove that he is the power in the Wanganui region has our council running scared to the point that they no longer have the courage to do what is right and represent the people of Wanganui. Lets pretend that we still live in a democratic country and do what the people want rather than what the politicians want through lack of courage.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/835>

Submitted on Friday, 5 June 2015 - 4:13pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Sarsh Watkins

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

If money is to be wasted on this ridiculous debate then change it to the very first original name...Petre was it?

I am a ratepayer and I say no to the h...

About time ratepayers were heard...I want better healthcare, better bus services for School kids, more for children and families to do in Wanganui and better dog control...Put our money into things that actually benefit our town and people...

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/838>



Submitted on Friday, 5 June 2015 - 5:03pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Alan Morris

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: There is already enough confusion between Wanganui and Whangarei, why add to it. The local tribes say that the 'H' is silent anyway ( as it would be pronounced as in 'when') At the time it was known as Wanganui the language was unwritten so how can it be said it had an H or not, stop wasting money on such things. I was born in Wanganui and what happens to all the historic and legal documents or is this going to be another thing to waste more money on having to apply to change, ie. birth certificate, and many other legal title. Stop mucking around with such thing, all it creates is confusion!

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/839>

Submitted on Friday, 5 June 2015 - 5:12pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Melanie Dixon

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: The name is being pronounced incorrectly (ie on TV now that they've changed the spelling to include the "h") The local iwi surely want our district's name to be pronounced in line with their dialect. Wanganui (without the 'h') is generally pronounced correctly by the majority. By adding the 'h', it is pronounced "Fong a nooee" by the majority (not locally educated people). the 'h' is meant to sound as if it was aspirated before the 'w', as in the correct English pronunciation of "where", "when", "why". I strongly object to our town and district forever being called "Fong a nooee" as it is now by trained TV presenters and then absorbed by the watching population and then they will continue saying it wrong!

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.lin.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/841>

Submitted on Friday, 5 June 2015 - 5:26pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: ann and denis wilson

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: It is historically known as Wanganui and would cost far too much to change everything.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/842>

Submitted on Friday, 5 June 2015 - 6:27pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Bill Wright

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: There is NO Finmaoris

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/843>

Submitted on Friday, 5 June 2015 - 6:48pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Josh Stewart

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: My great-great-great uncle John Tiffin Stewart surveyed and mapped parts of this district extensively, his maps can be found in your museums and he has spelt it Wanganui without an h on all his maps, he would have known better than any person alive today how it was pronounced. He came to New Zealand in 1865 and is also responsible for surveying Palmerston North and the Manawatu Gorge. I would personally be rather offended if the change were to go ahead. I find it disturbing that the news presenters now pronounce it as 'Fonganui' as opposed to Wanganui. Sincerely Josh Stewart.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/844>

Submitted on Friday, 5 June 2015 - 6:59pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Helen Moseley

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: It has always been spelt and pronounced Wanganui. The people of Wanganui overwhelmingly want it to stay as Wanganui and this is how it should be. It has never been written with an 'h' nor has it ever been pronounced with an 'f'.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/845>

Submitted on Friday, 5 June 2015 - 7:05pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Murray Hughes

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: The public of WANGANUI voted overwhelmingly not to have the H included. The Council and IWI have no mandate to force this change without first having a binding referendum

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/846>

Submitted on Friday, 5 June 2015 - 7:22pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: John Taylor

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

The people of Wanganui have voted TWICE, in two separate public referenda, by an overwhelming majority of over 84% BOTH TIMES, to NOT add the letter H to the towns name of Wanganui. That any taxpayer funded agency is even discussing this again belies belief. As this is a public consultation, please advise who has initiated this discussion again against the very clear will of the people of Wanganui - you have my email address. One can only assume there is some degree of contempt felt towards the good people of Wanganui, or this is an attempt to un-democratically fulfill the desires of a clear minority, also an act initiated by someone who needs to be exposed for public discussion.

If this organisation cannot accept the opinion clearly demonstrated, twice, by overwhelming majority of Wanganui residents, then this current submission process is pointless.

If however, this organisation DOES accept the clearly demonstrated will of the people of Wanganui in maintaining the status quo, Wanganui with no added 'H, then this current submission process is pointless.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/849>



Thu 11/06/2015 11:14 a.m.

Hello,

I would like to add a comment to my submission, that while my submission may have made reference to the town's name of Wanganui and the public's determination that the name should remain unchanged, this applies equally to the district name.

I believe the only reason for opening this issue must surely be due to pressure from

1) a determined minority acting against the demonstrated wishes of the townsfolk, or

2) a determined "Politically Correct" minority within government offices at some level, who believe they are fixing something that is not actually broken - and in the process they are acting against the wishes of a very clearly demonstrated majority of townsfolk.

Regards,

John Taylor



Submitted on Friday, 5 June 2015 - 7:23pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: David Cameron

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name. You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

This is just a few racists attempting to throw their weight about.

Language changes over time.

We know exactly how people pronounced words in roman or medieval times for example, and we don't make any effort to correct our speech to the ye olde worlde version.

Maori have NO IDEA what their words sounded like in 1800, as its an oral language and changes with time.

My kids say words differently to me, and my grandkids say words even more differently.

The BEST idea of what the word actually sounded like is WANGANUI, as that's what a culture with a written language recorded.

And for the vast majority, that's what it still sounds like today.

So, the modern version is the appropriate one.

Leave the name at Wanganui.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/851>

Submitted on Friday, 5 June 2015 - 7:46pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: PAUL GIBSON

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: This will open up a big can of worms regard the name of the town itself, leave things how they are WANGANUI DISTRICT.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/852>

Submitted on Friday, 5 June 2015 - 9:13pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Melissa Toy

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: I support maintaining the name 'Wanganui'.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/853>

Submitted on Friday, 5 June 2015 - 10:04pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Melissa

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: The ratepayers money would be better spent on so many other things. For example sort out kowhai park so it doesn't leak sewage whenever it rains. Or even do the park up a little bit

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/854>

Submitted on Friday, 5 June 2015 - 10:14pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Richard Ansell

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name. You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: In a democracy, the wishes of the majority traditionally prevail. It would be a sad day if a change of our city's name is dictated by the loudest voices. No one knows what the original inhabitants of New Zealand called this area and there are doubts how it was pronounced by early Maori. Let democracy prevail.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/855>

From: P Smith Fri 5/06/2015 10:50 p.m.

No. Please dont do it.

Sent from my galaxy S4



Submitted on Friday, 5 June 2015 - 11:27pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: sharla may

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name. You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: The name should stay the same. There are more important issues council should be spending time and money on.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/856>

Submitted on Saturday, 6 June 2015 - 9:49am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: stephanie battersby

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

i support the spelling as Wanganui the city already voted to keep the spelling as WAnGANUI and i dont understand why it is being ignored

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/859>

Submitted on Saturday, 6 June 2015 - 2:47pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Rochelle Booth

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name. You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Wanganui is the name of our city. Whanganui River is the name of our awa. We need to keep our city name Wanganui as it is our identity and home. This will save us money, time and prove that governing bodies listen to the majority.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/861>

Submitted on Saturday, 6 June 2015 - 2:53pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Justin Booth

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Wanganui is what we know. If it is going to change from the current, Wanganui, then it should be Petre as this was the original name. However, I think the money should be spent on infrastructure e.g. Port, bowling alley, mountain biking tracks and things that will attract more visitors. With the extortionate price of our rates, no name change should occur. Wanganui is how it should be spelled.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/862>

Submitted on Saturday, 6 June 2015 - 3:52pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Penelope Brown

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: I don't think it is needed to be changed as it has been spelt WANGANUI my 30 years of life living here. Why change something the is not needed,

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/865>

Submitted on Saturday, 6 June 2015 - 3:54pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: David Brown

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name

You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: As an iwi member of the WANGANUI district, I am happy with the current spelling of WANGANUI.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/866>

Submitted on Saturday, 6 June 2015 - 10:21pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: bevan garmonsway

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: | object to this change name due to the fact it is not required and is goes against previous voters massive vote to not to include the H .Minority votes do not outweigh the massive votes to accept the status quoy. Itindicares to me that this council DO NOTpractice majority acceptances and therefore do not represent myself or indeed any other voter. It is not democracy and I cannot support this prposal.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/869>

Submitted on Sunday, 7 June 2015 - 8:08am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Wade

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Spend our money on something that makes a difference to our children and population.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.lin.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/870>



Sun 7/06/2015 12:06 p.m.

Secretary of the NZ Geographic Board

I wish to make a submission regarding changing the name of Wanganui to Whanganui. I am strongly opposed to this action. I have lived in Wanganui all my life (77 years) and have no intention of changing my address to Whanganui. The recent poll showed an overwhelming desire to keep the name of Wanganui, and it amazes me that this was ignored.

Yours sincerely, Rosemary Hicks, [REDACTED].

My husband also agrees with me. Warren Norbert Hicks, of the same address.

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Wed 10/06/2015 11:30 a.m.

Dear Jill – A supporting letter to the submissions put in by Rosemary & Warren Hicks

Reasons for NOT changing the name of Wanganui are:-

In the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi there was no “H”. If the name is now going to be changed to Whanganui, then surely this makes the Treaty of Waitangi invalid.

As the Maori chiefs were happy with this spelling in 1840, then who are we to change it 175 years later, said Mike Baker.

When the public were asked to vote on the change of name, the votes were 4 to 1 against changing it to Whanganui.

Rosemary & Warren Hicks

Sun 7/06/2015 1:07 p.m.

Referendums, postal votes etc. What happened to democracy? The populace overwhelmingly decided against the "h" yet here we are again, with the minority deciding for us.

Once again, I say NO to Whanganui.

Mrs G. Currey  
Wanganui

Sun 7/06/2015 1:30 p.m.

Tired of being one of the majority who are being ignored over and over again.  
NO H.

R. Payne  
WANGANUI

Submitted on Monday, 8 June 2015 - 7:14am Submitted by anonymous user:  
[REDACTED] Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Donald Stewart

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name. You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: The present name has served very well for many many years and there is no need to change it. There will be substantial costs for the community with changes to signage, paperwork etc. for no actual benefit to anyone. This appears to be a process to mollify a noisy mionority.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/873>

Submitted on Monday, 8 June 2015 - 10:39am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Michelle Cohen

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Because we have already had this discussion and the majority vote was not to change it. The added cost involved to businesses to change signage, business cards etc and that fact that Wanganui will always be Wanganui to me.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/874>

Submitted on Monday, 8 June 2015 - 11:20am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Freddy Cohen

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: I believe this matter has already been addressed, and think that occupants of Wanganui should have the right to either spelling. As such I prefer without the H, and believe it is a waste of money to even discuss this matter further.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/876>

Submitted on Monday, 8 June 2015 - 1:57pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Barry Tomlin

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: I think the original writers of the name would have spelled it how it sounded. Because they spelled it with a "W" means that was how it was pronounced by the local maoris - so it should NOT be spelled "Wh"! It should continue to be spelled with "W" only! Thank you.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/881>



Submitted on Monday, 8 June 2015 - 4:43pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: John Innes

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

We live in a supposed democracy. Every time a poll or referendum (both local and National) has been held on the matter, the voters choose the name Wanganui. Some citizens may not like the result of a referendum but that is democracy.

The name Wanganui has been in general use for around 180 years. The New Zealanders who have grown up during that time using the name should have the right to retain the name Wanganui.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/899>

Submitted on Monday, 8 June 2015 - 9:38pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Neil

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

Why oh why do you not just ask the ratepayers in Wanganui as they pay your wages. You need to realise you are not a business and as such should follow proper rules for decision making. Non ratepayers or people who rent a house in Castlecliff do not pay the rates bills.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/905>

Submitted on Tuesday, 9 June 2015 - 12:10am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: David Lupton

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name. You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

I support retaining the name Wanganui District.

This is the original name and spelling, and reflects the way the name has always been pronounced.

We already have TV announcers pronouncing the place Fanganui. This was clearly not the intent.

If there is a choice between the 'correct spelling' and the 'correct pronunciation', then since Māori was traditionally a spoken language, the pronunciation should prevail.

It has been suggested that 'whanga' means 'big bay' while 'wanga' has no meaning. This is nonsense, 'wanga' clearly also has always meant 'big bay'. Just as the Maori dictionary lists owha and oha as alternative spellings, it is time to recognise 'whanga' and 'wanga' as alternate spellings.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/906>

Wed 10/06/2015 4:21 p.m.

Thank you

I would just like to comment that I believe the question as shown will confuse.

It asks whether you agree or disagree with the change of the name for Whanganui District.

I thought that the District Council was still called the Wanganui District Council and that the proposal was to change the name to Whanganui District, in which case I would answer that I disagree. But if the name is actually Whanganui District and the question is whether it should be changed to Wanganui District, then I certainly agree

I believe most people will be confused. You should have simply given the two options "Wanganu District" or "Whanganui District"

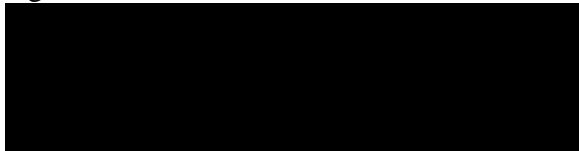
David

Tue 9/06/2015 8:01 a.m.

I submit that the place name of Wanganui remains Wanganui and does not change.

1. I object to a name change
2. The reasons I object are:
  - Wanganui was the original spelling.
  - Wanganui has been the spelling for 180 years and has established its own unique identity.
  - Wanganui is not a Maori word, it is based upon a Maori word which was first transcribed in 1835 and belonging to all residents and descendants since.
  - I live in Wanganui, my grandchildren's birth certificates are for Wanganui, we identify with Wanganui.
3. I have no alternative suggested place name – I submit there be no change to the place name of Wanganui.

Ngaire Ellwood



Submitted on Tuesday, 9 June 2015 - 12:01pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Ivan & Jacqueline KENDALL

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: The fact that we have had two previous referenda that emphatically said no to adding the "H" to Wanganui should be enough to show the wishes of the majority of ratepayers. We have been ratepayers continuously since 1954. We believe that the spelling of Wanganui should remain as it has been for many years.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/911>

Submitted on Tuesday, 9 June 2015 - 9:33pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: David Griffiths

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

My submission is to retain Wanganui. I object to any change.

Reasons below

#### `H' SUBMISSIONS

People can make submissions about changing the spelling of the name Wanganui District Council to Whanganui District Council. This is a new submission process, previous submissions/ votes don't count It is about putting your views as to why the name should not be changed to Whanganui, as it has already been decided that the name is to be Whanganui. Quote from the New Zealand Geographical Board chairperson: which recognises Whanganui as the correct spelling". "Whanganui means the long wait".

This statement was published by the NZGB on April 30. Submissions from the public were requested on May 28, almost a month later.

The NZGB paper also mentions: "Discuss the possibility of consequential name corrections to the other Wanganui names, particularly the suburb of Wanganui East"

Now we know the iwi blackmailed the council into making the proposal to change the name. Quote from the proposal for a name change: "The reality that iwi engagement and support with the council would be systematically withdrawn if a proposal was not made." So is it really about the spelling or an attempt to prove that dictatorship by tribe overrides the democratic process PS: The consultation process has been opened to the public, have a look at the information online.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/919>



Submitted on Tuesday, 9 June 2015 - 10:33pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Sue Mildenhall

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name. You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

This town of Wanganui had a referendum regarding the name of our city, and there was a clear mandate then to retain the city's spelling as Wanganui.

I would like it to remain as that decision.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/921>

Submitted on Tuesday, 9 June 2015 - 11:08pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Maurice Mildenhall

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Historically both versions have been used. For the last hundred years it has been Wanganui. The Maori language has been hijacked by the Rotorua dialect and I note this has dominated over the local dialects and has now happened in Northland and is now happening in Wanganui. Language changes and evolves as is witness with the words 'Silly' and 'gay'. While media advance their Whanganui pronunciation upon this town, this towns citizens have by referendum and Majority voted for the status quo. Let the last 'Board findings' be acceptance of the optional spelling remain. Regards

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/922>

Submitted on Tuesday, 9 June 2015 - 11:08pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Maurice Mildenhall

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Historically both versions have been used. For the last hundred years it has been Wanganui. The Maori language has been hijacked by the Rotorua dialect and I note this has dominated over the local dialects and has now happened in Northland and is now happening in Wanganui. Language changes and evolves as is witness with the words 'Silly' and 'gay'. While media advance their Whanganui pronunciation upon this town, this towns citizens have by referendum and Majority voted for the status quo. Let the last 'Board findings' be acceptance of the optional spelling remain. Regards

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

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The New Zealand Geographic Board

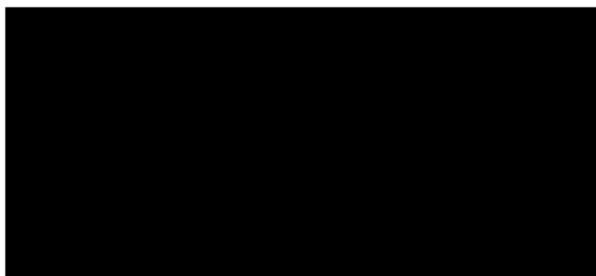
30th May 2015

Whatever the outcome regarding the spelling of Wanganui, we like many thousands, will always spell Wanganui the way its been spelt for years, the right way without the H.

Regards,



G. and H. Tyler



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08 JUN 2015

NZGB  
LAND INFORMATION NZ

Secretary for the NZ  
Geographic Board

2nd June 2015

Level 7  
Radio NZ House  
155 The Terrace  
P O Box 5501  
Wellington 6145

Re Opinions on "H" in name  
for Wanganui

Dear Sir/Madam

I DO NOT want the "H" in Wanganui.

I have lived here in Wanganui for 65 years  
(all my life).

I for the first time walked down Victoria Ave  
Wanganui in protest along with hundreds of others  
about 15 years ago when this "H" business  
first came up

I have also protested every time this business  
has come up, in letter form or forum.

People of Wanganui have already decided  
By vote twice not to have Wanganui spelt  
with an "H". This was decided with  
a huge majority.  
The Wanganui City Council/Mayor still insists  
on spending our ratepayers money on this  
rubbish. We know what we want -  
WANGANUI not WITANUI

[Redacted] Yours faithfully [Redacted]

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VSP Milliken

secretary for the NZ  
Geographic Board  
Level 2  
P.O. Box 2501  
Wellington 6142

for information  
the change in "H" in name

Dear Sir/Madam

I DO NOT want the "H" in Wainui

I have had to see in Wainui for the house  
(Call me if)

I got the first time Wainui was named after  
Wainui in fact it was named after  
first came up with the name "H" house

I have also provided the house  
was come up in letter form of form

Letter of Wainui has been decided  
for the name not to be Wainui  
with an "H". This was decided with  
a large majority  
The Wainui City Council have still  
on the name and the name will  
Wainui. We know what we want  
not Wainui

Submitted on Wednesday, 10 June 2015 - 9:59am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Jude Johnson

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: I lived in Wanganui for 48 years and the spelling of Wanganui should stay the same. I now live in Napier but Wanganui will always be home.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/924>

Submitted on Wednesday, 10 June 2015 - 7:11pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Grace Brougham

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: There is no reason to change Wanganui as it is. This is the name used from early settlement and is respected by the majority of people who live here . We are proud of our name as it is.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/932>



Submitted on Thursday, 11 June 2015 - 7:01am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Barbara Gordon

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name. You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Don't like the way the rest of NZ is pronouncing name as Fonganui. Ugly ugly ugly. Keep it at Wanganui. Concede is confusing with region spelled with Wh but it seems to work.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

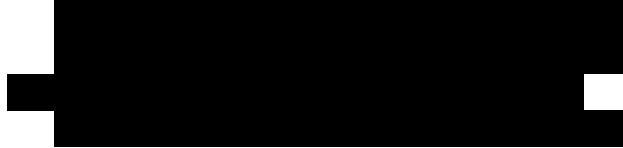
<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/933>

Thu 11/06/2015 12:37 a.m.

I would like to register my strong objection to any change to my home town of Wanganui. My wife and I and 4 of our children were born in Wanganui. Many of our relations, including our parents and siblings are buried in Aramoho.. LEAVE WANGANUI AS IT IS, (NO) H

Keith Pull.

E/Mail address.



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Thu 11/06/2015 4:11 p.m.

- 1) I object to Wanganui being changed to Whanganui.
- 2) It has always been known as Wanganui and to make a change of one letter to satisfy the phonetic whims of a minority would at best be capricious. Perhaps following this theory, then Auckland should be renamed "Orkland". This not even taking into account the vast sums of money that would be involved and our money would be better spent elsewhere.
- 2) I think that Wanganui should remain "Wanganui".

Thank you

Yours faithfully

G W Ellwood

Submitted on Sunday, 14 June 2015 - 2:21pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Doctor Vivien Wake

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name. You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

I object to a name change for the following reasons:

- 1.) Mispronunciation of the name, now heard frequently by radio/TV announcers who apparently believe the 'wh' should be pronounced as 'f'.
- 2.) The name, Wanganui, as spelled now, reflects the pronunciation of the LOCAL Maori word recorded by the early missionaries.
- 3.) The expense of printing costs arising from changing the spelling.
- 4.) The completely unnecessary change of a name established for well over a hundred years.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/960>

Submitted on Monday, 15 June 2015 - 10:50am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: JUDY PALMER

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Keep as it is known tradiotnally!!

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1000>

Submitted on Monday, 15 June 2015 - 10:54am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Patricia Thonas

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: If it aint broke!! Dont change it. It will save a lot of money allowing that to be used for much more important things.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1001>

Submitted on Monday, 15 June 2015 - 8:34pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Damien Kiddie

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name. You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: I have grown up calling my home Wanganui. I wish to resume calling it Wanganui.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1022>

Submitted on Monday, 15 June 2015 - 9:39pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Peggy Fittes

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Since the H was included everyone now pronounces Wanganui as Fanganui. The WH was silent and Wanganui was always pronounced Wanganui. Please leave it that way.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1030>



Submitted on Tuesday, 16 June 2015 - 9:52am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Gregory Lance Cox

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

It saddens me (a third generation resident, born and bred in Wanganui), to be part of a democratic process that is being driven by our council governance and officers with a hidden agenda. I was schooled alongside my maori friends in Aramoho, those people are still friends today. Our past two generations were never taught to spell Wanganui with an H. I wish to speak and pronounce my language as a New Zealander, as I was born and raised. To change the name will cause a social split and a feeling of no longer belonging to our place of birth. I am in my 60th year and politicians must consider that the vast majority of this community, who were born here, hold their own pride of place that is now being undermined. I am a passionate defender of Wanganui, I have a small business here and put \$700,000 back into the community in wages annually, but the failed wastewater plant and now the rebirth of the H debate makes me want to leave this town and go where democracy is still alive. Wanganui really needs to look forward and listen to the majority of rate payers before this town, socially and financially becomes irreparable. The name should remain as it has always been, Wanganui as our fore fathers proudly named it.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1038>

Submitted on Tuesday, 16 June 2015 - 10:00am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Lynley D Means

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Wanganui was originally named Petrie, the name was changed to Wanganui, to change it to Whanganui (Fonganui) is giving in to the minority yet once again. It is a disgrace that any intelligent thinking person would even consider the change. I was born in Wanganui and that is how it will stay for me. I will not accept any mail that comes to my home with the 'H' in it. The people of Wanganui have already spoken, not have the 'H'. so leave it at that

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1039>

Submitted on Tuesday, 16 June 2015 - 10:32am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: barbara lett

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: the chiefs of wanganui signed the treaty with the spelling being 'wa'. the word 'taonga'at treaty signing meant 'land, procured by the sword' now it means sea, lakes, fauna,air waves, geothermal etc. this country at treaty signing was called new zealand. maori did not call it aotearoa. now that is creeping in everywhere.so you see if treatist say something loud enough, long enough, and often enough , people are brain washed into thinking it is correct. maori are not the tangata whenua of new zealand, so who are this minority group being given 'authority' to claim and change so many things?

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1041>

Submitted on Tuesday, 16 June 2015 - 10:59am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: J.Tweedie

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: As a resident and ratepayer of Wanganui, I object most strongly to an h being added to Wanganui. We have had votes with the council and the citizens overwhelmingly said NO H. Some T.V. channels pronounce it with an f and that upsets me as well There is an opinion in the Wanganui Chronicle this morning Tuesday 16.6.2015 by Bob Walker and I fully stand by what he says.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1042>

Submitted on Tuesday, 16 June 2015 - 1:45pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Audelle Mackle

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: I support that the name Wanganui stay the same.  
No need for change and certainly dont need the expense for such a fruitless reasons.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1047>

Thu 20/08/2015 1:59 p.m.

I am forwarding my submission to not add the H in Wanganui.

Regards,  
Audelle Mackle,



Submitted on Tuesday, 16 June 2015 - 8:36pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: peter john andrews

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: I object to the H in the spelling of Wanganui for the following reasons. my mothers birth cert, 1933 spelt Wanganui. mine, my sisters, and my sons all spelt the same. my parents death certs all spelt without an H. I have no family documents with H in the spelling. I have seen maori paintings painted by maori depicting Wanganui without the H. I am with the majority that want the spelling to stay the same. a minority want to change it and this goes against the wishes of a big portion of the citizens of Wanganui. I have yet to see evidence that it was spelt with an H. Govt documents showing the signature of the maori woman from Wanganui that signed the treaty have the spelling without the H. Unless the people of Wanganui vote a majority to change I feel it should stay as spelt. it is not an insult to most maori and I struggle to find maori people that I know that want it changed or for that matter care

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1065>

Submitted on Tuesday, 16 June 2015 - 9:58pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Elizabeth Broome

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name. You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: I object to the change of spelling of Wanganui. It is not what the majority of Wanganui people want, there was a referendum resulting overwhelmingly for spelling to stay as it is, no H. Why has this result not been adhered to. The correct pronunciation is Wanganui, if an H is added it will have an "F" sounding pronunciation and that is completely wrong.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1067>



Submitted on Wednesday, 17 June 2015 - 9:04am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Leatham Broadhead

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Wanganui name is a stand alone name that historically has been the name for this town/city since the early settlement. People who advocate change cannot agree on the derivation of the new name wanted. The present name of Wanganui does not have to be spelt as Whanganui because it is a name that stands for this particular city that we live in and does not have to have a Maori link.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1070>

Submitted on Wednesday, 17 June 2015 - 2:37pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: J.D.Groves

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name. You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: I object to the name change being forced upon the citizens of Wanganui, when the majority voted in favour of the original spelling some years ago. Also, the name change is being forced by a maori oriented Mayor and a few of her stalwarts.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1076>

Submitted on Wednesday, 17 June 2015 - 8:32pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Philip Brown

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: We have had 2 public referendums on this where over 70-80 per cent of Wanganui voters overwhelming in favour of retaining Wanganui. This is the way it should stay.Thankyou

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1082>

**Thu 18/06/2015 9:02 a.m.**

**Case Title:**

wanganui name change

**Case Description:**

I object to Wanganui being spelt with an H for the following reasons:

I am 66 yrs old born and bred in Wanganui and until about 10 yrs ago had never heard anyone voicing their opinion on the spelling of Wanganui.

When Petre became Wanganui no one said anything then until now about the spelling being wrong.

I believe it is only a few maori who are pushing for the name change.

I believe the council are being rationally blackmailed into changing the spelling, otherwise iwi ie. Ken Mair and his followers, may pull away from the council and they have already indicated that this could happen if we dont change the name.

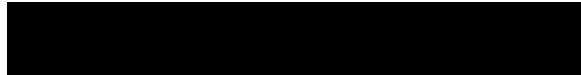
Our Mayor is supporting the namechange, as she has tourist lodge up the river that she is planning to sell and needs maori supporting her.

The region and the river have the h in their spelling, please leave our city as it has always been spelt.

We had a referendum when this subject first came up a few years ago, and 85% wanted the spelling to stay as it is, did this referendum not mean anything.

Thanks for letting me voice my opinion on my city.

Ann and Charlie Berntsen.



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19 JUN 2015

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The Secretary,  
NZ Geographic Board.

Regarding the changing of the  
spelling of Wanganui.

There has never been an H in  
Wanganui.

Please take a stand and get  
rid of all these H's that are  
being included everywhere and  
get back to the proper spelling  
without the H.

There is one way to spell Wanganui  
and that is the correct way  
without the H. There should  
be no either or.

Euan Hodges  
Wanganui

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19 JUN 2015

NZGB  
LAND INFORMATION

The Secretary,  
NZ Geographic Board.

Regarding the changing of the  
spelling of Wanganui.

I was born in Wanganui 76 years  
ago, and there has never been an  
H in Wanganui.

There was a referendum, with the  
majority saying NO to the H.  
being included. Why was that  
totally ignored.

295 all a big waste of ratepayers money.

Jennifer Hodges  
Wanganui.

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22 JUN 1988

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LAND INFORMATION

I Ruth Mackay do not wish to  
have the "H" in Wanganui

Yours Ruth Mackay.



# Make a submission on the proposal for Whanganui District

Use the form below to make a submission.

Online submissions close at 5pm on **Friday 28 August 2015**.

By making a submission, the information you provide becomes public information and is subject to requests made under the Official Information Act 1982. If we get such a request, we will provide your name and submission information, but will not provide your email or postal address. You can read the LINZ privacy policy [here](#).

If you have any questions about the online submission process, please [contact the Secretary, New Zealand Geographic Board](#).

Your submission must state, **with reasons**, if you support or object to the proposal. If you object to the proposal, you may set out an alternative proposal or support any existing name.

Name \*

COX RICHARD NOEL

Email \*

Postal address \*

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice \*

- I support the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name.



5/30/2015

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I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name

You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.\*

AGAIN THE MINORITY WIN BY OVERRIDING THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLES WISHES! HONOUR OUR TWO (2) REFERENDUMS AND ALSO THE CURRENT SPELLING IN THE TREATY DOCUMENT

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Submitted on Friday, 19 June 2015 - 9:09am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Brian G. & Judith L. Francis.

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

This proposal has already been determined by a legal democratic process. We also object to the potential cost involved, the legal implications,(land titles,passports,drivers licences etc.)and the pronunciation Fonganui.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1092>

Submitted on Saturday, 20 June 2015 - 9:54am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Glenn Sykes

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: i was born in wanganui

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1096>

Submitted on Monday, 22 June 2015 - 11:17am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: david Lewis

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

European settlers to this country provided the Maori with their written language. They also named the town and district Wanganui after listening to the Maori phonetically. The town and districts name has been bastardised by the remainder of the country. Please keep our name WANGANUI keep the H a long way away.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1100>

Submitted on Monday, 22 June 2015 - 3:16pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Lynette Phillips

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

1. History shows that the name of the city and surrounding area did not have an "h". If the Maori had pronounced it with one the early settlers would have written it with one. I have been told that in the Treaty of Waitangi it is spelt Wanganui.
2. Since the "h" has unofficially crept in the pronunciation of the city by Television and Radio reporters has been incorrect and at times almost impossible to recognise.
3. Recently I flew from Auckland to Wanganui. Air NZ have started putting an "h" in our name and this particular day there was a flight leaving for Whangarei at almost the same time. Because of confusion one of our passengers boarded the wrong plane. Fortunately the error was noticed and both flights delayed while she boarded the correct plane. Mail is also sent to Whangarei.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1105>

Mon 22/06/2015 8:03 p.m.

I wish to make a submission objecting to the spelling of Wanganui with an H. My reason is the pronunciation, especially in the audiovisual and audio media is incorrect. There are so many versions of pronunciation most are incorrect, from Funganui, to Fanganui and Fonganui even Farnanui.

The local Iwi never pronounced the H the way other Iwi do and so the most correct sounding version of the name is the version without the H (Wanganui).

This very moment I just heard a tv presenter calling our town Funganui. Very annoying as there is no such place!

To train people to pronounce the H the same as the H in 'white' or 'whistle' or 'when' is near impossible as almost all other tribes the WH as F.

How is it that outside influence can force the change of our towns name and despite three referendums to keep the status quo we are powerless!

Perhaps there is a case for Wellington to be respelt Whellington! I will happily pronounce it Fellington!

See how that feels!

I hope you will consider my point of view.

Peter Morgan.

Submitted on Tuesday, 23 June 2015 - 8:31am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Laraine Burlace

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

Initially agreed to added H but after listening to all media mispronouncing the name(fonganui)realised this debate will never end.

Please respect the wishes of the people in Wanganui who voted not to add the H in the last referendum.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1106>

Submitted on Tuesday, 23 June 2015 - 8:38am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Sonya Sedcole

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

I object to alteration of our District name & City name.

We have voted several times for it not to change. Please LISTEN to the people & respect our choice. I have lived in this city for 54 years, my parents & grandparents have lived here, my children & grandchild now live this city called Wanganui. We were told if the H was to go back in the spelling it would not change the pronunciation of the word but recently the TV media are saying it incorrectly. Also why do we need to go backwards? We are now in the 22 Century, lets evolve. There are more important issues to consider for our future.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1107>



Submitted on Tuesday, 23 June 2015 - 8:49am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Lisa Ledgerwood

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: I have lived in Wanganui for the past 9 years after moving here from Auckland. I can not see any benefit to the name change - we should be talking about how to bring more people and work to the town, is a name change going to do that? I have not seen any evident to show that the name was ever miss spelt, and can not see any reason for it to be changed. We need to move on to more important things, before no one is left in the town to worry about it.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1109>

Submitted on Tuesday, 23 June 2015 - 9:10am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Matthew Lyne

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

The correct pronunciation of Whanganui by the local Maori is Hwon-ga-nu-ee not Fong-ga-nu-ee, which is how all of the reporters on the news are saying it.

Everyone in Wanganui/Whanganui agrees that we do not live in Fonganui.

Not only that but the Wanganui District Council are keeping the ability to make submissions as secret as possible. The only mention on the Wanganui Council website of this submission process is at the bottom of a large page of information about other issues and this is all it says about it:

"NZGB CONSULTATION PROCESS NOW OPEN

The Geographic Board's consultation period runs from 28 May 2015 to 28 August 2015. Background information and details of how to make a submission are available on the Land Information New Zealand website."

Annett Main is biased as she lives in and around Maori land up the Wanganui river and has no doubt been threatened by the local Iwi around her to get the name changed. Like she has done in the past, she would have informed everyone she knows who support the H change about this submission page.

Every referendum we have had in Wanganui has clearly shown that the majority of Wanganui don't want the H in Wanganui, so as Annett Main wants it do we just keep having referendums until everyone just gives up or is threatened to accept the change.

So as the saying goes:

"KEEP IT SIMPLE STUPID"

KEEP WANGANUI!!

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1111>

Submitted on Tuesday, 23 June 2015 - 9:42am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Maria

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: the cost, and we have already had a refferrandum, the result being not to change the spelling, why are you wasting money

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1112>

Submitted on Tuesday, 23 June 2015 - 10:36am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Winsome Wake

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: It has been Wanganui for years and years and the cost of changing it for business and private persons would be huge!!!!

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1113>

Submitted on Tuesday, 23 June 2015 - 12:13pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Katrina Wyeth

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

I do not believe the letter H in our towns name is in anyone's best interest.

It is going to be a costly process for businesses to correct all paper and digital correspondence.

With the H no one can pronounce Wanganui correctly. New presenters and reports on TV in particular being the point of contact for us to other part of NZ and the world.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1115>

Submitted on Tuesday, 23 June 2015 - 5:27pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Samuel Walker

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: I support Wanganui, It has been Wanganui since it changed in 1854, since adding the 'H' people all over NZ, especially tv news services, have pronouced the town incorrectly. As a child I was taught how to pronouce it from a local iwi member, he broke it down into sounds (Wong-ga-nu-e). Beyond the fact that when the people of Wanganui voted on the change in the past, 2/3rds voted to keep it the way it was, the government went against the wishes of the people then.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1116>

Submitted on Tuesday, 23 June 2015 - 8:05pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Anna Lyne

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Why change something that doesn't need to be changed. Changing the name is like saying i grew up somewhere else.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1117>



Submitted on Tuesday, 23 June 2015 - 9:07pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Derek Prentice

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Polls and recent consultation on the proposal to change the name of the city from Wanganui to Whanganui have been rejected by the majority of the residents. Such a change would add to problems for the mail system because of the similarity between Whanganui and Whangarei. The pronunciation of the present city name is already being incorrectly pronounced as Fonganui by TV and radio staff which is contrary to the local Iwi dialect. For these reasons I believe the city name should remain as WANGANUI.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.lin.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1118>

Submitted on Sunday, 28 June 2015 - 12:51am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Valerie Robertson (Mrs)

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: I was born in Wanganui and my family had always lived in Wanganui. I am a historian and I cannot understand why historical names must be changed. The Maori name Whanganui is the river's name but the city has always been Wanganui. My ancestors were among the first settlers to come to Wanganui and I am proud of my heritage and I strongly object to the name change. I also have Maori blood in my heritage.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1134>

Submitted on Sunday, 28 June 2015 - 6:30pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Patricia Chainey

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: My home town is not 'Fanganui'. It is Wanganui and I will always call it that. I strongly object to a minority group of people changing the name of this city. It also sounds revolting with the 'h' added.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1135>

Submitted on Monday, 29 June 2015 - 10:57am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Robyn Sherriff

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

I am a former Wanganui resident, nee Chainey of Chainey Bros family.

As far as I am concerned there never was a spelling of a Wh in the name, not pronounced Fonganui, that is why the Europeans spelt it Wanganui because the Maori there pronounced it like that and it should stay like it!

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1138>

Submitted on Monday, 29 June 2015 - 11:15am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Adam Unsworth

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name. You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

The majority who voted in the referendum and those who made submissions do not want a change. We are not Fonganui.

Leave it the way it is and move on to more important matters!

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1139>

The Secretary  
The NZ Geographic Board  
P O Box 5501  
Wellington 6145

Email: [nzgbsubmissions@linz.govt.nz](mailto:nzgbsubmissions@linz.govt.nz)

#### LEAVE THE SPELLING OF "WANGANUI" ALONE

I strongly object to the insertion of an 'H' into the name of our town, Wanganui. My five reasons are as follows:-

Following two referenda, the majority of Wanganui people gave an emphatic NO to inserting an H into Wanganui. I always believed that New Zealand was a Democratic country. Overriding the wishes of the majority by bowing to the demands of a small minority is undemocratic. Democracy means - majority rules!

In 1840 local Maori Chiefs signed the Treaty of Waitangi beneath the spelling of 'Wanganui' (without the 'H').

#### Pronunciation:

Wanganui is pronounced correctly throughout the entire country but Whanganui is constantly pronounced 'Fonganui' or worse 'Funganui'. We locals want to hear the correct pronunciation of our town's name.

Wanganui has a proud history and strong national identity. Whanganui has neither! To change the name to Whanganui condemns Wanganui's history and identity to oblivion!

Local Iwi cannot even agree on the meaning of the name! First they told us it meant "big water" or "big harbour" now they tell us it means "long wait". Why has the meaning suddenly changed? Confusion reigns!

PLEASE leave the spelling of our town as Wanganui.

Yours sincerely

Cherry Channon

Submitted on Wednesday, 1 July 2015 - 10:49am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Garth Lyne

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: two referendums have shown that the majority of people living in wanganui want the spelling of wanganui to remain the same. why is the minority now wanting control of changing the name to include the H.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1155>

Submitted on Thursday, 2 July 2015 - 4:29pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Alan Wise

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

I strongly object to changing the spelling of wanganui to include an H, because : 1. The council have previously held two referendum where the citizens have overwhelmingly said no to the "h".

2 There is no way Maori can claim that Wanaganui has an "H" in its spelling as Maori never had a written language so the debate is spurious.

3 The Mayor and most Councillors are pandering to racial blackmail and economic threats from Ken Mair concerning future Maori investment locally from treaty settlement funds.

4 Local Maori don't use an f pronunciation for words like Wanganui or wanau.

5 If the board insist on this PC cringe , make sure that every one in N.Z pronounce the name the same way as local iwi, Not Fonganui, Funganui.

No where else that I have lived in the world would Media presenters refer to place names using anything except the local pronunciation.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1159>



Submitted on Thursday, 2 July 2015 - 5:56pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Allen Mulligan

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: In the 1960's I was involved with the Author Mr Arthur Mead in reaserching the Missionary Richard Taylor. We travelled up all the Wanganui River and tributaries following his dairy and never once was Wanganui spelt in any other way. I have been associated with Wanganui for many years and that is the way I know it. Also there was a referendum where over 70% of the people of Wanganui voted to have the name unchanged.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1161>

Submitted on Thursday, 2 July 2015 - 6:02pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Vera Mulligan

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: My reasons for objecting to Wanganui being spelt with an 'H' is firstly the people of Wanganui voted in a previous referendum by at least 70% against changing, yet the Council insists on not acknowledging this as being binding. Secondly through personal experience and also from conversations with other residents of our city I have had goods sent by Courier to Whangarei instead of Wanganui which caused much inconvenience as the goods were replacement tyres for my car. Lastly if the 'H' is added then the pronuciation becomes unrecognizable.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1162>

Submitted on Monday, 6 July 2015 - 3:12pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: David Anderson

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

I want to leave the H out of Wanganui. The reason being, Wanganui has voted in favour of keeping the name without the H in two referenda. Why should a small percentage wish to hold the rest of us to ransom over a name change. I don't want to live in a city named FUNGANUI.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1172>

Submitted on Tuesday, 7 July 2015 - 12:14pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Kathryn Greensides

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: It's ben Wanganui for over 100 years and I don't believe in changing history for a minority. We had 2 referendums and voted overwhelmingly for no change. The expense and work involved was a waste of taxpayers money, Why is it being brought up yet again when the voice of the people is ignored. Also for small business' to have to change their name, the cost of new road signs etc is all wasting money. We need the council to be spending our hard earned money on things that support the WHOLE community. This subject is dividing the town and needs to be put to rest once and for all.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1178>

Submitted on Tuesday, 7 July 2015 - 12:22pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Brian Greensides

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: All my business literature and forms have the spelling without the 'H', and it would cost more than I can afford to change. Leave well enough alone - there is a solution in place - abide by it.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1179>

Submitted on Tuesday, 7 July 2015 - 7:10pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Faye Morley

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: My birth certificate states Wanganui as my place of birth and also cannot tolerate the popular pronunciation of Fonganui.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1181>

Submitted on Tuesday, 7 July 2015 - 7:15pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Alfred Morley

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: original spelling Wanganui was done with consultation with local iwi at the time and was never pronounced Fonganui

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1182>

Submitted on Friday, 10 July 2015 - 1:55pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Ray Rohloff

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: The area name Wanganui has been in place since 1854 a period of 161 years which is reason enough to retain the spelling. The introduction of the "h" will cost untold thousands of dollars to change all manner of signs, maps, business and official documents with no material benefit or advantage.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1188>



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3rd July 2015

The Secretary  
NZ Geographic Board,  
Level 7  
Radio N.Z. House  
155 The Terrace,  
Box 5501  
Wellington 6145

Dear Sir, re the Proposal to change the name  
of Wanganui to Whanganui.

I have lived all my life, 93 1/2 years, in  
Wanganui and do not want the name changed.

When I started work in 1939 there was only  
one organisation that had the 'h' in its name, and  
that was the Whanganui Collegiate Board of Trustees.

It remained that way until relatively recent years  
when the move was made to include the 'H' by several  
local body groups and government entities - much to the  
disapproval of the majority of our citizens.

It is rather ironical that over the last week, the  
Collegiate School has been advertising in the local  
newspaper for Administration Staff and lo and behold  
as per the enclosed cutting they have been advertising  
as the Wanganui Collegiate School.

What does this tell you???

I do hope that you will put this matter to  
rest by ruling in favour of WANGANUI.

Yours sincerely  
John Gibbard

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Wanganui Collegiate School  
Private Bag 3002, Wanganui 4540  
or email HR@collegiate.school.nz



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Tuesday, 14 July 2015 - 3:40pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Michael Sandlant

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name. You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

The proposal to change the name from Wanganui District Council to Whanganui District Council should fail to proceed due to

1. False evidence provided to The New Zealand Geographical Board regarding the meaning of the name. The evidence was manufactured.
2. Evidence of coercion in the making of the proposal. ie It was made under duress.
3. The name Wanganui has cultural meanings to the people of Wanganui

#### 1. False Evidence

The New Zealand Geographical Board website states Whanganui means the long wait. Nui is long, Whanga is wait.

The question arises where did this evidence come from; this is new, for as far as anyone who has written or commented previously about the meaning of the word Wanganui (with or without the H) Wanganui means Big Bay. As in the mouth of the river.

The translation, Nui is big and Whanga/ Wanga is bay or harbour or water.

This meaning is agreed upon by those who researched previous name proposals.

Winifred Bauer ( He Pūkenga Āwhina/Teaching Fellow, Te Kawa a Māui, Victoria University of Wellington) in her 2009 paper "The Wanganui/ Whanganui Debate"

Quote: The name Wanganui/Whanganui is understood by Māori people to mean "big bay".

Further: "The city or river or district of the current dispute is not the only place so named in New Zealand. One of the names for the Wellington area is "Te Whanganui-a-Tara": "the big bay of Tara"

And in the publication Lilliput Maori Place Names Author A.W Reed: published A.H & A. W. Reed 1962 (53 years ago) P. 530 and P533 whanga is harbour and nui is big.

And The entry in the Williams Dictionary, HW Williams (ed) A Dictionary of the Maori Language (7th ed, Government Printer, Wellington,1971).

under "whanga" includes the senses "bay, bight, nook; stretch of water". The entry for "nui" includes "large" as the first sense.

And in the [www.justice.govt.nz/tribunals/waitangi-tribunal](http://www.justice.govt.nz/tribunals/waitangi-tribunal) etc. (meaning of words) it was established that Whanganui meant big bay.

But Tariana Turia recently said Quote:

"Somewhat ironically, the correct meaning for the name, Whanganui is the long wait (Whanga meaning to wait; nui meaning large or long). The name originates from the time of Kupe, the great navigator; Te Whanga-nui-a-Kupe,".ref: (<http://tvnz.co.nz/national-news/wanganui-s-h-become-official-alternative-5267524>)

Her announcement is in conflict with previous accepted meanings by Maori and non Maori, academics and the public at large

And her recent pronouncements have been taken and repeated by other iwi members as gospel, but repeating falsehoods does not make them correct.

It is knowledge that other iwi in different regions use different words for the same subject matter. But taking a meaning from another region and applying it to your region to prove your point is fraudulent.

The NZGB board has a statutory duty to use Maori words and the inference pushed is that since the long wait translated into Maori is Whanganui the name should be changed.

But what the iwi have said is we have manufactured evidence to prove the case

The New Zealand Geographical Board should not be party to this deception.

## 2. Duress

The Wanganui District Council a democratically elected entity voted not to change the name from Wanganui to Whanganui. But when Ken Mair of the local iwi, an autocratic, non democratic tribe was advised of this he figuratively speaking threw his toys out of the cot.

He said his iwi would withdraw support for the council if they did not put forward a proposal to the NZGB to change the name.

This fact is documented in the proposal by the Wanganui District Council. Quote:

“the reality that iwi engagement and support with the Council would be systematically withdrawn if a proposal was not made“

This is duress, coercion if you like, and really strikes at the heart of this matter, does an unelected autocratic iwi have the power to override a democratically elected public body.

It is political. Again the NZGB should not be part of this manipulation

Given that we have just had a 100 year commemoration, remembering those that fell defending our freedom to choose, do we now surrender to a tribe

## 3 Culture.

The name Wanganui has significant cultural meaning to the people of Wanganui, we built it, we named it, you just cannot have a group come along and say we don't like your name, change it.

It is a name given by our ancestors it is not a Maori name because wang does not exist in the Maori language.

As argued by Winifred Bauer in her paper (previously mentioned), Wanganui can be considered to be an English name by using the

same rationale that tepu (table in English) is a Maori word.

Quote: It is thus clear that to determine the correct spelling of this name, the Geographic Board needed to consider not just how it should be spelled, but which language it is being spelled in.

To think about that issue, it is necessary to ask the question of whether this name is exclusively a Māori name or whether it is an English name as well. I will address this issue by considering a parallel question the other way round: is "tēpu" ("table") a Māori word?

The word tēpu exists; it is used in New Zealand, so it must belong to some language spoken in New Zealand. It cannot belong to English, because no English speaker ever uses that word when speaking English (except possibly to cite it as a Māori word). The fact that when it is used it is typically surrounded by other words which are exclusively Māori would suggest that it is indeed a Māori word.

Consistency then leads to the conclusion that, in a parallel way, Wanganui is an English word.

#### Summary

Based on the submissions received the NZGB has to make a recommendation to the minister, I believe that based on the facts above (manufactured evidence and coercion) it would not be safe decision to allow the proposal to proceed and that the name should remain as Wanganui District Council.

Also as the iwi motivation is political this is possibly outside the jurisdiction of the New Zealand Geographic Board as specified in the Act that governs it.

Thank you for your time in reading this submission

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1198>

Submitted on Wednesday, 15 July 2015 - 3:29pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: bryan killalea

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name. You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

The name of the city is 'Wanganui'. Never, since Wakefield's company bought the site of the present city and the surrounding 40 thousand acres, has there been a fixed settlement on the site named 'Whanganui'. The name 'Petre' was imposed on the site by the New Zealand Company's toadies in England in deference to Lord Petre, who was the moneybags behind the plan to establish a modern European settlement on the site. Fortunately, the name was later changed to 'Wanganui', conforming with the history of the area and the pronunciation of its maori inhabitants at that time.

It has remained so for the last 165 years.

My family connection stretches back to 1841. Tom Higgin built the first flour mill there in 1845, and the Colonial Hospital in 1851. He lived and worked and built in Wanganui, not whanganui. Must the histories of him and the thousands of other residents of Wanganui, past and present, great and small, have change forced upon them by the stroke of a pen in the hands of an absent committee encouraged by a small clique of outsiders?

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1202>

Submitted on Friday, 17 July 2015 - 3:52pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Paul Grant Angus

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

The spelling should be kept the same as its always been, You change that you change the history of Wanganui. My family has lived in Wanganui since the mid 1800s and am proud of this town. Changing they way its spelt changes the way its pronounce maybe not by the locals by certainly around the country. Its so insulting listening to the tv presenters saying the name inncorectly. Changing the name might suit a very small majority of the population ot Wanganui by hey what about the majority that have said no in 2 referendums does that not count . Wanganui is made up of many races of people so why should one decide of the naming of this great city. To top things of this is such a waste of money suely we can put the money to better use. And to top things of we should be Changing our Mayor as she is allowing herself to be blackmailed by the local IWI threaten to not invest there money in schemes around Wanganui unless the name gets changed.

Please do the right thing Wanganui Has always been spelt this way right or wrong leave it alone lets move forward

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1212>



Submitted on Friday, 17 July 2015 - 9:03pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Wendy Whitham

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name. You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: There was never an 'H' in Wanganui in years gone by. The people of Wanganui have already vote in favour to keep our name. There is no wrong to right so far as the name is concerned.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1215>

Submitted on Friday, 17 July 2015 - 9:11pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Kieran John Whitham

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name. You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Wanganui, inherently supports the correct pronunciation according to the local dialect. Wanganui is the chosen spelling of the locals, has been for many years and needs to be upheld.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1216>



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THE "H" DEBATE

SIR: With the centenary of the stupidity and bravery of Gallipoli and the seventh anniversary of victory over fascism in Europe, there are people in Wanganui trashing the valour of Putiki Maori who were victors over mauri-riding, raping, killing and enslaving Hau Hau at Motoua Island on the Whanganui River. Motoua Gardens was a thank-you/tribute for that heroism.

The putiki warriors (the Metekingis, Tamahanas, Hipangos and Takarangis and other families) will turn in their graves if the H is put into Wanganui, as they fought the enemy who had vowed to drive the European into the sea. Putiki Maori saw the benefit and protection the European brought to a troubled land, and were no longer afraid of the Hau Hau, who had raided the lower reaches to satisfy their cannibalistic needs.

A local living toanga (100-year-old) lady (European by birth) bought up under the whanga system, fluent in te reo Naori, should be consulted, as the H was never in the local dialect, and is being pushed by carpetbaggers of Hau Hau descent, trying by stealth, to do what they could not do in battle, subjugate Wanganui.

Pakitore was never where Motoua Gardens are, it was at the back of land where the first shops (Taylor Bros) and the beach area beside the Waimareia berth, where Saturday Market normally is. (Murray Gilbertson's last act of vandalism, before he left Wanganui, was to order the destruction of the Taylor Bros shops . . . . . so much for the preservation of historic buildings. The area was perfect for a historic village complex, as that was where commerce, European and Maori started. Oh for a stronger Mayor than "Platform Charlie", at the time of the occupation of Motoua Gardens.

I have come to the conclusion that some people at Council are flying the H kite to divert the citizenry from the smell and horrendous costs of the failure of the sewerage fiasco and other problems Wanganui faces, as we have already overwhelmingly rejected the H, and the money involved could be better used reducing debt.

NO H  
in Wanganui  
J. B. Harris  
(T. R. HARRIS)

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July 15, 2015

The Secretary  
New Zealand Geographic Board  
C/- Land Information New Zealand  
P O Box 5501  
WELLINGTON 6145

Dear Sir/Madam

**WANGANUI vs WHANGANUI - Submission**

**From the Beginning –**

*The Referendums [2]*

Annette Main, our mayor and some of her councillors – were employed by the people, the ratepayers of Wanganui, to be guided by the wishes of the majority... the majority have spoken, not once but twice in favour of not inserting the H in Wanganui.

Our Mayor and the majority of her councillors are not only ignoring the referendum results, twice, but they have shown they have been and still are “intimidated and worried about retribution” by Ken Mair and his small band of followers spitting their dummies, again.

The Local Maori are not included in this. Mostly they are elders and their younger whanau who are sitting back in total disgust. Go talk to the locals – We are right.

*Local Maori*

The true local Maori of Wanganui never had and never wanted the H inserted into Wanganui. These are the local Maori who have been here for generations.

*Democracy*

Is New Zealand a democratic country? One would not think so based on what is happening here in Wanganui.

If the Government declare that Wanganui will be now spelt Whanganui, then there is no democracy here at all. How sad and pitiful would that be?

If democracy was truly being observed, then the Geographic Board would not be reviewing this situation and we would not be writing to you.

How ‘weighted’ is the panel making this decision? That is, how many on the panel are Maori or have Maori ancestry or affiliations, financial or otherwise?

### *Respect*

We are told we have to respect Maori. Have Maori respected the referendum results? No.

Where is the respect for the people of Wanganui who actually pay our mayor and her councillors their wages/salary... not to mention how we, the ratepayers, pay iwi \$150,000.00 a year for being allowed to attend our council meetings. Who ordained that!? Why is it then that no other ethnic group could do this and for that matter, NZ Europeans who live here and pay the rates?

### *The Ratepayers*

How many Maori including Ken Mair and his followers, actually live here and/or pay rates here in Wanganui?

We think the results of that question would be *very* 'interesting', to say the least.

### *The Push for the H*

Annette Main is quoted as saying "the partner organizations are using the 'H' and saying that "using the 'H' is more common".

Absolute rubbish! This a joke and is mischievously misleading.

Why? Because she and some of her Councillors have used what has been described as forced intimidation/bribery to convince start up new businesses and a few others to insert the "H". This is common knowledge.

If one looks at the latest white pages book for Wanganui, there are 18 businesses listed using Whanganui in their names.

Of those 18, one is the Arts Centre which relies heavily on Ms Main's support, 8 rely on Government / Council funding, 4 are Maori based organizations and 6 are privately run businesses.

### *The Language*

Maori originally had no written language – and until more recent times, there were no enunciation accents in their language.

One needs to consider how this has come about. It points to the Maori who have gone ahead and educated themselves to the point whereby they could recognize the cultural differences in the spoken language between the different tribes.

However, does that give them the right to alter the spelling of Wanganui? No. Why not? Because it gets back to the true Wanganui River Maori have never spelt Wanganui with an H inserted or sounded it any other way than Wanganui as in what, where and WHY.

Why is it an issue now? Because we have the likes of Ken Mair and his followers hitting on places like Wanganui pushing to insert the H so that they can call it Fonganui; and Whakatane as Fuckatane – how rude is that?

Do you realize how offensive this all is to the true Wanganui Maori and rate payers alike who voted in the referendums saying NO to the H.



Why? One reason is because Ken Mair and many of his followers are not Wanganui Maori – Ken Mair for starters is from the East coast [Gisborne area]. Why should his or his followers' submissions be taken into account?

Also, and importantly, there is no F in the Maori language. If Maori pronounce Whanganui as Fonganui because this is how they believe it should be sounded, then why is Wanganui not spelt as *Phanganui*. This is the letter combination for the 'f' sound they would have been taught by the missionaries.

*The Meaning of the name – taking direct wording from the internet:*

Wanganui means, literally, “big harbour” and possibly refers to the lower reaches and mouth of the river. **The actual meaning is obscure.** ← Their comments.

This information was published in 1966 in *An Encyclopaedia of New Zealand*, edited by A. H. McLintock. It has not been corrected and will not be updated.

Up-to-date information can be found elsewhere in [Te Ara](#).

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by Thomas Ludovic Grant-Taylor, M.Sc., New Zealand Geological Survey,  
Lower Hutt.

My point here is that because the meaning is obscure, then Maori, who have quoted the meaning from “big harbour” to “big wait” really don't know the meaning – with or without the H inserted.

*Predictions from Prominent People*

The late and highly respected Ingleby Morrison spoke of a future Maori/NZ European anarchy/civil unrest. She said “it will not happen in my time, but it will happen”. Ingleby was very much into the archives of Wanganui and was well known as an intelligent, thoughtful writer. We have grave fears she will be proven right.

Make no mistake. There is an anger force here among the locals. Wanganui people are conservative and, to be honest, rather lackadaisical where it comes to writing letters. While they are hesitant to complain, cause a fuss, or write to you, they are angry. That anger will fester and at some stage, it will come to a head.

*The support of no H*

There has been since around 2004 an ‘underground’ group who signed people up as a declaration they would boycott any businesses that inserted the H in Wanganui in their business name.

When I was approached around 2006, they already had 5,300 individuals on that list. Not families but individuals who would be responsible for their families.

*Summary*

This has got to stop.

Maurice Williamson's decision that both spellings could be used has done nothing but cause serious division.

Read the local papers. People are getting angrier this time – letters of boycotts of firms who

renamed to Whanganui in their address; mail being sent back to the sender if addressed to Whanganui... this is already happening.

Newsreaders who insist on pronouncing Wanganui as Fonganui.

**Please do not do this to us.**

You say that the Board has functions to collect and encourage the use of original Maori names. Well, Wanganui was the original Maori name. **Leave it be.**

Please just don't become a rubber stamp for iwi ambitions..... iwi = I want it. This country is not about one ethnic group, there are many; one or two of which will become the majority. One country, one law, one language for all.

Thank you for taking the time to read my submission. One would just hope that common sense and respect prevail for those who voted twice against the H being in Wanganui; and finally -

Please remember the iwi of Wanganui signed the Treaty of Waitangi here in this city and it was spelt in that document as WANGANUI. No H. Maori should respect what their ancestors agreed to.

Yours sincerely



pp **RP & P A Jones**

[REDACTED]

15<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

Secretary,  
N.Z. Geographic Board,  
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Wellington.

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re Wanganui Submission.

I wish to make the following submission:

1. That during a past Wanganui City Council Election a Referendum paper was also enclosed asking voters if an H should be included in the name Wanganui. The result of this poll was overwhelmingly in favour of the status quo remaining – No H.
2. Mrs. D. Beaglehole a noted historian was then engaged by the Council of that time to research if in fact there had been a spelling of Wanganui with an H and her lengthy findings found that there was no H.
3. The matter was then referred to Government and the Minister of the time Mr. Maurice Williamson stated that the spelling could be either/or. Many citizens were shocked by his decision
4. This matter has been driven by a minority against the wishes of the majority. The present Council too have completely ignored the citizens and in view of the substantial cost of any such change of the name Wanganui will be a further unnecessary heavy burden on the ratepayers.
5. Finally I express my strong opposition to any change in the name Wanganui.

Yours faithfully,



(Mrs) C.M.J. Treadwell

[REDACTED]



Wed 29/07/2015 9:56 a.m

Dear Madam

Your reference:: GES-N15-07-15/95

Altered District Name Proposal: Wanganui District to Whanganui District

I thank you for your letter of 23rd July and wish to re submit the following submission:-

1. That I am for the spelling of the Wanganui District remain as is.  
and
2. That I am against the proposal to alter the name to Whanganui District.

Yours faithfully,  
(Mrs) C.M.J. Treadwell

Submitted on Monday, 20 July 2015 - 4:41pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Terry Coxon

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

As a Wanganui born and educated person who has recently semi-retired to my old home town I see no logical reason to change anything. The original pakeha settlers adopted the name with the blessing of and in conjunction with local Maori and to play around today with semantics and even suggest another meaning when Kupe referred to "a wide river entrance" not "a long pause" is a nonsense. The Whanganui adopted for the river is fine and does refer to the wide entrance or big Harbour (like "Whanganui a tara", "Wellington harbour")

As the recently installes President of Wanganui North Rotary I can tell you our members will not chage its name nor should the Council. Nor will most other establishments in the town as reflected by two previous Concil polls both massively anti any change.

Leave things as the are allowing alternative spellings. In any case it simply adds character to a character-filled City.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1229>

Submitted on Friday, 24 July 2015 - 11:05am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Colin Slaughter

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: I see no benefit in changing, also there will be some confusion/errors made with a similar name; Whangarei. It goes against the wishes of the majority of Wanganui residents. However, I would not be too upset if the minority wish to misspell Wanganui with an H.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1247>

Tue 21/07/2015 8:23 p.m.

I wish to submit my strong objection against the possible renaming of Wanganui.

My ancestors came from England on the sailing ship "Martha Ridgway". The journey took five months; they arrived on the seventh day of April 1842 to start a new life in a harsh land. They commenced farming on land at Maxwell on the outskirts of Wanganui in 1842; farmland still occupied by some of their descendants. My great great grandfather was Chairman of the First Wanganui Town Board in 1862 and their boys were first day pupils at the Wanganui Collegiate School. From that original family a further six generations have been born in Wanganui.

To quote from a family gathering address (143 years later) "...no doubt we could unfold many wonderful accounts of how a true pioneer spirit overcame adversity. Such recollections would offer much in understanding how our forebears participated in the story of New Zealand and Wanganui's birth and its subsequent growth".

I accept it may be acceptable for the "h" to be included in the Whanganui River but I am incensed when radio announcers and tv reporters/presenters pronounce it as "Fonganui" and most of them do. I cringe and feel insulted for my forebears who "carved out" a once recognised, respected and thriving Wanganui City. A centre cannot have two names. It is denegrating for a person/population not to know which name to use. Honour your name and be upstanding - so it was taught for many centuries whether it be a family or city (now a town only).

What is the point of having costly referendums when the results are ignored - democracy at its worst. Also arranging notices and everything associated with the Council - including letterhead - before any finality has been reached.

Please record my total negativity to including the "h" in Wanganui.

Pamela Stent

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Submitted on Saturday, 25 July 2015 - 11:44pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: David Fraser

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: The original Maori dialect of that particular part of Taranaki stipulated it should be pronounced as 'WA' as it is now in WANGANUI and it has been written as Wanganui for over 150 years. When has it ever been pronounced in the past with the 'F' sound by the inhabitants? Early europeans faithfully recorded with pen and paper what the local inhabitants had been calling the place for hundreds of years. Why the sudden urge to change it?

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1255>

Submitted on Sunday, 26 July 2015 - 1:08pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: John & Janice Carson

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name

You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

The Residents of Petre were in no doubt as to what they wanted their town named. In a letter dated 3rd May 1844 they pleaded to the Governor of NZ to, "Re-instate the former and now well known name "Wanganui" ". Richard Taylor's name is the predominate signature on this letter, plus four other names, one of them a JP. On a separate sheet there are thirty other signatories to the letter, one of them my mothers Great Grandfather.

Richard Taylor was a missionary based at Putiki. He studied at Queen's College, Cambridge, where he graduated B.A., and in 1835, three years later, an M.A. He came to New Zealand in 1839, and served as a missionary in different places, and arrived in Wanganui in 1843. He built a mission school and a small hospital at Putiki. He travelled extensively visiting all the Pas in his area and was often called on to help with disputes between Maori and the settlers.

One has to think that the interpretation of the spelling of Wanganui by Richard Taylor has to be respected, as he was an intelligent, well-educated man, conversant with Maori. Wanganui was probably how it was spoken and sounded, so that's how they spelt it.

Petre was a name disliked by just about everyone in the town and was universally not used. It was confusing as it's proper pronunciation was Peter, not pee tree as it was spelt.

Looks like history is repeating itself in reverse, as we now have a name that is liked by most, and are now changing it to a name whose pronunciation is confusing and disliked by many.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1256>

Submitted on Sunday, 26 July 2015 - 5:57pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Brian Carson

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

The towns name was changed from Petre to Wanganui in 1884. This action was lead by Richard Taylor who had a huge understanding for the Maori language He would have written Wanganui as it was spoken in this area.

By changing the spelling now we have confusion over the pronunciation of Wanganui. I have lived in Wanganui 70 years Not Fonganui!!!

This is how news readers and weather forecasters are pronouncing our cities name.

The shear cost to make these changes of new signage and stationary for many organisations is a cost that needs to be considered

Leave the name Wanganui as the majority of Wanganui people said in the referendum that was held here.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1258>



Submitted on Sunday, 26 July 2015 - 6:14pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Judith Davies- Carson

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

The citizens of Wanganui, who were of voting age were given the opportunity to vote in a referendum. You will be aware 31,000 voting papers were distributed and 19,000 were returned. 78% of the papers returned voted for the spelling of Wanganui to remain the same.

There is also a huge cost involved in changing the name of our city and it will also add to the confusion when it comes to spelling and pronouncing Wanganui.

I feel this name change has only come about because of a few head strong, opinionated people who want it their way.

LISTEN TO THE VOTERS.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1259>

Submitted on Monday, 27 July 2015 - 4:00pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Allan Royce Anderson

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

I believe that the residents of a given community/city/district have the ultimate right to determine what their community/city/district is called and how it is spelt and pronounced.

Very good examples of this occur in the Wanganui region. For example, Wanganui River settlements are named and spelt in accordance with the preference and wish of their inhabitants. Thus Athens was changed to Atene; Corinth was changed to Koriniti; London was changed to Ranana. There never were places with the Maori language names that exist today but the changes from those early missionary/Biblical names were made with the full support of all because that is what the residents wished them to become.

In the case of the spelling of Wanganui there is virtually no evidence to support the claim that this is a mis-spelling of what was an oral language. The early missionaries who translated an oral language into a written format were all people of great intelligence and integrity who cared for Maori custom and culture. It is interesting that all three places in NZ called Wanganui are all spelled Wa--. They certainly do not justify the present day use of the F as is the fashion of radio and television newsreaders. Even if Wanganui was meant to be Wh it most certainly was never F. Those early translators of the Polynesian languages differentiated quite clearly on this matter with, for example, the F in Samoan and the Wh in Maori. They were very highly educated and skilled linguists and it is most unlikely that they got it wrong.

The original Maori settlement in what is the now Wanganui city area actually lived in Putiki on the eastern side of the river.

Where the city now stands was largely unoccupied. The people who founded and built the city (and District) are surely entitled to call it what they wish. To suggest that Wanganui is a mistaken spelling and therefore offensive to Maori culture is in itself an affront to those who built the city and District (including all those Maori people who do not support those who seek a change.

It is interesting to note that after the Motoua debacle, Mr Justice Heron delivered a very considered and erudite judgement that present day Motoua Gardens never was Pakaitore as claimed by the very same people who seek a change in the spelling of our city's name. Accordingly the land was gifted to the local iwi under the official title of Motoua Gardens Trust. This has been ignored by the controlling iwi who have changed it to Pakaitore Trust. So what happened to the process of law? The very small number of people who control such matters do not enjoy significant support by either Maori or non-Maori people.

I believe that the interests of Maori and their mana would be best served by an acceptance by all that when people wish to use Wh it is perfectly acceptable to use it for some purposes but that for our city and District Council the wish of the majority be respected and the spelling remains unchanged. After all a very credible referendum with a complete absence of emotion resulted in a clear preference for the spelling to remain as is. A civilised and orderly society cannot ignore and over-ride this. After all, we would never elect the lowest polling candidate to Parliament.

Perhaps the best indicator of the passion with which the advocates of change have for our city's name is the silence with which they respond to numerous newsreaders' pronunciation of Funganui, Fonganui, Faanganui. If they really cared about the language they would never tolerate such a distortion. It makes a laughing stock of us all! Therefore I respectfully submit that the spelling of Wanganui District and City remain in its current form.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1262>

Submitted on Wednesday, 29 July 2015 - 11:19am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: frog falconer

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name

You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: DON'T FIX WHAT AIN'T BROKE!! AND WHO PAYS FOE EVERY BUSINESSESS NAME CHANGE ,WHO PAYS! WE DO THAT'S WHO!! , HEY

IT'S BEEN WANGANUI FOR OVER A HUNDRED YEARS!! , SPEND THE RATE

PAYERS MONEY ON SOMETHING THAT NEEDS FIXING!!1 THE SEWAGE POND

INSTEAD OF PUMPING AND POLLUTING OUR SEA!! GET A "F###KING BRAIN!!

==Supporting evidence==

Please attach any further information that supports your proposal:

[http://www.linz.govt.nz/sites/default/files/media/IMG\\_0915.JPG](http://www.linz.govt.nz/sites/default/files/media/IMG_0915.JPG)

[http://www.linz.govt.nz/sites/default/files/media/11270632\\_1096330933728836\\_1042731900344433871\\_o.jpg](http://www.linz.govt.nz/sites/default/files/media/11270632_1096330933728836_1042731900344433871_o.jpg)

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1273>

We dont want your Focken "H"  
 We dont need a Focken "H"  
 Dont change whats been a hundred years  
 You Focken wankers <sup>WANNAS</sup> in your political chairs!  
 We dont need a Focking cycle-way  
 Just our Useless Mayor paving Her-way!  
 We want our shit-pond Fixed (Right)  
 Still pumping the crap to the sea Not right  
 We dont want your Focken "H"  
 We dont need a Focken "H"  
 The Bitch Just liking the own <sup>own</sup> pockies  
 IN Bed with Ken Blair, the "H" cocktip  
 ZU Bed with the Bros from the River  
 The Focken white-slit Indian Giver  
 We dont want your Focken "H"  
 We dont need a Focken "H"  
 Go fuck yourself you Market Stealer  
 Charging out plots you Double dealer!  
 At a price  
 The Bulk price - you get as a perks  
 Selling it for triple to all those Jerks  
 Lining your Mayoress Nest - egg - fund  
 For when your kicked out of the

Submitted on Wednesday, 29 July 2015 - 12:10pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Gary Marsh

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

we all lhave an opinion on this Here is my submission.

If we look at papers past the original was Wanganui.

<http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/paperspast?a=d&d=WH18680109.2.15.4>

.... and for a short time Petre.

<http://www.teara.govt.nz/en/interactive/18927/petre-wanganui-or-whanganui>

In this 1844 petition, settlers ask for the former name of Wanganui to be reinstated not Whanganui.

In local surveys the option to change the name was voted against.

we previously agreed either name could be used.

It discriminates against the majority of the Wanganui citizens to be forced into having this name change just to please a minority which are the local Iwi.

the cost of this change to the rate payer and the tax payer is unessercary. we have far more important things to focus on like prevention plans for the flooding river.

I have spoken to the local council and no one can estimate the cost of this change to a) the rate payer and (local council ) b) the taxpayer ( the government ).. not to mention transit new zealand. in consideration of cost we should incorporate signs for public buildings cars stationary road signage advertising brochures etc etc. we also have considerable cost to the local business owners for the same resons which is simply not viable in this economy..

Please leave our name the way it has been for the last 165 years .. there is no need for this to change now. If it is important to the minority then let the spelling remain a choice.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1275>

Submitted on Wednesday, 29 July 2015 - 12:18pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: PAUL READ

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Why go to all this expense of name changing when theres more important issues to deal with , WANGANUI is what our city is named.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1276>



Submitted on Wednesday, 29 July 2015 - 1:04pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Larn Sweeney

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

Why should it be changed?

How can a local group of people advise a place name is written incorrectly when they had no written language at all before Europeans?

The whole country cannot say the name of the city correctly with the spelling including the H as it is silent?!

Its a waste of money which needs to be spent on sewage treatment and flood walls and bridges not on this BS.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1277>

Submitted on Wednesday, 29 July 2015 - 8:29pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Reuben Joblin-Mills

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Waste of money and time.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1279>

Fri 31/07/2015 1:17 p.m.

To the Land Information NZ – Place Names,

I strongly oppose the name change of WANGANUI.

I have found a document in our local library which contained a letter dating back to 1884.

It was when the residents of Petre [Wanganui] wanted their city name changed back, as they disliked it being called Petre.

They pleaded to the Governor of New Zealand to reinstate the former and now well-known name of “WANGANUI”.

Richard Taylor’s name is the predominate signature on that letter, plus four other names, one was also a Justice of the Peace; furthermore, on an attached page there are thirty more names in support of returning the name back to WANGANUI.

Petre was a name, like Whanganui, which is disliked by just about everyone, it is often confused with other cities in New Zealand.

One has to agree that the interpretation of the spelling of WANGANUI by Richard Taylor has to be respected, as he was an intelligent, well-educated man, conversant with Maori. WANGANUI was probably how it was spoken and sounded, so that’s how they spelt it.

As we have had the name of WANGANUI for many years and it is liked by most; some stupid “no-bodies” want to change it to a name whose pronunciation is confusing and disliked by all.

Leave it as WANGANUI.

Regards Lance Patterson

Fri 31/07/2015 1:35 p.m.

I am against putting the h in Wanganui, the Maori language was only spoken never written so how can it have a silent h . It has been alright until now.

Stephen [REDACTED]  
Sent from my iPad

Sent from Windows Mail

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July 29<sup>th</sup>

The Secretary

NZ Geographic Board

As a resident of Whanganui, I object to the adding of H in Whanganui.

We have had two referendums in Whanganui, where they asked us our thoughts on the subject, and twice over 80% of the people responded with a No to the H being added. We accept it in the spelling of the Whanganui River / Whanganui, Whangarei, three letter difference - is that where our mail will go now.

The TV announcer's and weather presenter's have know idea how to pronounce the name with the H in it, so they miss us out, its embarrassing, do not Fonangui, it is a silent H like

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Whisper.

I remember years ago, the memo up at Jerusalem saying the Moslems are God's spoiled children, if they don't get their own way they throw their toys out of the cot, and that's what happened here.

I am ~~so~~ disappointed it has come to this, it seems to count for nothing vs. it a case of let them have their say they will feel better for it, then disregard us and do it anyway.

Yours sincerely,  
Irish Student.

Submitted on Friday, 31 July 2015 - 1:34pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: William Philp

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name. You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

I found in our library a letter dating back to May 1884.

When the residents of Petre wanted the city name changed back to Wanganui, as they disliked it being called Petre.

They asked the Governor of New Zealand to reinstate the well-known name of "Wanganui".

That letter was signed by Richard Taylor along with four other persons and on an attached sheet there are thirty more names in support of returning the name back to Wanganui.

Whanganui, is like Petre, it is disliked by just about everyone, it is often confused with other cities.

The interpretation of the spelling of Wanganui by Richard Taylor must be respected, he was an intelligent and well-educated man, also very conversant with Maori. Wanganui is how it is spoken and sounds, so that's how we spell it.

The name of Wanganui is liked by most; and has been this way for ever; now some stupid people want to change it to name whose pronunciation is confusing and disliked by all. The people have voted to have it remain as Wanganui.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1288>

Submitted on Saturday, 1 August 2015 - 11:24am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Robyn Allen-Dick & Michael Dick

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: We are a Pakeha couple but now have more Maori members in our family than otherwise and we are proud of them all. However, we did not agree with the stand that Maori took with the council threatening to withdraw cooperation etc. if the name if the council did not support the change. Another thing that really irritates us the most is the pronunciation by many when the H is included. I was taught in the 1940's by a teacher who spoke fluent Maori and he taught us that the H was silent, pronounced "wh". To hear it pronounced "Fonganui" sounds so wrong. There have also been many people who know the history of Wanganui who say that it was never said or pronounced with an H.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1292>



Submitted on Sunday, 2 August 2015 - 11:49am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Valerie A Bristol

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

Why I do not want an 'H' included in Wanganui.

EJ Wakefield (a trader) bought the current site of the present city and named it Petre after Lord Petre who supplied the money to establish a European settlement on the site. The name was later changed to Wanganui conforming to the history of the area and the pronunciation of its Maori inhabitants at that time. It has remained so for the last 175 years. My grandmother's family ventured from Scotland and sailed from England in December 1840 on the Olympus and arrived in Wellington in 1841.

The family finally settled on the southern side of Putiki in the town of Petre the given name at the time. In 1857 Thomas Higgie built a homestead named 'Blink Bonnie' He also built the Colonial hospital and the first flour mill. In all the documentation relating to this family the name written was 'Wanganui'. My Husband's grandfather Thomas Swift Bristol left England in 1879 on the SS Arethusa. After arriving in Wanganui Thomas married and the family settled in Campbell Street Wanganui until the latter part of 1900 when a move was made to a farm at Westmere. After the Westmere property was sold a final move was made to Tayforth. In all documentation there is no 'H' recorded in the name of Wanganui. Must the history of our family and the thousands of other residents of Wanganui past and present have change forced upon them by The Geographic Board who have had nothing to do with the evolution of our lovely city called Wanganui, just to appease a few. Unfortunately, it is already happening by stealth.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1299>

Submitted on Tuesday, 4 August 2015 - 3:43pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Joyce Slimin

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name. You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

Whanganui is the name by which the town has been known for several years. Changing signage and stationery is costly, much of this cost would be borne by an already stretched community.

The person who first translated the spoken word into its written form did not hear the sound "f" because it is not used in the local dialect. As Maori at that time did not have a written alphabet who is to say the town should have the proposed "h" inserted. The proposed spelling will only promote mispronunciation.

The earlier judgement by the National Geographic Board to allow both spellings seems to be an eminently sensible solution for both parties.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1345>

Submitted on Tuesday, 4 August 2015 - 7:18pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Joanne Rodgers

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: I am adamant that Wanganui should remain Wanganui as I have never heard such mispronunciations of our town until people started adding the 'H' to it and you hear it all over the place our beautiful town being called (Fonganui) .. It is horrible.. It should not change as its been Wanganui for years and should remain Wanganui.... Simple

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1349>

Submitted on Wednesday, 5 August 2015 - 8:53pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: V Perry

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

I support the existing spelling - Wanganui

This was how it was originally spelt on all maps. No need to make a change.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

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29 July 2015

N.Z. Geographic Board  
P.O. Box 5501  
WELLINGTON 6145

To whom it may concern

I have thought long and hard about making a submission regarding the 'H' debate and finally decided the time has come. You need to understand that I am a wheelchair bound amputee, the result of diabetes, have just celebrated my 80th birthday and have no family in Wanganui. The point is I was born here and have lived here all my life. In spite of everything, I love Wanganui. I have official documents signed by authorised persons stating that my parents were Married in Wanganui (1926), died and were buried in Wanganui. I was born in Wanganui, educated in Wanganui, served and apprenticeship and gained trade qualifications in Wanganui including top National honours for my final exam. I represented Wanganui in Sport with some distinction, and on Regional and National sports bodies. I was married, divorced, and re-married in Wanganui, my daughters were born and married in Wanganui. I was a member of the Moutoa Lions Club of Wanganui and represented the Club at several Regional and National Conventions. As much as it is in my power I intend to die in Wanganui, without an 'H' in sight.

At the moment Wanganui is unique, we are the only one, unless you count the Little Wanganui River which flows in to the Tasman Sea between Westport and Karamea, and the village of the same name. I have always thought that Little Wanganui was a contradiction in terms.

If you want Whanganui, there is the Whanganui Inlet into the Tasman opposite Collingwood on Golden Bay, Whanganui Island at the entrance to Coromandel Harbour in the Firth of Thames, and the Whanganui Stream which flows in to Cherry Bay on the western shore of Lake Taupo, and a village at the mouth, accessible only by water or from the Western Taupo Access Road, and this one caused me some strife some years ago, when a parcel I urgently wanted and should have received on Friday was incorrectly addressed in Auckland when the person in despatch decided that the person in the office couldn't spell, and changed the destination to Whanganui. Courier Post marked it Taupo District, the local courier marked it 'Undeliverable, return to sender' so it went back to Auckland, where it was eventually readdressed correctly and reached me on Wednesday. Yes, the correct Postcode was clearly shown but obviously ignored. Anyone who doesn't wear hearing aids could not possibly understand my frustration, and annoyance.

Now a former All Black is calling for all New Zealand Places to have Maori names, and Wellington would be called Te Whanganui-a-Tara, That would be another one! Wanganui ratepayers voted in two referendums to retain the spelling without the 'H' However our Council appears to ignore the 83% who voted against. They do do at their peril! My concern is that we appear to be getting the 'H' foisted on us by Government Agencies, out of town companies and others who seem to think that it is a 'fait accompli', which it certainly is not.

I'm sure you will be aware that there are murmurings among certain people to change many other spellings of place names, to give all places Maori names whether they ever had them or not, to change the names of North and South Island to their original Maori titles, and also to change the Country's name to Aotearoa. I am not aware of any other country which has two National Anthems or two flags. I feel that Maori Activists who campaign under the Maori Sovereignty flag should be reminded that they pledged allegiance to the crown, and any regime which has campaigned under a flag of red, white, and black has come to a sticky end.

This letter is not 'Maori Basahing' I grew up with Maoris at Primary School, I have had Maori Neighbours for over 60 years, I have worked with Maori on many occasions, but I feel that if New Zealand is a Democracy, and this is what we fought for, then majority rules apply.

I get most annoyed when Maori decide to re-write history. I have always understood that Wanganui meant big bay, big water or similar. Now Tariana Turia tells us it means Long Wait! For what, pray? Why would anyone want to live there?

Regards



Murray Weir

Submitted on Monday, 10 August 2015 - 6:35pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Sheryle Horne

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name

You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: It has been spelled Wanganui for all those years

so why waste money on changing it as the money could be well used in other areas.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1417>



Submitted on Monday, 10 August 2015 - 7:13pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Kass Kirk

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: I suggest we keep Wanganui as Wanganui. We do not say Fonganui as it would be spelt. I am also born and bred in Wanganui and will continue to use Wanganui as this is on my birth certificate.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1419>

Submitted on Tuesday, 11 August 2015 - 7:00am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Regan Sharp

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: It was always spelt without an h and we were taught that it was part of the Wanganui dialect

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1430>

Submitted on Tuesday, 11 August 2015 - 2:29pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Keith Beautrais

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name. You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

Kia ora tatou! Ahakoa kiri paraone, kiri ma ranei, ko te mea nui te aroha mo tenei taonga te reo Maori. (It matters not whether your skin is brown or white what matters is the love of this treasure the Maori language).

Spelling is an attempt to render the pronunciation of words and clarify ambiguities in meaning if any exist. In this case there is a soft and pleasant local mita or dialect that does not include the highly aspirated F being popularised as a trend around the country. Those Maori and Pakeha who have lived here for generations know it is not and never has been Fonganui and yet we are now hearing that more and more on national media. I would like the spelling to continue to celebrate our local mita and I would say to those who say this spelling does not mean anything that the entire written history of Wanganui is not meaningless and the various interpretations of "whanga" will still be told no matter the spelling. I celebrate the names Rakiura (not Rangikura) for Stewart Island and Aoraki (not Aorangi) for our highest peak because in a word they teach me that there is a vein of culture and language in the south that is special and different. Let the rest of the country know that we have that distinction too rather than slavishly following conventions of spelling rules that ignore mita differences. No reira Whakanui to tataou Wanganuitanga.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1445>

Tue 11/08/2015 2:13 p.m.

I am not a native of Wanganui but I am the son of early settlers families on both sides from the 1840's, the only relevance being that I have a deep belief and respect in our making. Respect, for this finest country we call New Zealand, and the way the people that came before us have made it for us to enjoy today.

I also have huge respect for their struggles to make something great, establish the foundations and leaving us of who we are today.

I have great difficulty therefore with anyone contemplating the proposal to change the name of a town that like so many, has history in its making. History that should not be erased. The 'H' debate is divisive and an invention by a few who undemocratically, have been putting pressure on vulnerable governance, whilst attempting to erase this history in the process.

Wanganui was constituted and had its given name 'Wanganui' in or around 1862, a process that at the time we must assume was not ill-conceived or part of some trivial process. To add to the formalities and seriousness of the process - Wanganui has its own signature in the form of a 'coat of arms' as part of its heritage and tradition, being a unique trademark of a particular society. (The guidelines on how coats of arms may be symbolically used, and protected are now often overlooked and substituted with trendy ever changing media driven logos and slogans).

This idea we "should have the debate" is a sign of disrespect to all of the people before us who made Wanganui the way know it today and have called it so for 150+ years.

Like any name, 'Wanganui' is a 'label' and the spelling need not have any meaning. There are countless mis-spellings of names (labels) in existence, whether they are people's names, all meant to say the same thing like Anne / Ann, Vaughn / Vaughan and so on, as well as place names such as Otago / Otako and we should not insist one being 'more correct' than the other. Instead we should pay respect to its authors who (in the matter of place names), are the community and governance of the day that it was named.

These names (labels) should be enduring, and the those with the say so as to how it is spelt should be the preserve of the person or people who thus named it and whose descendants (community) therefore own.

It is not the role or given authority of a temporary representative group, with nothing other than self belief that they should change it. Such action to me would suggest an excess of authority and undemocratic.

Therefore council acting alone, can have no business to make changes to fundamental and constitutional matters without the mandate of its proud citizens who inherited the good work of those who came before.

This community is made up of a cross section of people from a range of cultures, origins and racial differences melded into one to make the population what it is. The spelling of this town therefore should have nothing to do with language or correctness of grammar for the reason the name 'Wanganui' is its 'given' name.

Beliefs and solidarity of its citizens have made this place what it is. A decision to overturn this foundation by a 'snapshot council' (here today gone tomorrow) and not by its citizens would indeed be a separatist move, a division with far reaching and long-term negative consequences. There is already an overabundance of mockery from outsider communities about "what is it called now, that's right - fonganui..." because already by stealth we are burdened with the previous foolish decision to allow people to call Wanganui by either spelling (not name) and this is confusing. Believe me.

If the so called debate (I don't believe there is one, this is a perfunctory process to look like discussion has taken place) was about two different place names then duality has its place, but not over the dotting of an 'i' or missing letter. Please insist in your decision, that council must not make the decision alone, but decide at its next election cycle to have a binding referendum, thus allowing the owners of the name, (community) to decide if a change is wanted.

Sincerely

Errol Christiansen

Wed 12/08/2015 10:12 a.m.

**Case Title:**

Fw: Spelling of Wanganui

**Case Description:**

We strongly object to the possible changing of the spelling of Wanganui. I was born in Wanganui lived and worked from Wanganui most of my life along with my wife and family. Please don't be a party to any change. Regards Graham Erle Tyler, Helen Mary Tyler, Stuart Erle Tyler, Christine Ellen Spooner, Annette Mary Murdoch.

**Case Title:**

General land information

Case Description:

No H in Wanganui.....honour our referendums

Your name: D.Lovett

Your email:

Your phone number:

Submitted on Saturday, 8 August 2015 - 2:35pm

Submitted by anonymous user:

Subject: Inquiry

Hello Jill, thank you for your prompt reply. Re the H in Wanganui debate. I have tried several times to contact Don Grant Geographic board and also Maurice Williamson MP regarding the H in Wanganui, and wondered why they both decided to ignore our referendums by adding the H in our towns name. Most rate payers in Wanganui dont want the name change. The decision to include the H seems rather corrupt. Now they are talking about having a referendum on our NZ flag.....i wonder if they will honor that result or totally ignore that result also ?

Thank you,

kind regards

murray dusty loveridge

NO means NO to the H in Wanganui



Submitted on Wednesday, 12 August 2015 - 2:47pm Submitted by anonymous user: [REDACTED] Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Brian Kelly

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

Wanganui is what it is called and see no reason to change it to Whanganui

which is lending itself to all kinds of miss pronunciations.Plus extra needless associated costs.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1470>

Submitted on Wednesday, 12 August 2015 - 3:46pm Submitted by anonymous user: [REDACTED] Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: R L Barry

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Two public referendums held by Wanganui District Council voted overwhelmingly to retain the existing spelling of WANGANUI .The WDC held two votes ,the first vote it was decided to leave the name as it is spelling the district as WANGANUI,the second vote decided to spell the district WHANGANUI,. This second vote only came about because local IWI threatened to withdraw their support for the WDC.No council should be held to ransom when any group ,business etc does not get its own way.

The most important

reason that No change should occur is the fact that no one can agree why the H should be inserted into the cities name, local IWI tell us it means large or great harbour and the national geographic board tells us it means ,long wait ,two totally different meanings,if the geographic board agrees to spell WANGANUI with the H in the spelling it means they have got it wrong,so what else have they got wrong.Thankyou for your time

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1471>

Submitted on Wednesday, 12 August 2015 - 4:13pm Submitted by anonymous user: [REDACTED] Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Don Gordon

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

There have been referenda initiated by the Wanganui District Council

that have given democratic support to retaining the name Wanganui for the District.

Any change would be to ignore the wishes of the majority.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1473>

**Thu 13/08/2015 9:32 a.m.**

**Case Title:**

Wanganui vrs Whanganui

**Case Description:**

Attention Paris.

I spoke to Paris on the phone a few days ago about the views of Wanganui residents about changing the name of the town/area to WHanganui.

My views are

- (1) The residents of the town in a referendum Voted in favour of the status quo.
- (2) If some people want to pronounce the name of a place a little differently to others - then I have no objection to that as this identifies the origin of the person as a local. This is quite colourful and different dialects help with determining where the speaker is from ( ie their roots).

I think of the many different beautiful dialects that people in the UK and USA use. In NZ the way Southlanders talk is very beautiful as it shows the link that person has with their home country. i.e. Scotland

- (3) I find it confusing and frustrating that two different spellings of Wanganui are being used in the media when this is not necessary. Pronunciation is enough.
- (4) Finally to change the name of a town can have damaging repercussions.(ie our recent flooding!) I remember hearing of sailors would not sail on vessels that had a change of name as they believed this brought bad luck and usually some tragedy befell the ship and its crew. Superstition or not? We would be tampering with the energy (sonic) that each word raises. So the question arises??

I hope that you give due consideration to my views.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

Robert Watt



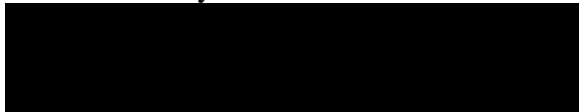
Thu 13/08/2015 10:23 a.m.

To Whom it may concern,

We would like to enter our submission against the 'H' in Wanganui. The big 'H' debate has had two referendums with a huge NO to adding 'H' to Wanganui – are these not binding? Or can they be overturned on a whim of the local council? Why are the votes from the Referendums not taken into account. If the 'H' gets put in WANGANUI there will be a huge back lash!!!

Signed:

John and Lesley McFarlane

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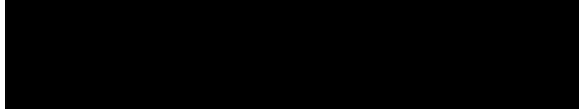
Thu 27/08/2015 11:18 a.m.

Good morning,

We would like to enter our submission against putting the 'H' in the Wanganui District. Reason – Wanganui is not a Maori name!

Signed

John and Lesley McFarlane

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Submitted on Sunday, 16 August 2015 - 5:53am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Cameron Butchart

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name. You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: I was born and raised in Wanganui. This is who I am, my identity. Change it and I have no birth place and identity. The referendum we had in the past was in favour to retain the original spelling. The people of Wanganui should have their opinions upheld.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

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Submitted on Sunday, 16 August 2015 - 1:46pm Submitted by anonymous user:

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==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1527>



Submitted on Sunday, 16 August 2015 - 8:17pm Submitted by anonymous user:

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Name: Jenine Brown

Email:

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==What is your submission==

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==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1528>

(NEW ZEALAND GEOGRAPHIC BOARD)

Theodore RONALD CURRAN



RATE PAYER

To whom IT MAY CONCERN

I STRONGLY OPPOSE THE INTENTION  
OF THE H IN THE SPELLING OF  
WANGANUI

T. A. Curran

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Submitted on Monday, 17 August 2015 - 12:39pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

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Name: Aileens Sproull

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Historically it has always been spelt Wanganui. Rev. Richard Taylor was a very learned man and he deemed the pronunciation and spelling should be Wanganui. it should stay Wanganui which the majority of citizens have voted for.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1531>

Submitted on Monday, 17 August 2015 - 8:51pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: David Leslie Mosen

Email: [REDACTED]

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==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Why I don't want the H in Wanganui, my reasons are as follows. Our history of Wanganui is 175 years old, which is relatively new, compared to the history of Europe. Now our District Council wants to change the spelling to appease a few. I have links to the first police constable in Wanganui, Constable Garner. Our family history shows that the spelling of Wanganui did not have an 'H'. All the birth, deaths and marriage certificates for the past 175 will be null and void. I feel that my past school and trade certificates will be undervalued. If the spelling of Wanganui was wrong 175 years ago why wasn't this anomaly addressed earlier. Unfortunately it is already happening by stealth. I do not like the rest of the country now pronouncing us as Fongonui.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1538>

Submitted on Monday, 17 August 2015 - 9:08pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Lynda Evelyn Johnson

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

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==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1539>

Submitted on Wednesday, 19 August 2015 - 10:40am Submitted by anonymous user: [REDACTED] Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Regina Joblin-Mills

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: The cost is outrageous when there are so many important things to be done in this town before spending money to add a letter! If people wish to spell it with or without an H let them, but let's not spend money we don't have on something so trivial.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
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Submitted on Wednesday, 19 August 2015 - 9:13pm Submitted by anonymous user: [REDACTED] Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: philip gifford

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

- 1 The vast majority of residents are against the name change.
- 2 It is outside the objectives of your organisation to impose a name change on such a large entity with no consensus
- 3 The studies carried out by Wanganui district council were not properly and openly carried out

==Supporting evidence==

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Submitted on Thursday, 20 August 2015 - 10:46am Submitted by anonymous user:

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==Your details==

Name: FAY PRINCE

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: This area has always been known as Wanganui and should remain so.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

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Submitted on Thursday, 20 August 2015 - 12:06pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: M Norris

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

my points are;

It has been stated that when Kupe was here 600 years ago he said the name was to be Whanganui but the "h" was to be silent. As Maori had no written language I fail to see how this be so, particularly 600 years ago and the Maori sounds had not been translated into the English language, back then Kupe would not have known of the English language. So the comment about the "silent h" can hardly be true. I don't believe the "h" can honestly be included in the name when it is not used in the correct enunciation of the name.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1557>

Thu 20/08/2015 2:07 p.m.

Secretary, a referendum of 82% against the “ H” in Wanganui must stand, which is what the people of Wanganui want.

Regards,

John Thornton -

[Redacted signature block]

[Redacted line]

Thu 20/08/2015 4:23 p.m.

I would like to put my submission forward that the letter "H" be NOT added to the name of Wanganui.

Regards John Love

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From: Raymond Gaylard Sent: Thu 20/08/2015 4:29 p.m.

Please leave our name alone

Thu 20/08/2015 8:50 p.m.

The Secretary  
N.Z. Geographic Board  
wellington

I am submitting AGAINST putting an 'H' in Wanganui.  
Your board and others often refer to this issue as 'correcting' the name, but there is no right or wrong. Wanganui is simply the name the early settlers and moari decided to call their town. That should be our point of difference. If now, academics decide Wanganui doesn't mean anything and Whanganui does, well that is no sensible reason to change. It would be re writing history and that is wrong.  
Also, the worst thing to come out of all this is that people who don't live here all start calling our town 'Fonganui' and that is terribly wrong and grates.

Wanganui should remain Wanganui as a vast majority of residents believe

Paul Duncan



Fri 21/08/2015 8:16 p.m.

Dear Jill,

Thank you for your response to my submission AGAINST altering the name of the district from Wanganui to Whanganui.

I am confused as to why you asked me if I wished to resubmit. I am aware of your explanation in your first paragraph and my original submission still stands.

Regards

Paul Duncan

Fri 21/08/2015 7:59 a.m.

I would like to add my submission against adding an H to the town of Wanganui.

I along with thousands of residents of Wanganui are against this.  
We as residents have already had a vote on this proposed issue & as you will be aware the main majority of Wanganui residents are opposed to this.

Does that not count for something??

I am aware there are reason on both sides for wanting or not wanting this to take place, but as a resident for nearly 40 years it is hard enough in some areas race wise in Wanganui at the moment without adding this on top of everything else.

We were given the choice to use either, so why not just keep it that way.

We are the people who live here everyday.  
Please listen to the voices of Wanganui residents, & vote NO.

Thanks  
Stewart

Fri 21/08/2015 11:17 a.m.

I wish for the name of Wanganui to remain the same as per the Referendum a few years ago when it was voted by a majority to keep the name without the h.

Eunice M. Jeffers

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Sat 22/08/2015 11:03 a.m.

I was born, married and had my children in Wanganui. That is what appears on all my legal documents. We who pay exorbitant rates in Wanganui should not have to bow down to a few gravy train riders. We answered a referendum and 80% voted against the H but that seems to have been forgotten, conveniently. I hope in your deliberations some sanity and equality comes to the fore.

Velma and Peter Smith



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Wed 26/08/2015 4:21 p.m.

I wrote previously with my submission so I'm making it clear this time. I do not want an H in Wanganui and neither do 80% of the population.

Velma Smith



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Submitted on Sunday, 23 August 2015 - 11:03am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Donald Bull

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

Wanganui not has been the name of this city since first established.

I do not consider any name change to be beneficial. No "H"

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1573>

Mon 24/08/2015 5:31 p.m.

I would like to submit to the board my objection to the h being included in the name of our town, as it is against the wishes of myself, my family and as far as I can ascertain all of my friends and acquaintances residing now or formally in our beloved town. The Council has ran a referendum on this in the past and the results from the town and district were an overwhelming NO for the proposed inclusion of the H and rightly so your Board said the individuals desiring to include the letter in their signage, correspondence etc. could legally do so. The minority are trying to force their will on the majority and this is an infringement on the rights of the population not in favour which is very undemocratic.

Yours sincerely, Mrs. Hilda Smith

Submitted on Tuesday, 25 August 2015 - 7:29am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Rex Titter

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: I was born in Wanganui and have lived in Wanganui all my life. Also I object to TV and radio personalities referring incorrectly to Fonganui

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

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Secretary to the Geographic Board,

155 The Terrace, PO 5501,

Wellington. 6145

18/8/15

Dear Sir,

Forgive my typing please. Both my computers are playing up today.

I say HWANGAREI, HWAKATANE and WANGANUI because I am being loyal to the local dialects. And hw is the closest way in English to say the old Maori wh. I learned a little Maori from Paka Tawhai of Ngati Porou, Mrs Kawakawa of Ngapuhi and Gray Matthews of Ngati Apa.

I enclose copies of letters and studies I have written over some years.

1. Wanganui is what local Maori actually say and have always said.
2. In 1844 the settlers here respected and requested the name Wanganui.
3. Somebody in Wellington wrote Whanganui by mistake in 1845.
4. Maori produced traditions of Whanganui in 1854.
5. The f pronunciation arose with young people of Ngapuhi in 1960s. I agree with H W Williams that that change was a mistake. It turns all whaka words like Whakatane and whakawhiti into obscenities. There is no f in true Maori. We hear people lazily saying Kawhia as Kafia. We already have in English gh and ph and f. We do not need another variant of the same sound.
6. Maori have come up with so many theories about having an h. Two traditions, *Glottal stop*, meaninglessness of Wanganui which isn't true, wide river mouth, long wait, large bay, and silent letter, a harbour with an f name in a pacific island, to name a few. A doctor once told me that when you have a long list of possible treatments for an ailment you can be sure that none of them has any real value or basis.
7. The silent letter idea cannot have any basis. Maori wasn't written until Europeans began to write what they heard Maori say. Create a silent letter feature for Maori and you destroy the language's phonetic character. Every mispronunciation will be excusable on the basis of usage. Omaru, Paraparam, Teamutu, and so on.
8. The name Wanganui actually came from Te Wainui a Rua, via Wainui, Wainganui, to Wanganui. Potonga Nielson wrote a letter to the paper saying that the river that runs through our town was the Wainui and runs into the Whanganui. We have a river boat called the Wairua. And there is a school at Ranana, London, called Wainui a Rua.

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9. However, with a touch of humour, if you decided to rename Castlecliff Whanganui you might please a great many people right back to Kupe, perhaps everyone except the local member of parliament who would see his electorate drastically reduced in size.

10. We are already hearing Wanganui pronounced as Fonganui by those giving the weather forecast.

11. Some businesses are having their mail sent to Whangarei by mistake.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. Pittam.

[REDACTED]  
30/07/2015.  
[REDACTED]

The Editor,  
Chronicle.

Dear Sir,

#### CORRECT SPELLING

I write in reply to Peter Horsely, Letters 30/7/15. It is sometimes said that "Whanganui" is the correct spelling, but on what basis?

Peter refers to the traditions from Kupe and Haupipi who are said to have said Hwanganui. But hearing a PhD thesis on the early mission at Putiki recently it appears that local Maori say Wanganui and have been doing so as far back as c1805. When and why did they decide not to say Hwanganui?

Peter then refers to the wide harbour meaning of Hwanga-nui. And then says that Wanga-nui is meaningless. So why are Maori insisting on saying a meaningless name? And doing so for over 200 years? And not only that, insisting that we write something different to what they actually say?

Wanganui is not meaningless at all. It has been derived over time from Te Wainui a Rua. The derivation is quite simple and understandable. The same applies to Wangaehu which comes from Te Waiehu a Rua" An article about the river from the 1800s explained this. Supplementing that evidence we have a river-boat called Wairua.

The kau matua Potonga Nielsen wrote in a letter to the editor a few years ago that "the river that flows through our town was called Wainui and runs into the Whanganui." So if there is a Whanganui it is at Castlecliff.

As for Downes' book, see on pages 224f the letter of the settlers in 1844 asking for the "well known name Wanganui (underlined)". Downes has at the foot of the pages, "Facsimile of the Deed praying that the name of the town be changed from Petre to Whanganui". Could he not read? Such a note shouts his bias.

Tom Pittams,  
Wanganui.





## MEANING OF WANGANUI

The name of our river and city in the local mita is Wa-nga-nui even if some spell it with an h. From language and usage let's try to understand the old mita version.

Wa, pronounced waa, means an area, space or region.

There are those who want it to be wha. Wha, pronounced hwa, means "four". However, a Wanganui Prison unit is called Whanui because of its spaciousness. Perhaps it should be Wanui, following local mita. Even so the Moriori used wha to mean breadth. An old article about the river, written in 1899 says that Wha-nga is an obsolete word meaning a bay, a harbour or a wide river mouth. As such it is clearly fitting for places like Whangarei and Whangaroa.

The article referred to above gives a list of the river names from Te Awa Nui a Rua, Te Wai Nui a Rua and so on leading to Wai Nga Nui and thus to Wa Nga Nui. No h appears anywhere. Potonga Neilson, a local kau matua, confirms an early wai (water) form of many river names. And in his letter to the Chronicle of 1 January 2010 he includes a reference to "Te Wainui a Rua which runs through the middle of our town and into Te Whanganui."

The Moriori knew and used the word "wanganui", saying, "Ki wanganui a rawa" as a parallel to ki waenga meaning "between". Wae means divide or separate. And waenga means middle. The Moriori, like others, used the word "waenganui" meaning the centre or the space in between. Thus the word, Wa(e)nganui, the name of the place where the local people settled, refers to a space between- between what? My guess is that the reference is to the hills. And this is confirmed by T.W.Downes' reference in Old Whanganui p4 to "the hills east and west up through Aramuhu". His idea that the river was that wide is unlikely. Note his overwhelming preference for the h. But the river is certain to have changed course many times on its way through the space, area, region bounded by the hills. Wanganui refers to the area between the hills.

Notice that the evidence for "Wanganui" is found in the local mita supported by an understanding of the language and the documentation.

We can allow "Wha-nga-nui" to refer to the river mouth, harbour as Potonga Neilson does, but note that it is based on traditions attributed to at least four remote ancestors over a period of some 400 years- Kupe, the "TangataWhenua", Haupipi, and Haunui-a-papa-rangi. Traditions come out of the woodwork so easily. Notice how the F pronunciation of wh which started in the 1960s produced a "tradition" of an F name for the river mouth by 1972 (Wanganui Story p21).

We cannot accept any silent h while we continually hear of the paddle steamer, Waimari-E on our river. It is got to be the Waimari-E because there are no silent letters in true Maori.

That the settlers misspelled the name is simply not true. The well-recorded and persistent simple w mita proves that. ("We have never called it Whanganui..." Hon Tariana Turia *Dom. Post.*)

That Wanga is meaningless is not so either. The Moriori at least, knew and used it. And it's derivation from both Wai-nga and Wae-nga makes it certain.

The spelling correctors of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century were in fact ill informed, probably thinking of Whangarei and Whangaroa.

That similar place names have had an h inserted is regrettable. In the majority of cases the insertion is very questionable, particularly at Wangaehu and at places that are inland.

Finally, names are important. Ladies with the name Karen sometimes prefer to be called Kaaren and that is their right. We who live in Wanganui, know that that pronunciation is true to the local mita. It has been pronounced so by both Maori and European for generations. We have every right to insist that our name be pronounced in our preferred way, no matter how somebody else might decide to spell it.

To the local activists I say, "Why hound everybody with an h you do not use yourself? If the h is correct you are like children who cannot pronounce your own name correctly. The h problem is yours. Nobody else created it."

I do not know everything I admit, but I am trying to be scholarly and fair, and I respect genuine scholarship and evidence.

I am happy to hear comment from anybody who knows the language well.

Tom Pittams,  
Wanganui.



[REDACTED]  
3/11/2009.  
[REDACTED]

The Editor,  
Chronicle.

Dear Sir,

#### HOW THEY SAY IT

How they say it is indeed the point. Thanks to Kyle Dalton, *Letters* 2 Nov., for the information that the local dialectic change probably happened 300-400 years ago. It's a pity that she doesn't say why the change was made.

According to the traditions as recorded in *Old Whanganui* and *The Wanganui Story* Kupe and Haupipi said "Whanganui" which, if true, would be pronounced "Hwanganui".

The local dialectic change was from "Whanganui" to "Wanganui". We know this because "Wanganui" is what the settlers heard and wrote hundreds of times. This is confirmed by the Williams' *Dictionary* of 1915 where these linguists say the name was pronounced by the local Maori, "as if written *Wanganui*".

And this is confirmed further by local pronunciation today, which in turn is confirmed further still by Hon. T. Turia, *Dom. Post* Feb 16, pA4, and the Geographic Board cartoon, *Sunday News*, 20 Sept.. See also Cruz Johnson, *Letters*, Oct. 16, for comment on other w/wh words.

The f pronunciation of wh is a sidetrack that was started by young Maori in the 1960s. Williams *Dictionary* 1971.

It is no surprise at all that from 1845 onward people who had learned wh words further north would tend to correct what they would see as a mistake when mentioning Wanganui. The infrequent h spellings in the 1800s are ill-informed "corrections".

"Wanganui" is clearly the correct, customary local name for this area, going back 300-400 years according to Kyle Dalton, and cannot therefore be dismissed as mistaken, meaningless or offensive.

And the Geographic Board accepts that local Maori do not use the h and does not suggest they should start doing so. The name in their pronunciation is to remain, "Wanganui".

Finally, in Maori, pronunciation and spelling go hand in hand. So why mess this up?

Tom Pittams,  
Wanganui.

*Tom Pittams*

[REDACTED]  
8/02/2012.  
[REDACTED]

The Editor,  
Chronicle.

Dear Sir,

#### H Summary

When Europeans arrived in this area they heard Maori say "Wanganui" and "Wangaehu". They wrote these names in various documents. Both names have a whakapapa. In 1844 the Settlers asked that their town be named Wanganui instead of Petre.

The first "Whanganui" spelling appeared in 1845. Eventually Maori traditions appeared attributing this name to Kupe, c950, and others through to a number of Aotea people c1350.

H.W. Williams, in his *Dictionary* of 1971, p484, refers to a recent fashion among younger Maori, a mistake in his view, of assimilating the Maori wh to the English f. Then in 1972 M.J.G. Smart and A.P. Bates in their *The Wanganui Story*, p21, mention a "theory widely held by the Maoris of an earlier generation, that the origin of the name (Whanganui) goes far back in history and takes its derivation from the place name Fa'anui in the Society Islands".

Local Maori still say "Wanganui" but Tupoho has asked, I understand, that the name be written as "Whanganui".

So now most local people say and write "Wanganui". Local Maori say "Wanganui" and write "Whanganui". Everybody else is free to say "Wanganui", "Whanganui" or "Fanganui" as each may wish. Government agencies are asked by the Land Information Minister Maurice Williamson to move eventually to writing "Whanganui".

As a final note- no name at all has been officially gazetted.

Tom Pittams,  
Wanganui.

*Tom Pittams*



[REDACTED]  
19/06/2013.  
[REDACTED]

The Editor,  
Chronicle.

Dear Sir,

H DIVIDE

I prefer to say and write Wanganui in loyalty and respect for the local Maori who do not use the H.

In Letters, January, a few years ago Potonga Neilson said that the river that runs through our town was once called Wainui. And I see a river-boat called Wairua moored in the city area. Note these names.

I know an old document from the 1800s which says the original names for the Wanganui and Wangaehu rivers were Te Awa Nui a Rua and Te Awa Ehu a Rua. It is easy to see how the names Wainui and Wairua can be derived over time from the early forms. And then Wainui becomes Wai-nga-nui and Waiehu becomes Wai-nga-ehu, and so to Wanganui and Wangaehu. No wh anywhere.

However, Smart and Bates, in their *Wanganui Story* page 21 say that local Maoris "have always retained the spelling Whanganui". How could they do this when they had no written language? The name Whanganui is said in legend to have been given to the river by Hau (or Haupipi) or Kupe.

But if the legend is correct, when and why did local Maori decide to drop the H? And why would a people knowingly and deliberately miss-pronounce their name for between 500 and 900 years? And then grizzle because the settlers in 1844 carefully wrote what they actually say?

I prefer to believe that the names Wangaehu and Wanganui were derived over time as the old document suggests.

Tom Pittams,  
Wanganui.

*Tom Pittams*

Wainui-ā-kiā School

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I'd be grateful if you would seriously consider this submission to retain the status quo for the spelling of the Wanganui District Council.

GENERAL:

Why is it you want reasons not to support your proposed change **instead of asking for reasons** why it should be supported?

You know that the status quo is acceptable to most of us here and yet you seem to be supporting a very vocal minority who want a change!

Wanganui has been the name of our city for over 160 years so a change for changes sake has no substance at all.

Why try and fix something that isn't 'broke'?

Your board **has not given any reasons** at all for wanting to change the name.

Why is this??

You surely have a responsibility to consult interested people in a reasonable way before unilaterally deciding to even consider any change.

OTHER:

1. Have you any intention of changing any of the other 'Wanganui' place names in the country?

You will be aware of Little Wanganui, Little Wanganui River, and Little Wanganui head - all just south of Karamea.

There is also a Wanganui Bluff, a Forest, a River, and a Wanganui Flat Road about 60km south of Hokitika.


And also a Wanganui Valley Road just south of Taumaranui.

**Surely these are too many examples of other 'Wanganui' place names in the country for ours to have been misspelt!!**  
**(And it seems to be the only one you want to change!)**

2. Take a look at the two Wanganui weekly 'free' papers and you will see that the earlier move to change the spelling has not had much success with Wanganui advertisers or businesses. This can only be interpreted as saying we do not want any change.

At the end of the day I cannot reconcile your proposed change to have any practical benefits for Wanganui. The status quo is acceptable to most residents and the push by what is well known to be of Maori influence should not be given the prominence it obviously has.

Thanks for taking your time to consider this,

  
Nelson Tizard.



19<sup>th</sup> August, 2015

New Zealand Geographic Board,  
Level 7, Radio New Zealand House  
155 The Terrace,  
Wellington, 6145  
Dear Secretary,

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I would like to express my objections to the letter "H" being added to the name of our lovely city, Wanganui.

We have already had two referendums on this subject, & on both occasions the majority votes showed that the people of Wanganui were very much against including the letter "H".

It really upsets me to hear our radio & T.V. announcers already pronouncing our city as "Fonganui". I was born in Wanganui 78 years ago, & it is a well-known fact that there has never ever been an "H" in the name of this city, so why change now!

Our council members are continually being pressurized by our local Maori population to add the "H". Our current mayor, who lives many miles inland beside our river, seems only too happy to go along with their demands.

Another objection is the enormous cost to this city, as well as to the whole of New Zealand, in altering road signs, maps & letter-heads etc.

Can this country really afford such an unnecessary change? I sincerely hope your board will give due consideration to such an important decision. <sup>Yours</sup> Dick W. Lee

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SECRETARY  
N.Z. GEOGRAPHIC BOARD,  
P.O. Box 5501,  
WELLINGTON

Dear Sir/Madam,  
Re: Wanganui Submission

I wish to submit that  
the spelling of Wanganui  
remains without the H - as you  
propose.

Yours faithfully,  


R. B. RUSSELL

M & B. TUCKER



Honour the referendum  
No **W** in wanganui

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The Secretary  
NZ Geographic Board  
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Dear Secretary,

Please retain the spelling of

Wanganui.

Thank-you.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Meynell

21-8-15

P.S. Just discovered  
your address.



The Secretary/Chairman,  
NZ Geographic Board  
C/o LINZ  
PO Box 5501  
WELLINGTON 6145

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Dear Sir,

I am writing to "**Have a say on our district name**" as invited in the Wanganui Chronicle, earlier this month, and the heading was '**Reasons, not numbers count in consultation**'. May I then explain what my reasons are.

To decide whether we have the "H" or not, it was put to a referendum - not once, but twice, and both resulted in a resounding **NO 'H'**. (70%) In a democracy, isn't this how it is decided? We are not living in a dictatorship - are we?

What is the necessity, to have 'H' inserted in our name? It has always been **WANGANUI**.

**'As New Zealand's national place-naming authority, the NZGB is responsible for making place names official and ensuring they are used correctly on maps and charts, so that the question of "where" is easily answered. the Board also has a responsibility to safeguard the place-naming traditions, culture and heritage brought to New Zealand by it VARIOUS communities'**

Yes, People of **many** nationalities came here and have worked hard to build this country. The fact that "Wanga" has no meaning in Maori, should not be a reason to change the name, as there are varied versions of what they believe Whanga to mean, and because NZ has such a diverse culture, why should the name be changed to appease the Maori's.

My greatest opposition to putting the "H" in Wanganui, is the way that Radio and Television announcers, insist on pronouncing it as an "F". So we get Funganui, or Fonganui, both of which are so wrong, and a true "bastardisation" of the place, we call home.

I believe that "Wh" is a soft sound, as in where what and why. Other cities which have a 'Wh' - (like Whitianga, Whangarei and Whakatane) - are pronounced as an "F" and they are such harsh-sounding (and ugly) names.

We have a very large 'aged' population in Wanganui and there are those who will never spell Wanganui with an 'H' - regardless of the decision. I say this, as I have a long list of people who are opposed to the name change, but are not able to "have their say" - AGAIN!

I do hope that this letter is not a wasted effort, though I fear the "die may already be cast", as some local businesses are already including the dreadful "H". As if we don't have enough negative publicity, we will also be dubbed the city that doesn't know how to spell their own name. If it is changed, both will be used.

I have attached copies of **some** letters, sent to our local newspaper over a period of time with regard to this "H" matter. Please take the time to read some of them. It is a very emotive issue, and people do have their say - in the end.

Yours sincerely,

*Ella Wilson*



Dear Sir or Madam,

The purpose of my letter to you is to express my strong opposition to any change in the way WAIKARANUI is split. The citizens of Waikaranui have let their views be known on this matter, by way of a Referendum a few years ago, please respect their views on this matter.

A Referendum allows the Silent Majority, i.e. those who do not like to stand out on a matter have their say or be listened to.

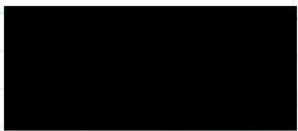
Please do not give in to a vocal minority.

S. W. Bell

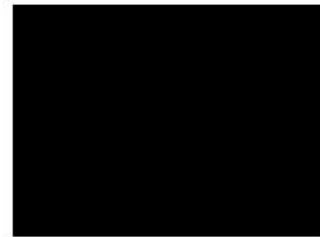
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20<sup>th</sup> August 2015

Secretary of the New Zealand Geographic Board  
c/o Land Information New Zealand  
PO Box 5501  
Wellington 6145

Please accept my submission regarding the letters of the English alphabet chosen to write 'Wanganui'

This is the correct way to write it.

In consideration of the pronunciation, how can there be another way?

The choice of letters was intentional, so what can be "incorrect" about not including an 'H'?

The Maori language, with its dialects, must be respected if it is to prosper. On the agenda is a push for the correct pronunciation of Maori place names. The appropriate use of the 15 letters allocated to write the unwritten language is essential.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'L Phillips'.

Leslie Phillips



Tue 25/08/2015 9:06 p.m.



25/08/2015

Wanganui District Council  
Wanganui

Dear Charlie Anderson

I would like to put in a submission against having the H put in Wanganui. Wanganui has been spelt WANGANUI all my life and I cant for the life of me see why their needs to be any change. It has already been voted on numerous times that the H stay out of WANGANUI and why the continuation of the saga of the H is beyond me.

To have the H put in is going to cost the country millions of unessessary money. Our country is not a wealthy country and to be spending money over having a letter put in WANGANUI is absolutely rediculous. WANGANUI has always been spelt WANGANUI and there have been so many referendoms against having the H put in that why doesnt the Council listen to the people.

Do the Council have nothing better do do than debate over whether the H should or should not be put in. For goodness sake get over it and leave the H out. WANGANUI is WANGANUI and should remain. My mother would turn over in her grave if she knew that the H was going to be put in so move on and leave things as they are and not spend money on a whim.

Sincerely  
Brenda Bayly

**Sent:** Friday, 14 August 2015 1:35 p.m.

On the 28th of this month submissions to the Geographic board close regarding the “H” being proposed for inclusion in the name of Wanganui to become Whanganui. There has been plenty of debate against it. I urge you to put your submission in even though you may think it a waste of time, and you are probably right; However, the lack of submissions will give the Geographic board more ammo to frog march over the top of the silent majority the less submissions they receive. I venture to suggest they have already made up their minds.

My greatest concern regarding this submission process is not only the fact this Councils blatant disregard for the voters/ratepayers overwhelming objection to the name change in a perfectly valid referendum, but the Geographic boards statement concerning the name change on page one of the boards information pack.

“Wanganui, was spelt incorrectly and has never been formally gazetted by this board or its predecessors. It is therefore not currently an official New Zealand place name.”

This statement is an absolute travesty and predetermination of an outcome of outstanding proportions.

Board Chairman Dr. Grant and his cronies should resign on mass for this outrageous statement; I have sent a copy of this letter to Minister for land information. The boards blurb goes on to say , this is the first time the board has received a proposal to change the name of a NZ city, if this goes ahead watch out for the next one.

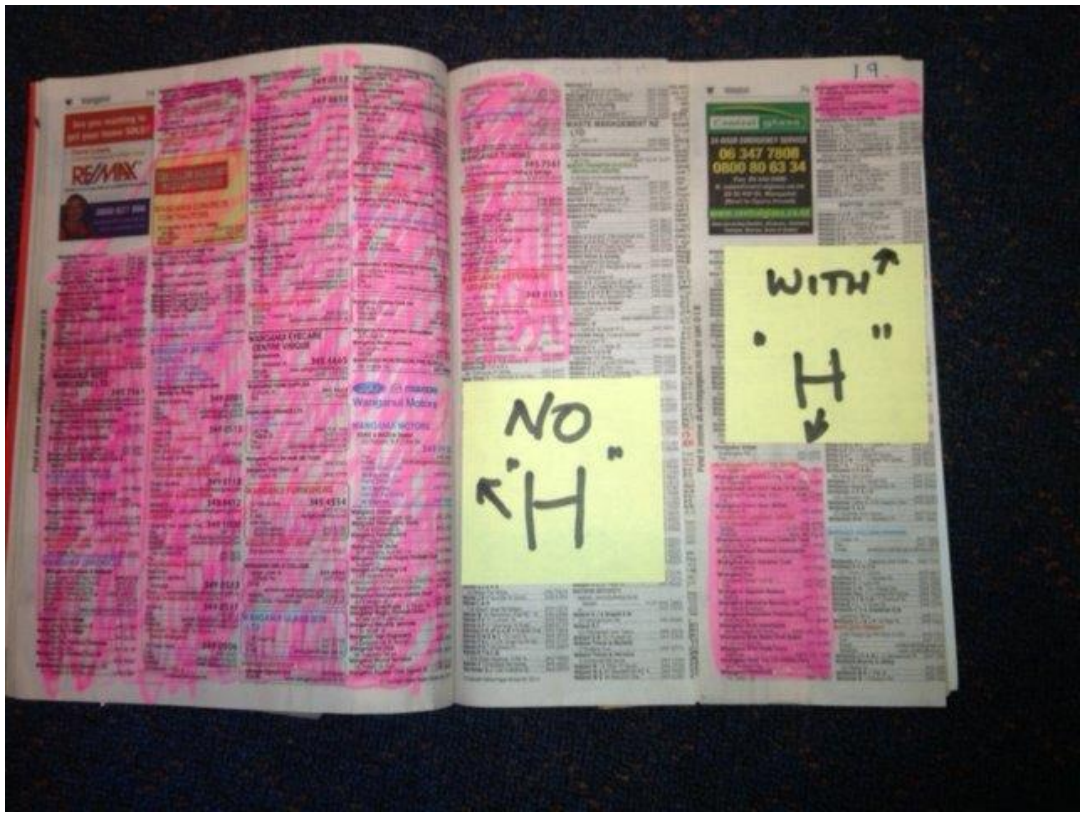
If what the Board says is correct, and the name of Wanganui was never formally recognised and is changed, what happens to all the birth certificates, marriages and deaths in our city are these all invalid? What happens to all our address's and business names.

The attached photo of the latest phone book shows 110 business's without the “H” and 19 with the “H” of which only 5 are private organisations, don't take my word for it count them.

Put in your submission folks, and watch the fun when the result of this nonsense comes out.

Charlie Anderson.

Wanganui District Councillor



Fri 28/08/2015 10:37 a.m.

Dear Geographic Board,

I wish to register my objection to the name change from WANGANUI to WHANGANUI.

A recent referendum put 80% of the population against the "H" but this has been ignored by the Wanganui District Council of which I am a Councillor. This Council had a democratic vote whether the "H" should be included in the name, the vote was lost 7-6. Because the local Iwi threatened to boycott all things good in WANGANUI our Mayor put the debate back on the table, 16days later this council reversed its decision and caved in to the pressure of the minority, the vote was lost 10-3. This disgraceful display of how the democratic process should not be followed is further exacerbated by the blatant predetermination of your board, I quote off your website " Wanganui , was spelt incorrectly and has never been formally gazetted by this board or it's predecessors. It is therefore not currently an official New Zealand name. This statement is an absolute travesty and predetermination of an outcome of outstanding proportions. How, we the people of Wanganui, who have built this proud city over many years can be expected to sit back while being subjected to this disgrace and expect an impartial and measured outcome from this board is beyond me.

Yours sincerely,  
Charlie Anderson.  
Wanganui District Councillor.

Submitted on Wednesday, 26 August 2015 - 1:57pm Submitted by anonymous user: [REDACTED] Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Terry O'Connor

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: See attached file "Wanganui for ever"

==Supporting evidence==

Please attach any further information that supports your proposal: [REDACTED]

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1606>

The reason I oppose the change of spelling of the European settlement of Wanganui, is because we live in New Zealand and we are guaranteed the rights of British Citizens. To have a small disaffected group forcing its views on the people of New Zealand to enhance their own ambitions and Treaty pay outs is an abomination and has no place in a civilised western democracy.

The previous decision by the Geographic Board and the Minister was unfortunate but at least left the final decision to the people of Wanganui as to how they would spell the name of the City. Further action by the disaffected Iwi is totally polarising the issue and a forced name change is not going to resolve anything. In fact it will result in moves to bring Wanganui into line with all the other Wanganui in New Zealand. The name Wanganui is found on our maps from the North of the North Island, through Waikarimoana to the inlets and rivers of the South Island. Tradition and usage in New Zealand shows that the name and spelling is Wanganui.

Further the politically correct movement that is trying to rewrite New Zealand history is hiding and often rewarding the unlawful/criminal/antisocial acts of disaffected so called "Iwi". Things have gone to far and its time to put a stop to things such as :

1) The Government has officially recognised Te Rauparaha as the 'author' of the haka and it has given copyright to his tribe. The NZRU has also regularly attributed this haka to Te Rauparaha in its match programmes.

However, some of us know that - in fact, not fiction - Te Rauparaha was responsible for massive Maori depopulation in the decades just before the Treaty of Waitangi in 1840. Such was the loss of life caused by him in the South Island, in particular, wiping out near-entire tribal groups in many raids, that the British declared sovereignty of that island by right of discovery rather than cession later in 1840.

Some estimates claim New Zealand's Maori population fell from 200,000 in 1800 to fewer than 100,000 by 1840, for example.

Surely, proportionally, in world terms of human life lost by one man's actions, that puts Te Rauparaha on a par with the likes of Adolf Hitler, Josef Stalin and Ghengis Khan.

2) That the Maori vote for the Maori Party which one of its leaders/exleaders, Turania Turia, supports the Tupoho submission to Wanganui Council gets around 2% of the vote in elections (fallen to 1% in latest poll !!) . Most Maori do not support it !! Polls conducted on maori issues sshow a similar story – the people of New Zealand do not want 'Maorification'  
Ansell's 14 polls one message – the full list:

95% -- No to discharge of Maori king's son  
87% -- No to Maori special voice in Rotorua  
85% -- No to Maori housing in Bay of Plenty

83% -- No to Maori ward in New Plymouth  
81% -- No to Maori being special (Closeup)  
81% -- No to Maori names for North and South Island  
80% -- No to “h” in Wanganui  
80% -- No to Maori wards in Waikato  
80% -- No to Maori wards in Hauraki  
79% -- No to Maori wards in Nelson  
79% -- No to Maori seats (CAP submitters)  
79% -- No to Maori compulsory in schools  
68% -- No to Maori wards in Far North (pop. 44% Maori)  
52% -- No to Maori wards in Wairoa (pop. 46% Maori)

The wider Maori population does not necessarily support the push for a special deal for Maori. That push comes from a small group of people, not necessarily Maori, who populate treaty settlement entities and government bodies.

<http://www.printfriendly.com/>

AT 10:30 AM <http://www.blogger.com/email-post.g?blogID=3428753756191913144&postID=1495246104760155350>

## 2 COMMENTS:

A.G.R. said...

I find this insistence by a few Maori descendants who consider themselves superior to all others of the same race offensive to the point of being insulting. Maori descendants who have joined the civilised world are perfectly capable of portraying their views & standing for public office. Many are members of all political parties, while others have successfully been elected to councils throughout the country. Sadly Socialism has taught a proportion of society that life is a free ride, so less & less personal effort for improvement is forth-coming. This situation will get progressively worse now that parents are learning that they don't even have to get out of bed in the morning to feed their children, as school will provide breakfast & lunch. Which of course teaches these children that life is a free ride

The recent arrest of Sonny Tau with dead Kereru and the blocking of roads and illegal occupation of Moutua Gardens (so called Pakatoru) a few years by the submitters of the request to have a spelling change shows all too clearly the sort of people who are making these claims. The claim by the Maori ‘king’ to Auckland also illustrates the mindset and arrogance we are dealing with – the failure of the Government to deal with the breach of article one of the “treaty” which makes it quite clear that we have only one King/Queen and they are resident in England.

3) The Mayor and Wanganui Council have no right to push for the name change as they did not campaign on this issue. Further your own documentation shows that the disaffected Iwi were using blackmail to force the Council to support them. (– the reality that iwi engagement and support with the Council would be systematically withdrawn if a proposal was not made,

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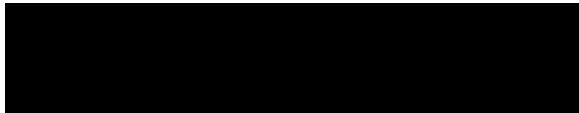
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Consultation with iwi

– the impact felt by an iwi partnership breakdown, eg a loss of confidence by central government, inability to fulfil the Council’s vision, stalled social and economic development, and damage to the reputation of Whanganui as an attractive business destination, and

I could go on, but when I look at the composition of your committee, and previous Geographic Board committees which have changed our Rivers name and Electorates name to ensure one major party or the other can obtain the Maori vote and thus the Treasury benches my time is better spent on the political scene which will see your board gone and a proper New Zealand / Kiwi Party holding the Treasury benches and responding to the wishes of New Zealanders and getting our River and electorate rename Wanganui, rather than pandering to disaffected, trouble making minorities.

Terry O’Connor





Submitted on Wednesday, 26 August 2015 - 3:20pm Submitted by anonymous user: [REDACTED] Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: James Neill

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

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The change purports to correct an incorrect spelling of the place name Wanganui.

There is also Wanganui River in westland, and a place called Little Wanganui on the Little Wanganui River, south of Karamea in the Buller district.

If the basis for the change of spelling is to correct a previous mistake, are all the other location with this "anominally" also going to be changed?

Or is this just a racist sticking it to the 80%+ who voted in a local referendum to retain the existing spelling. PC attempts to pronounce the wh frequently produce an unrecognizable result. I will point out Wanaganui is not the only place to suffer from this one only needs to try and follow the weather forecast with out the location map.

My point is either change all or none and not have it piecemeal.  
Yours sincerely

James Neill

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1608>

Wed 26/08/2015 8:15 p.m.

The Secretary  
The New Zealand Geographic  
C/O Land Information  
Wellington

I would like to make a submission on the name for Wanganui City.

I would firstly submit that majority of Wanganui citizens have already voted that the name of the city and spelling that it currently has should remain, as it has been known for over 100 years. Wanganui. To change the spelling of the name against the wishes of the people would make a mockery of our supposed democracy. This is the sort of action one would normally see in dictatorial countries and lower us to the level of a banana republic.

The argument that Wanga does not have any meaning in Maori is nothing more than a red herring. As there was no written Maori language, the names were written in English to emulate the sound of the spoken word. While the F sound is used in some tribal area's to use that in the same way in other tribal area's would be considered offensive.

It is an insult to the Maori language/dialect and the citizens of Wanganui to have the name of our city pronounced in almost unrecognisable form.

I challenge the panel to visit the archives in Radio New Zealand and listen to old recordings of our local Wanganui Maori pronouncing Wanganui and compare that to how people are pronouncing Wanganui with the H added, to really understand how a change to the spelling would distort what is a historic name.

I respectfully submit to the members of the committee that that the spelling of our historic city remain unadulterated and left with the spelling that it has been known by through most of its existence. Any change would create, unnecessary costs in name changes, stationary changes, birth, marriage certificates, and confusion with places with similar spellings.

Respectfully yours

T. Mullins



Thu 27/08/2015 12:25 p.m.

Submission on the spelling of Wanganui for the Wanganui District Council

It is my view that the spelling should remain as Wanganui.

It is also my view that your Board did not give due consideration to the opinions of the citizens of Wanganui when you resolved that the spelling of the city should be Whanganui. It was only the Minister who politically agreed to the joint Wanganui/Whanganui naming. What an injustice!

To support this latter view I wish to refer you to the Waitangi Tribunal Report 1999 on the Whanganui river claim-

Pxx1 "Whanganui is the correct spelling for the name of the river though the city is spelt Wanganui. The preferred Maori form as most approximating the local dialect (the wh pronounced as in what). This report uses Wanganui to refer to the City and its environs, and where appropriate, in proper nouns otherwise it uses Whanganui."

This shows that august body clearly differentiated between the alternatives and accepted Wanganui as the City spelling. Just because the name was not gazetted does not mean it should have changed.

In addition the report refers to the acquisition of the Whanganui Purchase of 86000 acres in 1848.

(p81) Having sold the land the local Iwi thus relinquished all rights apart from those predetermined.

This in, my opinion, gave the citizens what you may call the naming rights to the settlement.

Indeed in the first instance they named the settlement as Petre. Then it changed to Whanganui/Wanganui. Common usage over a century surely should had some influence on the decision you reached. Wanganui. Indeed common usage over the centuries has undoubtedly influenced both the pronunciation and spelling of many words in all languages. Furthermore your biased view completely ignored the results of the referendum which was substantially in favour of the common usage. It appears that only one view was accepted by you, but that was unacceptable to the majority of citizens.

What concerned most Wanganui folk was that the pronunciation would devolve to Fanganui. That has indeed proved to be true with some of the television and radio commentators using this form. At no stage has your board insisted on a definitive message about the pronunciation.

Which brings me back to my first view. I certainly do not want the Wanganui District Council to be changed to Whanganui D.C. Common usage since its inception surely must be acceptable. It is abhorrent and insulting to hear it pronounced as Fanganui. It is not the local dialect and never has been.

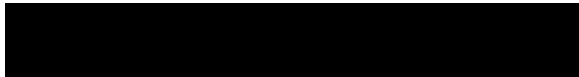
I realise that my opposition to it has no chance of success. I base this on the Board's Chairs view expressed in the Wanganui Chronicle recently where the number of those opposing this change (ie the referendum) has no bearing on the outcome. Indeed one would wonder about the validity of this "consultation" with the Board already having made its intentions perfectly clear.

It is interesting to note that whanga has three meanings long wait Big water, bay harbour valley

Which one is ours? If it had three meanings why not two spellings (Whanga Wanga) with the same meaning? Are there others? Language is fluid.

As a final thought I also ponder about the conversion of the Maori language into a written language. Why didn't maori letters have f in their alphabet as in Fangarei. Perhaps my final - final thought. If you are going in with your preconceived judgement, are you also going to give a definitive pronunciation (wh as in what) with your judgement, or are you just going to sit back and put that in the too hard basket?

Alan Lints



Submitted on Thursday, 27 August 2015 - 1:23pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Alan Davidson

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Please see the attached submission.

==Supporting evidence==

Please attach any further information that supports your proposal:

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==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1618>

Submission by Alan Davidson

1. I oppose changing Wanganui to Whanganui.

#### The Language

2. James Cook wrote the sound he heard in Hawkes Bay as "Vh", not the "F" he heard in Tahiti. In Wanganui the sound is "W".

3. Perhaps over time, the spelling "whanga" and pronunciation "F" will soften, as people rebel against the academics, and return to their local dialects. The problem H may disappear by itself.

4. Elderly native speakers have just about died out. Tariana Turia's careful pronunciation "Hh-wanga-nui" is new. She used to say "Wanganui". "Fanga-nui" is new and wrong.

#### The Meaning

5. I am happy with "Te Awa Nui a Rua", "Wai nui a Rua", and "Te Wai nga nui a Rua", which are genuine local names for the river, but not the town.

6. I have seen several meanings for "w(h)anga": big bay, big harbour, big wide place, valley, flat, wide, space, open, and "watch" rather than "wait", all depending on time and context. I suggest that words and meanings may have changed over time, but without the written trace seen in English.

7. For the first time this year, I have seen "Whanga-nui" means "long wait". In this context it almost certainly does not. "Tai-w(h)anga-nui" means "long wait". The word "tai", meaning waves or tide, is essential. Alternatively "wā" means "time".

8. I read that H is the "missing glottal stop". H is not a glottal stop. There is no glottal stop in Whanganui. There is in Wa nga nui.

9. Proponents appear to cut and paste weak arguments to support a northern spelling "Whanga-nui", which is probably the wrong word anyway.

10. The name for the river was changed from Wanganui to Whanganui in 1991, without much public discussion or consultation.

11. The H has been added to many other rivers since 1946, without discussion or consultation. The H is wrong, because most of these rivers are tributaries, have no estuary, no harbour, and can easily be walked across: no big harbour, no big bay, no long wait.

12. It is possible to call the river downstream of Wanganui's last bridge "w(h)anga", but not the rest of the river or the town. It is possible to morph "wai" into "wā" meaning country or area, and call the Wanganui town and area "Wā-nga-nui".

13. Nearby Wa(i)-nga-ehu originally meant murky river (which other rivers with this name still do), but a 200 year old local nursery rhyme pun says "Wangae-hau" or "Wangae-hu", "splashed". Whanga-ehu is wrong.

14. I have seen a variant "wae-nga" which means division, or the space between, suggesting "Wae-nga-nui; but I have not seen anything to support this.

15. An old man once told me that the correct pronunciation was "Wa-nga-nui". Pat McLean's late father (Wanganui Chronicle 22 Sep 09), an old native speaker, believed "Wa-nga-nui" to be a contraction of Wai-onga-nui, "long winding river". Q.v. (5) above. This memory goes back over 100 years.

16. Most streams and rivers, since 1946 spelled "whanga", should instead be "wa(i) nga", because they are tributaries, have no estuary, no harbour, and can easily be walked across: no big harbour, no big bay, no long wait.

#### Compare

17. Compare the English word "bourne", spelled many ways, even streams within walking distance: Bourne, Westbourne, Blackbourn, Blackburn, Kilburn, Holborn, Lamborne... No one complains.

18. Compare the Celtic word "exe": Exe, Axe, Ox, Ucks, Esk, Usk, uisque, whisk-ey,... No one complains.

19. Compare Celtic "Dan(a)", Sanskrit "Dan(u)", Sarmatian "Don", Russian rivers: Danube, Dniester, Dvina, Dnepr, Donets, Donetsk, Don, Donbas... No one complains. However, the Ukrainian government is changing the spelling of Russian towns, which offends the inhabitants.

20. Likewise in New Zealand, compare "w(h)anga", and "wa-nga": Wa-nga-moa, Wa-nga-ehu, Hoki-anga, Whiti-anga, Aka-roa, Haka-tara-mea, Waka-tipu, Hanga-roa. I am not aware that any one complains, except in Wanganui. Also, compare other Māori dialects, such as Tahitian "faga".

21. Accept the differences. Rejoice in the richness and diversity of the Māori dialects. Or else what?: change every name to "Whanga"?

#### Deeply Unpopular

22. I believe that proponents do not understand the local dialect, the true origin or meaning of the word, and that some of them wish to offend. The campaign has persuaded others to want to change the name "Wanganui".

23. "Whanganui" is deeply unpopular in Wanganui. Wanganui Referenda: 2006, 82% wanted "Wanganui". 2009, 77% wanted "Wanganui". The turnouts were high for local government. The wish for "Wanganui" was very strong.

24. Local Māori I have spoken to want "Wanganui", or do not care.

#### Kenneth Mair

25. Local Rangatira Mr Kenneth Mair appears to be the main proponent. Mr Mair is not popular in Wanganui, even with Māori: attracting only a handful of votes as a candidate in the local elections, and finding little support in Māori electorates in 2014.

26. He can however attract protest support. In the past this protest support has closed city streets, blocked State Highway 3, and caused other disruption, damage, and unhappiness in Wanganui.

27. Fear of protest is not sufficient reason for Wanganui Council to agree to change the name of the city.

#### Conclusion

28. "Whanga-nui" is wrong.

29. "Wanga-nui" is very likely wrong. "Wa-nga-nui" is most likely correct.

This name is established, and is confirmed by local dialect and 150 years of custom and usage.

30. "Whanganui" is deeply unpopular.

31. Rejoice in the richness and diversity of Māori dialects.

32. I oppose the change.

From: Garry and Wendy McElwain Sent: Thu 27/08/2015 2:21 p.m.

I wish to register my submission for no H in Wanganui.

Thank you



Submitted on Thursday, 27 August 2015 - 7:49pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Jo Standley

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

I see no reason for change.

I support Wanganui District

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1625>

Thu 27/08/2015 10:45 p.m.

Anne Slade



To whom it may concern,  
Just submitting my letter to let you know I and MY entire family and majority of my friends are totally against the name of our town WANGANUI being changed to fonganui / fanganui / hunganui etc as it can be heard daily on any TV or radio stations.

Our mail now seems to go to Whangarei and as we now have snail mail delivery 3 days a week - it can be quite some time before it arrives -- not appreciated when bills are classed as Overdue - all because of the "h". And don't even get me started on the post code getting the mail to the correct town!!

Our phone book shows 110 business's Without the "h" and only 19 with the "h" of which only 5 are private organizations.

My family has lived in WANGANUI since 1906 and our heritage is here, My Grandfather was a River Boat Captain for Hattrick's for 28 years. we consider ourselves New Zealander's from WANGANUI.

Anne Slade

Submitted on Thursday, 27 August 2015 - 10:47pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Philippa Baker-Hogan

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

I am a current Wanganui District Councillor. I personally support spelling Whanganui with an "H" but I cannot support at all, nor do I accept collective responsibility for the actions of the Wanganui District Council in making a "significant" decision prior to any type of consultation with its community. I therefore consider the consultation undertaken by Wanganui District Council to be a farce and although I do understand how important it will be the Tangata Whenua to have their district named correctly, I do not support the process and timing of this forced decision. There has been a good degree of acceptance over the last five years to the Ministerial decision to give the city alternate names - Whanganui and Wanganui. I believe people living in our town have developed a Level of tolerance and respect for the freedom of individuals to name their town as they feel comfortable, with very strong Maori and European history in such a historic New Zealand town.

I really don't understand the need to force this on a community, when over time our educated youth will demand it and the inclusion of "h" in Whanganui, giving Maori the mana and respect they deserve will naturally emanate throughout the community, rather than be a political statement by the current Council Leadership.

Thank you for considering my submission but I am 100% clear it will have no effect in your Board making a decision to support the proposal of the Wanganui District Council to name our district Whanganui.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1631>

Thu 27/08/2015 11:20 p.m.

Cindy Bardell,



To whom it may concern,

Like the debacle over our NEW ZEALAND flag the "h" in WANGANUI is just an expensive joke that us as rate payers have to payout for when the money would be better spent on the sewerage treatment plant that was Never going to work.

We have had two referendums that voter AGAINST the "h" and as usual the (so called indigenous population) are up in arms.

Just recently it was seriously brought home to us as to how bad the name has become a joke.

During the flooding I was out of town and cut off because of said floods, the only way i got

news was radio or TV ha ha At first I and the people I was with were very relieved as back

home had been missed - but when TV showed the flooding we suddenly found WANGANUI

under water and Waitotara also inundated - NEITHER name had we recognized on the radio or TV.

I am so furious to hear my town called so many different names eg fonganui / fanganui just two of the more frequently used.

My Great Grand Father worked on the River Boats as a Captain for Hattrick's and I am a proud 5th Generation NEW ZEALANDER (as indigenous as any other race living here).

As I am on a seriously FIXED income and own my own home , I battle daily with officialdom wanting yet more money from my restricted budget for USELESS non essential, bullpucky.

Should this name change occur because of the Geographic board decision - they should be asked to resign. I and Many others have noticed the vast number of New signage popping up around the district with "whanganui" seems our "mayor" and others see it as a done deal!!!

Seriously UPSET and DISTURBED

Cindy Bardell

PS this would also make every scrap of official paperwork concerning me and mine  
invalid - SO NOT HAPPY

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 6:52am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Larene jeffery

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Wanganui should be left as WANGANUI!! my whole life it has been this and shouldn't change!

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1633>

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 7:10am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Karyn Slade

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name. You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Whanganui is the river not the town. Also the Wanganui Maori dialect doesn't pronounce the h.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1635>



Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 7:11am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Leo Boyle

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Change is contrary to the local idiom of spelling and pronunciation

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1636>

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 7:14am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Donald Murray

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: I am used to the area being spelt without the h as it has been that way for a long time. It is not a proposed change because people dominantly have change the way they say or spell the name. I object to the political aspect of the proposed change as it is divisive.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1637>

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 7:19am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Glenn Holland

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

It is madness to change a well-established name just to appease an already-far-too-demanding-and-hubristic section of society. It was also crazy to permit two alternatives. Please make a stand, and make it in favor of the status quo.

When a document is being written in Maori, let them write it how they like. When English is being written, the word should be written the way English-users have customarily spelled it. It is an argument I've used much more-widely. We do not spell "Germany" as D.E.U.T.S.C.H.L.A.N.D but, if we were writing in German, we would. When speaking in English, we do not pronounce "Gothenburg" as [Yettiborry] but, when speaking Swedish, we do. Same with "Chisinau" = [Kishinyov], Denmark = Danmark, Brazil = Brasil. Same with the pathetic and flawed use of macrons when writing a Maori word while using English. When did "soon" become "shortly"? I maintain there is no such word (when did "secondly" or, worse, "secondarily" enter the language?) but I'm getting off-topic.

And when did "maoris" become "maori"? It offends a standard English rule and I hate exceptions to language rules. It's a similar argument why we do not say "Angleterre" or Nuova Zealandia. When speaking English, it's "Wanganui". Always has been, always should be. Otherwise, it's just another embarrassing and guilt-driven unjustified concession. Otherwise, change "Auckland" to something Maori and be done with it.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1638>

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 7:22am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Pauline Boyle

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: I object to the "H"spelling as it will cause confusion with being so like Whangarei which can be misread easily in a hurry. I have participated in two referendums which have been conclusive to not change the name, but they have been disregarded. As a high proportion of the population of Wanganui is made up of older people, who do not have computer knowledge I think that their preferences have been disregarded although they have contributed a lot to the success of our city of Wanganui.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1640>

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 7:58am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Sandra tofa

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: I think it wrong when so many things would have to be changed, the cost to everyone. What about our birth certificate? Wanganui has always been Wanganui, why change it for a group of a few people. Most people in Wanganui don't want it changed.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1642>

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 8:33am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Anne Lovell

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: costing and waste of time

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1644>

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 8:39am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Denise Brougham

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: I am totally in support of keeping the spelling of our town/city as Wanganui, this is our name and spelling & I do not want it changed. We have already had referendums & the town/city has voted NO to changing the spelling. Thank you.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1645>



Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 8:44am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: nicole

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: all my life since i could write iv spelt it as wanganui, and i think this is how it should stay, as this is how i will always wrote it. there is no need for the change.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1646>

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 8:54am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Ian Brown

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

Leave the speaking as it is. To add an 'h' after all these years shows a total disregard for the need of change.

Worse, you are saying the old timers all had hearing problems and could not distinguish between a 'w' and an 'f'?

I seriously doubt it.

Activists would have thrown up the problem 100 years ago if the name was to be spelt with an 'f'.

There is no justification for any spelling change.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1647>

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 8:55am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: michael james dallas

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Wanganui as a name has 180 years of written proof with official documents held by government and local agencies, Dialect of local Maori had no H sounds.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1648>

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 9:04am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Damon baxter

EmEmail: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

I believe this city has already voted on whether it wants a name change, and that it would go against the people of this city if it were to change. Listen to the majority!! That was why we had a referendum.

Either way I will never spell my home city with an h.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1652>

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 9:07am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Jim baxter

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: We as a city voted no overwhelmingly so why is this still being discussed. Total waste of money and resources, and those councillors that back tracked on their original vote need to be ousted. Listen to your people for once

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1654>

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 9:11am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Aileen baxter

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: I grew up in Wanganui, and will never accept a name change. Don't succumb to pressure, this city has already made its feelings pretty clear on how this should be dealt with

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1655>

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 9:25am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Brenda Rivers

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name. You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

The COST al all the people of WANGANUI and I was born in WANGANUI, my birth certificate and passport all state WANGANUI and I wish it it remain that way. It was where I was Born and it was the spelling of the town when I was going through my schooling of which we have now taught our grandchildren and the change would confuse all of them.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1657>

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 9:25am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Glenda Palamountain

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

The change of spelling is unnecessary and will only lead to huge cost (signage and mapping etc). Let's focus on the important things to keep our region safe and prosperous. We have much bigger issues to focus on. Wanganui is fine spelt as it is. I also believe that there will always be those who use their preferred spelling, but let's just leave it officially as it is.

Thanks

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1658>



Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 9:30am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Rosemary Graham

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: We have had a referendum on this and was voted NO, why waste anymore time and money on the issue!

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.lin.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1659>

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 9:32am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Graham Palamountain

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Wanganui is how it has been through generations. Changing the spelling will do nothing to improve relationships or do community good. This would come at a large cost and this expense is to no greater good. Surely, put the money to a better cause to keep our region one to be proud of.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1660>

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 9:38am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Lynda Massey

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: As a rate payer I am disgusted this issue is still up for discussion as we have had a referendum which was voted NO! Why waste anymore time and money on this???

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1661>

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 9:46am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Robyn Heenan

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: The name should be kept as Wanganui as this is what was voted in two referenda where there was overwhelming support to keep the name as is. By putting the 'H' in the name the word will be constantly mispronounced. This is already happening when you watch the news on television or listen on radio and half of the announcers mispronouce it.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1664>

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 9:47am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Jeff Martin

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: As I live in a democracy and the majority of the people have voted against this change then the process of change should cease. We remember and commemorate our fallen on ANZAC day, they fought and died for our freedom and democracy. Changing Wanganui to Whanganui, to please just a few, will be everything they fought against.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1665>

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 9:52am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Eden Dalton

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: It's a waste of time. I will ways spell Wanganui without an H. No matter what these says.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1666>

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 9:53am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Alex Cable

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Wanganui is the correct name and has been since the turn of the century

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1667>

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 10:08am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: James Glass

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

This is a waste of time & money. The people of WANGANUI had the vote & it was a 1 sided result that is now just being ignored.

There are many of WANGANUI businesses that have thousands of dollars invested in years of advertising, signs, billboards, letter heads & other medias.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1669>



Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 10:21am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Ricky Lee

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Cost to businesses and not what the people wanted and voted for.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1671>

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 10:31am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Craig Sherman

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: I support the existing spelling of Wanganui. I was born in Wanganui. It is the name on my birth certificate and is the place I call home. It has always been wanganui and I am sure that if the submissions were only from Wanganui residence and not country wide there would have been an overwhelming NO to the change as the 2 referendums have already shown. It would be interesting to know addresses of the percentage of those in Favour of a change and how many of those actually reside in the Wanganui area

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1673>

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 10:36am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Darryl Hausman

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name. You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: I believe Wanganui to be the original spelling & wish for it to be retained .

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1674>

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 10:37am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Avon McDonald

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: I oppose because of 2 reasons. first one, Its always been Wanganui and it should stay that way. Second reason being its a logistical nightmare for business with freight going to Whangarei more often than not when an H is placed in it.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1676>

Fri 28/08/2015 10:25 a.m.

I do not support the proposal that the 'H' be included in the spelling of the name of Wanganui.

I understand the argument put forward by local Iwi and their determination to have this put before the NZ Geographic Board for a decision to be made. However this deliberate ploy has been incredibly divisive and I believe is just beginning of things to come.

I believe the best solution is the current situation as forwarded by the then Minister, Maurice Williamson – that either spelling be acceptable.

It is evident that both forms of spelling have been in use since this name-place was recorded in a written form. The written Maori language as recorded by the early Missionaries, was developed as they interpreted the spoken language. Had those gentlemen been based in this local area, they would have probably recorded Wanganui and many other words as spelt without the 'H'. Europeans have been living in this area for over 175 years and it is very clear to me that they wrote the name as they heard it spoken. There is evidence in historic documents, personal letters etc that from 1840 onwards, both spellings were used, but increasingly Wanganui without the 'H' was favoured.

In 2040, my family will be celebrating having lived in the Wanganui area for 200 years. Our family has inter-married with Maori and like them, we regard this place as our physical and spiritual home too. In all our family records, weddings, funerals, births, land ownership papers etc, Wanganui has been recorded as Wanganui without the 'H'. I would prefer that it remains an option for correct spelling of this special centre.

Margaret Champion

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 10:40am Submitted by anonymous user:  
[REDACTED] Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Colin Hughes

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name. You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

The name Wanganui is how it has been spelt for about 175 years so why does it need to be changed for a minority who consider it to be incorrect.

As Maori had no written language it was converted by the early scribes as how it was sounded by the local Maori people of the time.

The worst aspect of the proposed change is that it would be pronounced as

Fonganui. PLEASE leave it as Wanganui.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1677>

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 10:45am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Rosie Hackett

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: WANGANUI has been WANGANUI forever. We had a poll and the people of WANGANUI Voted. A massive percentage said WANGANUI!!! So why change it. My Dad and many others went to war for our country and would be gutted as we are at the cost and

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 10:36am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Bradley McDonald

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I support the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name. You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: This is the way our town has been spelled since day one. Growing up here its always been Wanganui and we have already had a referendum on the spelling with the vast majority voting for Wanganui without an H.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1675>



Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 10:49am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Bradley McDonald

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Because I ticked the wrong box on my first vote. I DONOT want to change the name.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1680>

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 10:50am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Bradley McDonald

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Because I live in Wanganui without an H and I love it.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1681>

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 10:51am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Bradley McDonald

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Don't fix what's not broken.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1682>

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 10:54am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Bradley McDonald

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Because all our freight and mail will go to Whangarei as it already does when an H is added

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.lin.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1693>

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 10:53am Submitted by anonymous user:  
[REDACTED] Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Shay La Roche

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name. You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Wanganui has always been Wanganui, and adding the H is just change for changes sake to please a minority. Since the H has been added I've encountered numerous issues with freight being sent to Whangarei. Also adding costs to local businesses for re-branding etc.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1686>

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 10:53am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Shay La Roche

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Wanganui has always been Wanganui, and adding the H is just change for changes sake to please a minority. Since the H has been added I've encountered numerous issues with freight being sent to Whangarei. Also adding costs to local businesses for re-branding etc.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1686>

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 11:09am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Andrew Alexander

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: I object to the continuing debate about this ,the public keep saying no and the subject is brought up again and again,not a single person we know wants the name change

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1695>

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 11:10am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Raewyn Munro

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

1966 An Encyclopaedia of NZ edited by A.H. McLintock, states: "Petre (named by the company as a compliment to Lord Petre, one of its directors) was established in 1840 and settlers immediately arrived, only to find that the "purchase" had been extremely haphazardly and hurriedly negotiated and was being vigorously repudiated by the Maoris. For seven frustrating years strife and tension continued and increased, and it is to the credit of these settlers that, though urged by Governor FitzRoy to abandon the town, they determined to remain. They also insisted on the retention of the Maori name of Wanganui (meaning "big water" or "big harbour") in preference to Petre."

Throughout our (European/Maori) history Wanganui city, district, and river has been spelt this way. The meaning hasn't changed. The existing official spelling should remain Wanganui (meaning "big water" or "big harbour").

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1696>



Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 11:55am Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Helen Waring

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: I won't it to say the same so my vote is for it to stay the same

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1699>

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 12:44pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Paul Robert Gordon

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: The name has been used for and long time and why change just because a few activists want their own way. Also businesses with Wanganui in their name have considerable costs to change to the new name.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1705>

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 12:46pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Rhonda Lyette Campbell

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Wanganui has been called Wanganui for over 150 years and when discovered the Maoris had no written language. After two referendums with the majority of residents objecting to the 'h' been added and the recommendation in 2009 by the Government that it can be spelt either way why is this still an issue and if people wish to add and 'h' so be it but it should not be made law what is wrong with our city been called Wanganui not every place in New Zealand has to have a Maori name or spelling.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1706>

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 1:56pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: marion campbell

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name. You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

Both Spellings Wanganui/Whanganui are acceptable provided both can be Gazetted.

Mt Egmont/Taranakei

After 150 years surely Wanganui has a right to keep its name. Why does the name have to have a meaning? Auckland Doesn't The Whanganui River flowing through Wanganui the Joining of the two.

Five generations of my Family have been born in Wanganui as no doubt have Maori families.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1709>

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 1:57pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: carolyn Swain

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name

You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

THE MONEY SPENT CHANGING THE NAME (WHEN IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN WANGANUI WITH NO H) SHOULD BE SPENT FIXING THE ROADS, TREE PRUNING, BRIDGES, FOOTPATHS ETC. I SUPPORT KEEPING THE NAME THE SAME.

HAS ALWAYS BEEN WANGANUI WITH NO H) SHOULD BE SPENT FIXING THE ROADS, TREE PRUNING, BRIDGES, FOOTPATHS ETC. I SUPPORT KEEPING THE NAME THE SAME.

HAS ALWAYS BEEN WANGANUI WITH NO H) SHOULD BE SPENT FIXING THE ROADS, TREE PRUNING, BRIDGES, FOOTPATHS ETC. I SUPPORT KEEPING THE NAME THE SAME.

HAS ALWAYS BEEN WANGANUI WITH NO H) SHOULD BE SPENT FIXING THE ROADS, TREE PRUNING, BRIDGES, FOOTPATHS ETC. I SUPPORT KEEPING THE NAME THE SAME.

HAS ALWAYS BEEN WANGANUI WITH NO H) SHOULD BE SPENT FIXING THE ROADS, TREE PRUNING, BRIDGES, FOOTPATHS ETC. I SUPPORT KEEPING THE NAME THE SAME.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1710>

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 2:00pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Clive Rivers

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

Local Maori are themselves in conflict with the meaning of Whanganui v Wanganui...

There is also references to a much older name for the area which is/was Wai Nga nui.. which means large water and over eons the I was dropped.. I suggest the status quo whereupon people can choose their own definition. such as Taranaki/Egmont. The insertion of the H will cause huge conflicts of interest in the district which has already been polled and 82% voted for the retention of Wanganui for the city and Whanganui for the river and environs. Similarly the pronunciation varies throughout the country WH is pronounced F outside of the region, whereas within it the H is silent and more pronounced HWanganui..

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1711>

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 2:36pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: PETER MONRAD

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: we had 2 lots votes already & was not passed--stop wasting money & time--council needs to do as the voters of wanganui ask of them !!!

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1715>

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 2:36pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Tony Swain

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

After two votes that were in favour of Wanganui, I feel that this decision has already been made. I own Wanganui Auto Wreckers & Wanganui Towing, it would cost me thousands to alter the names of these two companies along with any advertising, buiss cards, letter heads, the logos on my buildings & vehicles.

The money wasted on this repete vote should be used to replace the Wakefield St bridge, sort the waste water treatment, flood clean up etc...

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1716>



Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 2:41pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Stephanie Pearce

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

Not cost effective to do this.

Why change a good thing? I support Wanganui spelling as it is.

Majority should rule.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1717>

Fri 28/08/2015 2:53 p.m.

In accordance with Richard Taylor who in 1843 consulted widely with many Maori people and Maori authorities of the district, and was himself a respected and learned gentleman, I wish to support his findings which were that the spelling of the name should be " Wanganui " .

Christopher Ernest Morton - 

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 3:32pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: BJ Hodson

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

I HEREBY SUPPORT THE EXISTING NAME - SPELT WANGANUI.

I WAS BORN IN WANGANUI MANY MANY YEARS AGO SO WILL NEVER MAKE A NAME CHANGE AS I AM SURE MANY PEOPLE FEEL THE SAME AND DO NOT WANT IT CHANGED.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1721>

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 3:58pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: colin rawson

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: because its been my home town for over 60 years and i like it the way it is

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1723>

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 4:08pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Graeme Russell Carey

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name. You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

I voted twice for the name to be Wanganui. The vast majority of the population of Wanganui voted against the change. But the council keep insisting we change.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1724>

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 4:14pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Ross Weenink

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name. You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Maori is not a written language. When the missionaries and other settlers first recorded Maori place names in written form they spelt them as they heard them. They did not hear an "h" in the name Wanganui, so they wrote it as Wanganui. The movement to try to change the spelling now is simply a politically correct nonsense and an insult to those who originally carefully recorded Maori place names. Consequently, I support the retention of Wanganui District as the sole official name.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1725>

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 4:24pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Ngaire Ann Carey

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

I voted twice against changing the spelling of Wanganui as I have lived here all my life and I want it to stay the same.

In the two referendums the majority of residents voted against change but the mayor and the council insist we change.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1726>

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 4:35pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Wozzo

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.: Support existing name -or have both spellings as the official name of the city that would be unique & then it would then satisfy both sides of the arguement

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1728>



Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 4:53pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Bruce McMillan

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name  
You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

100 years of customary usage.

Confusion caused by change.

Widespread costs to users.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1730>

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 4:58pm Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

==Your details==

Name: Beverley Doreen McMillan

Email:

Postal address:

==What is your submission==

Please make your submission by selecting one of the following options and providing reasons for your choice: I object to the proposal for Whanganui District to be an altered official name You must provide reasons for your choice below. If you object to the proposal, you may also suggest another name or support any existing name.:

Avoids confusion.

Common usage from an early date.

Printing and related costs to change.

==Supporting evidence==

==Send my submission==

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/13067/submission/1732>

**Mon 31/08/2015 4:05 p.m.**

**Case Description:**

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 11:59am

Submitted by anonymous user: [REDACTED]

Submitted values are:

Your name: Anne Ravn

Your email: [REDACTED]

Your phone number: +[REDACTED]

==fieldset2==

**Subject of your enquiry: Other**

Query/comments: I have been told this is the last day for submitting that I do not want the "H" putting into Wanganui. It is now 11.58am on 28th August 2015 and all the members of my family agree. (6)

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.lin.govt.nz/node/291/submission/1700>

**Mon 31/08/2015 4:15 p.m.**

**Case Title:**

submission on Wanganui

**Case Description:**

To whom it may concern

Submission on Wanganui, without the H.

No H, please.

Pronunciation is of concern to me.

Mrs Jenny Burgess



**Mon 31/08/2015 4:25 p.m.**

**Case Title:**

Contact Feedback from the LINZ website

**Case Description:**

Submitted on Friday, 28 August 2015 - 11:05pm

Submitted by anonymous user: [REDACTED]

Submitted values are:

Your name: leigh Grant

Your email: [REDACTED]

Your phone number: [REDACTED]

==fieldset2==

Subject of your enquiry: Other

Query/comments:

I wish to strongly object to any attempt in changing the spelling of Wanganui or the insertion of an "H" in the spelling of Wanganui.

Mis-spelling Wanganui with an H is totally confusing and will not be recognised or even pronounced correctly. This is totally out of order.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/node/291/submission/1733>

**Tue 1/09/2015 8:28 a.m.**

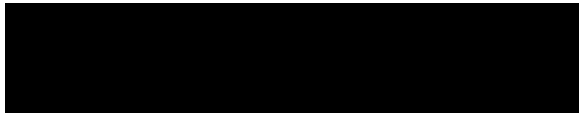
**Case Title:**

Submission on the Wanganui District Spelling name change

**Case Description:**

I attach my submission for consideration by the NZGB in relation to the proposed Wanganui District spelling name change. Please acknowledge receipt of my submission

Geoff Bayley



## District Spelling Consultation

Submitter : Geoff Bayley

This submission to the New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa (NZGB) is in response to the NZGB request for public views on the Wanganui District Council's proposal to add an 'h' to the name of the district – correcting the spelling to 'Whanganui District'.

If the change proceeds, it would enable a change of the Council's name to 'Whanganui District Council'.

### Introductory Comments:

1. I was born in Wanganui and I am a partial owner of a Wanganui property in College Estate and I have family in Wanganui.
2. In its report for the altered District name the NZGB states inter alia:
  - The Council has consulted with relevant iwi who initially requested the correction to the spelling and with the wider community across the whole territorial authority district. *There was an even split of people for and against the change.* "
  - .....
  - *The Council consulted with the wider community through an online survey from 7 January to 13 February 2015. The results were an even split of views (954 against, 961 for, 24 neutral).*
3. The statement that there was an even split of people for and against the change is not correct. Under the Council's consultation the name, email address, postal address, postcode and contact number was all optional (refer attached Exhibit 1). The submitters did not need to provide any details and the process was easily open for abuse leading to some submitters that I am aware of providing multiple

submissions to support their views. In my submission the process was completely flawed and calls into question the entire result as spurious.

- The NZGB has comprehensively investigated the history/origin/meaning and the correct orthography for Whanganui during considerations of earlier proposals. *The NZGB has consistently recognised the correct spelling as Whanganui.*
5. In response to this last statement, I understand the conclusion of NZGB are far from recognised. The written name of Wanganui originated from the pronunciation by Maori locals in 1854, at a point when Maori was only an oral language not written. To now ascribe a later written convention to an oral pronunciation at the time is inconsistent.
6. I attach a paper on the spelling of Wanganui with and without an "h" by linguistics teaching fellow from Victoria University Winifred Bauer published in 2011 (42 VUWLR) attached as Exhibit 2 which I endorse and repeat paraphrased salient points in the following 3 paragraphs below.

*In essence the spelling of "Wanganui" represents how most English speakers pronounce the originally Maori word Whanganui when they are speaking English and that English speakers have the same right to spell Wanganui as they pronounce it when they are writing English.*

*The Geographic Board is being asked to **choose between two correct spellings, rather than to replace an incorrect spelling with a correct one.** Therefore, the issues cease to be purely linguistic, and also probably **fall outside the jurisdiction of the New Zealand Geographic Board as specified in the Act that governs it.***

*It is frequently argued that using the Māori spelling enhances the mana of te reo Māori, so English speakers should be politically correct, and cede their right to spell it as they pronounce it as a gesture of goodwill. **That is clearly a political decision.***



7. I contend that to make the compulsory use of "h" in the name Wanganui favours self interest groups over that of the greater population and creates a political correctness issue, which then leads inextricably to compromise of other New Zealand names and other self-interest groups requiring changes in names and standards. For example, if Wanganui's district and city name were to be changed in spelling, then there is no good reason why other names such as Auckland District and Auckland, Wellington District and Wellington, Christchurch District and Christchurch, Dunedin District and Dunedin, Hamilton District and Hamilton, Gisborne and many other European based names should remain. In addition, the argument would also apply to "New Zealand", the name that was derived when James Cook applied the English usage to the Dutch name adopted by Dutch cartographers to "Nova Zelandia" following Abel Tasmans discovery of this land in 1642. To be consistent New Zealand should then be named "Aotearoa" with the North and South Islands which should also be named "Te Ika-a-Māui" and "Te Waipounamu" respectively. In my submission this is confusing, illogical , divisive and groundless political correctness.
8. In my submission allowing minority self-interest groups to dictate the majority view is groundless political correctness and undermines the fabric of society. Minority self interest groups then dictate the acceptable view of the majority changing what is acceptable and what is not. Following the Councils vote 7-6 defeating a motion to consider a request to alter the spelling of the name Wanganui to Whanganui threats were made by self-interest groups that the decision would have "major implications" on dealings with the council and that the self-interest groups would reconsider all its working relationships with Council including the recent signing of a deal to operate the port as a joint venture and a similar partnership at the resource recovery centre. We cannot let threats like this dictate the decisions of what is acceptable to a majority of the population.
9. It is not a matter of a majority respecting a name or identity for a self-interest minority, it is a matter of pronunciation and convention.

# THE WANGANUI/WHANGANUI DEBATE: A LINGUIST'S VIEW OF CORRECTNESS

*Winifred Bauer\**

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*A decision was taken in 2009 by the Minister of Land Information that the official spelling of the city formerly spelled Wanganui should henceforth be Whanganui, although a period of grace was given for the change-over. Nonetheless, there is still a good deal of opposition to the change from residents, particularly expressed on many occasions by the outspoken mayor at the time, Michael Laws. This article was originally delivered as a seminar during Māori Language Week 2009, before the decision was taken. It seeks to explore the complex issues that underlie such a decision, and thus to shed light on why the issue is still so controversial. With the success of the case against Wanganui, it is clear that this will not be the last instance where a Māori community seeks legal overthrow of the spelling of a name: already the case of Rimutaka versus Remutaka is being debated.*

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## **I INTRODUCTION**

Spelling is usually decided by convention and not by law. The conventions for the spelling of words other than proper names are normally recorded in dictionaries, which then become the arbiters of correct spelling. Dictionaries will record alternative spellings where more than one is regarded as acceptable in the community. Spelling conventions can change over time, although widespread spelling reform often raises intractable problems. Some proper names may also be recorded in dictionaries, but by and large they are not. When there is dispute over the spelling of a proper name, we cannot, therefore, turn to a dictionary for arbitration. Indeed, with personal names, while some spellings may be seen as more usual than others, any parent can spell a child's name in any way they see fit, and that is then the correct spelling of that child's name. For instance, the name Sean, of Irish origin, has also been spelt Shawn or Shaughan, but if someone chose the spelling Shorn or Shorne for a child, that would also be correct for that child.

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When it comes to place names in New Zealand, the New Zealand Geographic Board has jurisdiction over names and their spelling. This is a statutory body operating under the New Zealand Geographic Board (Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa) Act 2008 and reporting to the Minister for Land Information. Under ss 10–12 of this Act, the New Zealand Geographic Board has jurisdiction (amongst other things) to assign official names to places, and to alter a place name by correcting its spelling. Accordingly, the New Zealand Geographic Board was the body asked to consider correcting the established, and conventional spelling of Wanganui to Whanganui.

If a spelling requires correction, there is an implication that the conventional spelling is wrong. But since right and wrong spelling is a matter of convention, of what is accepted as the norm by the community, it is unclear on what grounds a conventional spelling could be deemed to be wrong. The only obvious grounds for such a claim would be that there had been a clearly stated intention in the original naming process to name the place after some specified entity, and that this intention was obscured by a mis-spelling of the name of that entity. Thus, if it was agreed that a particular mountain peak was to be named after Sir Edmund Hillary, but it was called Mt Hilary, there would be a case for considering this an incorrect spelling.

The issue in relation to Wanganui/Whanganui is rather different. It arises because there are two languages involved, and thus two sets of spelling conventions. In this case the two conventions are in conflict. This article sets out the linguistic issues, and endeavours to separate those that are purely linguistic from the other issues that are involved, for example which language should take precedence in a case of this kind, and how that is to be decided?

There are three linguistic issues involved in the debate over the spelling of Wanganui/Whanganui.

1. How is the initial consonant in this word pronounced? That question can only be addressed by considering what people actually say, and what they said at the time the conventional spelling was determined.
2. How should that pronunciation be recorded in the spelling? That can only be addressed by considering the relationship between pronunciation and spelling in the language(s) concerned.
3. What language does this word belong to? That determines the appropriate spelling conventions, as well as the pronunciation. We can only answer the first two questions if we consider this third one. This is a question that was largely ignored in the public debate on the Wanganui/Whanganui case, though I believe it is crucial.

In addition to these linguistic issues, the debate about Wanganui/Whanganui has other dimensions that are not linguistic, but political and economic. It is not my intention to discuss these in detail, though I will raise them. But I hope, that it will become clear to what extent this is a

linguistic question, and to what extent it is a political one by clarifying the linguistic issues. This raises important questions about the appropriate means of determining what is a correct spelling in the case of place-names.

## II SOME LINGUISTIC CONVENTIONS

A discussion of the issues necessarily involves a discussion of both spelling and pronunciation. A small amount of technical notation is thus unavoidable in this paper, although it will be kept to a bare minimum.

In accordance with usual linguistic practice, angle brackets are used to enclose spellings <...> while forward slashes enclose phonemic transcriptions /.../. Phonemic transcriptions use a special set of characters known as the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA) to record pronunciation. In the IPA system each character always represents only one sound. The letter <c> in English, which is pronounced in three different ways in the highlighted places in the words electric, electricity and electrician, is transcribed /k/ in the first case, /s/ in the second and /ʃ/ in the third. The IPA uses roman characters where possible, and special characters where necessary.

I will make use of one further convention. The asterisk is used by linguists to mark sentences that are ungrammatical, pronunciations that are not possible, and forms which are deduced (but not known with total certainty) to belong to pre-documentation states of a language. Thus using this notation, a linguist might write "<finger> is not pronounced \*/fɪŋə/, but /fɪŋgə/". The asterisk precedes the wrong or impossible pronunciation; note that /ŋ/ is the IPA symbol for the (single) consonant sound at the end of English ring.

## III NAMING PLACES

Māori, like people the world over, name geographical features descriptively, or according to some event that took or takes place there. In New Zealand, there are Māori place names like Maunga-nui, where "maunga" is "mountain" and "nui" is "big", because the salient feature of the peninsula with that name is the large prominence at the end. Similarly, Kai-kōura is so called because of an activity associated with the place: "kai" is "eat", and "kōura" is "crayfish". (The conventional spelling of these Māori names does not hyphenate the separate elements, although some scholars<sup>1</sup> have advocated this practice. I have done it here for clarity.) Parallel examples are readily found in English. Thus in Grinstead, the "grin" element comes from an early form of "green" and "sted" means "place" (today spelled "stead"). "Grinstead" is thus "green place". Derby comes from the name given to it by the Viking settlers: Deor by, where "deor" means "deer" and "by"

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1 See Bruce Biggs "Introduction" in Pei te Hurinui Jones and Bruce Biggs *Ngā iwi o Tainui: The traditional history of the Tainui people/Ngā koorero tuku iho a nga tupuna* (Auckland University Press, Auckland, 1995) 1 at 2.



means "village": a village where deer are found or hunted or plentiful.<sup>2</sup> Notice that the spelling of Grinsted has not been updated to reflect the change in the conventional spelling of the meaningful elements (it is not Greenstead). The spelling of Derby has changed but it has not changed to the modern conventional spelling of the initial element (which would be Deerby). Spellings are a matter of convention, and not necessarily subject to logic or consistency, and, since the advent of printing, do not generally change even when the pronunciation does.

The name Wanganui/Whanganui is understood by Māori people to mean "big bay". The city or river or district of the current dispute is not the only place so named in New Zealand. One of the names for the Wellington area is "Te Whanga-nui-a-Tara": "the big bay of Tara (and notice that the word for "bay", "whanga", here is spelled with <wh>). The entry in the *Williams Dictionary*<sup>3</sup> under "whanga" includes the senses "bay, bight, nook; stretch of water". The entry for "nui" includes "large" as the first sense.

The *Williams Dictionary* does not contain an entry for wanga, nor anything it could be derived from. The closest entries alphabetically are wani followed by wao. (In this dictionary, <ng> is alphabetised as a separate letter, distinct from, and following <n>, so that tānumi immediately precedes tānga). Whanga is thus a traditional Māori word; wanga is not to be found in any dictionary of Māori. Furthermore, the sense of whanga is clearly understood as an element in the meaning of Wanganui/Whanganui.

#### ***IV THE PRONUNCIATION OF <WH>***

At the time when Europeans came to New Zealand, the initial consonant of the Māori word for bay had very variable pronunciations.<sup>4</sup> Some of the variation in pronunciation was tribally based, but there is now good evidence that individual speakers also had a significant variety of pronunciations of this consonant at one time. The most thorough evidence of that comes from Maclagan and King.<sup>5</sup> In this paper, Maclagan and King present an analysis of the variation in the pronunciation of <wh> in the speech of a native speaker of Māori born in the 1880s, and recorded in the 1940s. That speaker used five different pronunciations of <wh> in the course of an hour's recording. None of those variants was /w/.

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2 Both examples from Tim Lambert "The Origins of Some English Place Names" A World History Encyclopedia <[www.localhistories.org](http://www.localhistories.org)>.

3 HW Williams (ed) *A Dictionary of the Maori Language* (7th ed, Government Printer, Wellington, 1971).

4 See HW Williams, WL Williams, and WT Ngata *First Lessons in Maori* (13th ed, Whitcombe and Tombs Ltd, Christchurch, 1965) at 10; Bruce Biggs "The Structure of New Zealand Maaori" (1961) 3 *Anthropological Linguistics* 1 at 9.

5 Margaret Maclagan and Jeanette King "The pronunciation of wh in Māori – a case study from the late nineteenth century" (2002) *Te Reo* 45.

Although /f/ is the most common pronunciation of <wh> today, that was not always the case. Smyth,<sup>6</sup> for example, calls it "incorrect". Even today, /f/ is not the most common pronunciation in the far north of New Zealand, where /hw/ is at least as likely.

Professor Samuel Lee from Cambridge University devised the original spelling system for Māori, by working with Māori consultants sent to England for this purpose.<sup>7</sup> Lee's system was first published in 1820.<sup>8</sup> His alphabet did not include <wh>. It did include <ƒ> but commented that <ƒ> was "used in Foreign words".<sup>9</sup> That comment makes it clear that <ƒ> was not included as the spelling for the sound at the beginning of whanga, for example. There is evidence in Lee's work that he did not hear the distinction between the sounds today spelled <w> and <wh>. His list of numbers includes <witu> ("7") and <waru> ("8"),<sup>10</sup> where today we write <whitu> and <waru>, and his vocabulary includes <ware> ("house").<sup>11</sup> The most likely explanation is that the pronunciation of whitu and whare that he heard from his Māori consultants was a voiceless (for example, whispered) w, /w/, which is the main pronunciation recorded in the Williams description.<sup>12</sup> In other words, the Māori speakers that Lee heard were making different sounds at the beginning of <whitu> and <waru>, (sounds as different as English /f/ and /v/), but Lee's ears did not pick up this distinction. He had, after all, only three months in which to devise a spelling system and produce a grammar; a modern field linguist working on an undescribed language would spend at least 10 months immersed in the field.

Over the years that followed, a number of refinements were made to Lee's proposal for the Māori alphabet by the missionaries in New Zealand who were working on Bible translation. In particular, they removed all the characters for non-Māori sounds which Lee had included, and introduced a greater consistency both by removing some inappropriate distinctions included by Lee, and by making some distinctions which Lee had missed. By the time that the *New Testament* was translated into Māori, <wh> began to appear in written Māori texts, and it was fully established by 1852, from which we can deduce that the Māori who worked with the missionaries on these

6 Patrick Smyth *Maori Pronunciation and the Evolution of Written Maori* (Whitcombe and Tombs, Christchurch, 1946) at 8.

7 *Ibid.* at 23–25.

8 Samuel Lee and Thomas Kendall *A Grammar and Vocabulary of the Language of New Zealand* (Church Missionary Society, London, 1820). The resource is available through the NZ Electronic Text Centre <[www.nzetc.org](http://www.nzetc.org)>.

9 *Ibid.* at 1; Smyth, above n 6, at 27–28.

10 Lee and Kendall, above n 8, at 17.

11 *Ibid.* at 6; Smyth, above n 6, at 28–29.

12 Williams, Williams and Ngata, above n 4, at 10.

translations were aware of this deficiency in Lee's system, and it was soon remedied. Again, from the fact that the spelling chosen was <wh>, not <f>, we can deduce that what the missionaries heard at that time was a sound more akin to the sound at the beginning of English which (if distinguished from witch), and not an <f>.

Variability in the pronunciation of <wh> has continued to be noted by more recent scholars. Biggs<sup>13</sup> notes a northern variant as "a voiceless and strongly aspirated /w/". Aspiration is the /h/ sound, so this variant combined the qualities of whispered w and /h/. In his discussion of the pronunciation in modern Polynesian languages of the \*f sound of Proto-Eastern Polynesian (the ancestor language of the branch of Polynesian to which Māori belongs), Biggs notes<sup>14</sup> that for North Auckland Māori, it is /hw/, but it is glottal stop in Taranaki-Wanganui, and /ɸ/ (an f-like sound made by blowing air between the pursed lips, like blowing out a candle) for Māori generally.

From the point of view of the Wanganui/Whanganui controversy, what matters most is that, in western and northern areas of the North Island, the /hw/ pronunciation was normal at the time when Māori was still widespread as a first language. However, in Taranaki, and up the Whanganui River as far as Taumarunui, the /h/ sound of Māori was replaced at some point before the arrival of the Europeans by a glottal stop (IPA symbol /ʔ/). So in that area, the normal pronunciation at that time (still heard from local dialect speakers) was /ʔaere/ rather than /haere/, /ʔaka/ rather than /haka/. As a result, the glottal stop also replaced the /h/ at the beginning of <wh> words (with the /hw/ pronunciation), giving /ʔw/.<sup>15</sup>

English speakers are familiar with the use of the glottal stop in some dialects of English, notably Cockney, where it replaces /t/ and /d/, as in "a bit of butter" pronounced by Cockneys as (roughly) /ə brɪt ə bʌtə/. But the glottal stop is not confined to such dialects of English. All English speakers regularly make glottal stops in "uh, uh" (in transcription, /ʔʌʔʌʔ/). A glottal stop can also be used to separate consecutive vowels, and so might be used to separate the final vowel of law from the initial vowel of and in the phrase "law and order", although there is also the possibility of using a linking /w/ or even /r/: /lɔ ʔən ɔdə/ or /lɔ wən ɔdə/ or /lɔ rən ɔdə/. A glottal stop can occur at the beginning of a word if the word is emphasised, so to emphasise awfully in "I'm awfully sorry" the speaker may put a glottal stop before awfully. However, English speakers do not pay attention to these glottal stops, because they do not change the sense of what is said, and so English speakers are not usually aware of using glottal stops at all.

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13 Biggs, above n 4, at 9.

14 Bruce Biggs "The Languages of Polynesia" in TA Sebeok (ed) *Current Trends in Linguistics; Linguistics in Oceania* (Mouton, The Hague, 1971) vol 8 at 481.

15 Ibid; Ray Harlow *Maori: a Linguistic Introduction* (Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2007) at 45.



## V MATCHING THE PRONUNCIATION WITH THE SPELLING

The first job of any alphabetic spelling system is to provide a written representation of the pronunciation. However, no spelling system records pronunciation with complete accuracy, and so all spelling systems are only a rough guide to the pronunciation. They concentrate on recording the important elements of the pronunciation. If an English speaker says *bat* and *bad*, the vowels are very different in length, but we do not record that aspect of the pronunciation in our spelling. The /l/ sounds at the beginning and end of *lull* are not identical, but we do not record that in our spelling. The /k/ sounds in Māori "*kā*" ("burn") and "*kī*" ("say") are different, but the spelling does not record that. All these unrecorded differences are predictable from the environment of the recorded sounds.

There are two possible explanations for why the English settlers spelled Wanganui with a <w>. I do not think that it is possible to determine which was the actual explanation, and nor does it make much difference to the problem under consideration. The first possibility is that they first wrote the name down using Lee's original system before it had been refined to include the <w>/<wh> distinction. Lee's system at that point did not give them a way to distinguish between <Wanganui> and <Whanganui>.

The second, and I believe more plausible, explanation is that they wrote what they thought they heard from the local Māori speakers. If an English speaker listens to the Taranaki-Whanganui tribal pronunciation of <Wanganui> with ears trained by English, although there will be a glottal stop (the name begins /ʔw/) which a machine would register, English speakers will notice only the /w/. They have learned through English to ignore glottal stops at the beginning of words, because they are never important in English in terms of working out what word it is that has been said. In that position, a glottal stop is most likely to signal emphasis. Thus when English people wrote down the local Māori pronunciation of Whanganui, they heard (and therefore said, and wrote) only the /w/, and ignored the glottal stop. They were writing it in English, in accordance with English spelling conventions, so they wrote <w>, because that is the standard spelling in English of the sound /w/.

If the settlers had listened to speakers from other parts of the country, who would have said not /ʔw/, but one of the other varieties, such as /hw/ or /ɸ/ or /f/, they would almost certainly have written something else. The spelling <Wanganui> is thus a spelling using English spelling conventions that English ears heard from local Māori speakers.

The conventional spelling system for Māori did not provide speakers of the Taranaki-Whanganui dialect with an accurate way of writing their actual pronunciation, /ʔw/, in Māori, even when it had been refined by the addition of <wh> by the Bible Translation Committee.<sup>16</sup> All Māori speakers use the conventional <wh> spelling for words like *whitu*, *whare* and *whanga*, regardless of

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16 Smyth, above n 6, at 39.



whether they say /hw/ or /f/ or /ʔw/ (or one of the other variants). By this convention, Taranaki-Whanganui speakers, like speakers of all other dialects of Māori, would write their pronunciation <Whanganui> using the conventions established for Māori spelling. Indeed, it is only very recently that other Polynesian languages have begun to record their glottal stops even where they are contrastive consonants. This is usually done today by means of an apostrophe. Thus it is traditional Samoan orthography to write "ia" ("fish") and "waa" ("canoe"), although Samoans say /iʔa/ and /waʔa/; today Samoans sometimes record the glottal stop in the orthography by writing these as <i'a> and <wa'a> with the apostrophe.<sup>17</sup>

We have thus established that <Wanganui> was an appropriate English spelling for what the English settlers perceived the local tribes to call this place, but also that <Whanganui> is the appropriate Māori spelling for all Māori tribes, regardless of their pronunciation of the initial consonant.

## VI SPELLING RECORDS MORE THAN PRONUNCIATION

Spelling systems do another job as well as recording pronunciation. They spell elements of words that mean the same thing in the same way, as far as possible. That expectation often comes into direct conflict with the requirement that spellings should record pronunciation reasonably accurately. There is a reason why, in English, the conventional spelling has *electric* and *electricity* and *electrician* with a <c> in the places highlighted, even though, as noted above, the first bold <c> is pronounced as a /k/, the second as an /s/, and the third as /ʃ/ like <sh>. If the spelling were to reflect the pronunciation, it would hide the fact that the first element in each of these words is the same element in terms of sense. That would not be nearly as obvious if these words were spelt *electric*, *electricity* and *electrishin*. Indeed, spellings like those would suggest (wrongly) that the first element was *electri*. Often if these two expectations are in conflict, communities choose to prioritise the principle of spelling the same part the same way, over the principle of reflecting the pronunciation.

That happens in Māori too. There is a problem with the spelling of the word formed by adding the prefix *whaka-* to a word like *āhua* ("form, appearance"). This process leads to the sequence of a short <a> (here transcribed /ʌ/) followed directly by a long <ā> (here transcribed /ɑ:/). When Māori speakers pronounce this word, they do not say \*/fʌkʌɑ:hʌʌ/, but /fʌkɑ:hʌʌ/ (form, fashion, acquire form; draw and photograph for example). If the spelling reflects the pronunciation, and uses the macron spelling for a long a as in <whakāhua>, it hides the fact that the prefix is *whaka-*, not *whak-*. If the long vowel is spelled with a sequence of two short ones, as advocated by Bruce Biggs, it hides the fact that the base is *āhua*: <whakaahua>. *Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori*, a statutory body with

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17 Ulrike Mosel and Even Hovdhaugen *Samoan Reference Grammar* (Scandinavian University Press, Oslo, 1992) at 17–18.

the responsibility for decisions concerning the Māori language, in fact decreed<sup>18</sup> that it should be spelled *whakaahua*, but even they themselves do not always follow their edict, and most of the general public in my experience write *whakaāhua*. In other words, people choose the spelling which preserves the identity of the elements, rather than the one which reflects the pronunciation. It is people who decide on the conventional spelling; it is determined by common usage.

## VII WANGANUI/WHANGANUI: CHOOSING THE CORRECT SPELLING

Applying these two principles to the Māori spelling of the Wanganui/Whanganui case, it is clear that the spelling <Wanganui> inaccurately reflects the Māori pronunciation. (Using <w> rather than <wh> in Māori is like spelling English *cat* as <dat> or <bat>!) At the same time, it fails to represent the first meaningful element appropriately. The spelling <Whanganui> accurately reflects the meaningful elements, and it conventionally reflects the pronunciation of all dialects, since the <wh> is conventionally used in the Māori spelling system to represent whatever variant of this sound is actually used. It is appropriate to have just one representation of all this variety in the pronunciation of <wh> for the same reason that in English we do not spell the vowels of *bat* and *bad* differently, or the /l/'s of *lull* differently: changing between these variant sounds does not cause the word to change in sense.

When it comes to the English spelling of Wanganui/Whanganui, the principle of maintaining meaningful elements does not apply, since this name does not have English elements. Only the pronunciation is involved, and I have already demonstrated that <Wanganui> was a reasonable way to spell in English what the local Māori dialect speakers said.

Thus linguistically, the case in relation to the spelling of Wanganui/Whanganui is clear. The <wh> spelling is unquestionably the only one that is justified in Māori: the appropriate Māori spelling is <Whanganui>. The spelling <Wanganui> is justified in English as a representation of what the pronunciation of the tribes of that area sounded like through the filter of English trained ears.

Appealing to the intention of the namers (as in the hypothetical Mt Hillary case outlined above) does not resolve this issue. It is clear that the Māori namers intended to call it "big bay", and this confirms the correctness of <Whanganui> in Māori. The intention of the English settlers was most probably to call the place by the closest English equivalent of the name used by the local tribes, which they heard as beginning with /w/, and so the spelling <Wanganui> must be deemed to have fulfilled their intention.

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18 Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori *He Muka* (Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori, Wellington, 1992) at 7.

It is thus clear that to determine the correct spelling of this name, the Geographic Board needed to consider not just how it should be spelled, but which language it is being spelled in.

To think about that issue, it is necessary to ask the question of whether this name is exclusively a Māori name or whether it is an English name as well. I will address this issue by considering a parallel question the other way round: is "tēpu" ("table") a Māori word?

The word tēpu exists; it is used in New Zealand, so it must belong to some language spoken in New Zealand. It cannot belong to English, because no English speaker ever uses that word when speaking English (except possibly to cite it as a Māori word). The fact that when it is used it is typically surrounded by other words which are exclusively Māori would suggest that it is indeed a Māori word. Consistency then leads to the conclusion that, in a parallel way, Wanganui is an English word. Just as tēpu represents how Māori people pronounce the originally English word table when they are speaking Māori, "Wanganui" represents how most English speakers pronounce the originally Māori word Whanganui when they are speaking English.

Māori people feel that it is perfectly appropriate to spell tēpu in the way that they pronounce it when they are writing Māori. There is a parallel case for saying that English speakers have the same right to spell Wanganui as they pronounce it when they are writing English.

That means that, linguistically, the solution to the dilemma is easy: this place is called /ʔwɑŋɑnuɪ/ or /fɑŋɑnuɪ/ or /hwɑŋɑnuɪ/ (or other variants of <wh>), and spelt <Whanganui> in te reo Māori, but pronounced /wɒŋ(g)ən(j)uɪ/ and spelled <Wanganui> in English. (The transcription of the English pronunciation contains two variants in brackets: the /g/ is included because some English speakers pronounce the <ng> as in *finger*, rather than as in *wringer*; the /j/ is included because some speakers pronounce the <nu> sequence as in British English *new* (with a /j/, the sound that starts the word *yellow*, after the /n/) and others pronounce it as in United States English *new*, with no /j/.) In other words, there is no dilemma; there are two spellings, each appropriate in one of the two languages concerned.

However, this does not resolve the issue in practical terms, because things like maps, road signs and notices all have to serve both languages. While it would be feasible to label it Whanganui/Wanganui, or W(h)anganui I think everyone recognises that this is both cumbersome and undesirable. For practical purposes, it is necessary to agree on a common spelling that will serve both languages. The Geographic Board was then being asked to choose between two correct spellings, rather than to replace an incorrect spelling with a correct one.

At this point, the issues cease to be purely linguistic, and also probably fall outside the jurisdiction of the New Zealand Geographic Board as specified in the Act that governs it.



### *VIII ISSUES IN CHOOSING BETWEEN TWO COMPETING CORRECT SPELLINGS*

The public debate around this issue was very frequently made to sound as if the issues were purely linguistic. However, the majority of these supposed linguistic issues on closer examination turn out to be political in nature. This section examines a number of arguments that might be put forward to resolve the issue.

It might be argued that the common spelling should be the Māori one, because that is the original language, and the English spelling represents an adaptation of that into English. While this might sound like a linguistic reason, it is not: linguistics does not provide any reason to prioritise the spelling of the donor language over the spelling of the receiving language; if it did, *tēpu* in Māori would have to be spelt *table*, and *weta* in English would have to be spelt *wētā*. Prioritising one language over the other is a political decision.

It might be argued that it is the Māori spelling that preserves the identity of meaningful elements. Again, that might sound like a linguistic argument, but it is not: linguistics does not require us to prefer a spelling of that kind. We spell *truth* and *width* in English without an <e>, although that hides the fact that these words derive respectively from *true* + *-th* and *wide* + *-th*.

It might be argued that, in most other cases where we use place names derived from Māori, we use the Māori spelling, including those with the element *whanga*, so for consistency, we should use the Māori spelling here, too. In New Zealand, there are places called *Whanga-roa*, *Whanga-paraoa*, *Whanga-mata*, *Whanga-ruru*, *Whanga-rā*, *Whanga-ehu*, *Whanga-mumu*... amongst many others. That is not solely a linguistic argument, since linguistics does not require us to spell consistently, as the English spelling system amply demonstrates. There are also other place names that were originally Māori but are not conventionally spelled as they would be in Māori. *Petone* is a case in point: it derives from *pito* + *one*, and the spelling <Pitoone> is appropriate in Māori. Decisions about consistency are editorial decisions, not linguistic ones.

It might be argued that while the spelling <Wanganui> is clearly incorrect in Māori, neither spelling is clearly incorrect in English, since the English spelling is determined by the Māori pronunciation, and there are pronunciations of the name in Māori which justify either English spelling. However, this ignores the fact that spelling is conventional, and the English convention is <Wanganui>; so it can be argued that, conventionally, <Whanganui> is incorrect in English. Again, the linguistic arguments do not point to a solution.

It might be argued that using the Māori spelling enhances the *mana* of *te reo Māori*, so English speakers should be politically correct, and cede their right to spell it as they pronounce it as a gesture of goodwill. That is clearly another political decision, not a linguistic one.

On the other hand, it might be argued that the common spelling should be the English one, because English is the majority language, and that in a democracy, the majority rules. That is also clearly a political argument.

There are significant economic issues at stake, too: changing the spelling involves a great deal of time and money.

There were no principles available to the Geographic Board to help them to weigh such disparate arguments against each other. They rightly decided that, since most of the arguments are political, the decision should be political, and handed the decision to the Minister of Land Information.

### ***IX HOW IS WANGANUI/WHANGANUI TO BE PRONOUNCED?***

There is now discussion in the media about what is the correct way to pronounce the name of this city following the ministerial decision about its spelling. In some ways that is odd, since the spelling is supposed to reflect the pronunciation, and not the reverse.

There are essentially two options: to use the local Māori dialect pronunciation, or to use the semi-standardised pronunciation associated with Māori <wh>. The latter today is /f/: that is what is used by the media in words like whānau and where. There are two options in terms of dialect. One is the very localised /ʔw/, which will sound to most listeners as if the <h> is being ignored, although hopefully not to the older local Māori people, at least. The other is to use the /hw/ that for some English speakers distinguishes which from witch, a pronunciation which approximates the more widespread dialect pronunciation of the north and west of the North Island.

Again, the choice is a matter of politics, but it has ramifications of a significant kind. If broadcasters choose to adopt either of the local dialect pronunciations, then speakers of other Māori dialects may expect them to be consistent. Are broadcasters then going to pronounce the South Island place name Rangiora with /k/ instead of /ŋ/, to reflect Ngai/Kai Tahu dialect?

In pronunciation, as in spelling, the issues are not issues of law that can be decided by a body with legal jurisdiction. Whereas spelling conventions can be decreed by politicians, and, at least in public places, policed, pronunciation is much less subject to decree. Politicians can do little more than advise and direct public servants. Broadcasters probably have more influence over conventional pronunciation than any political decree. But ultimately, what is considered correct in language – including pronunciation and spelling – will be decided by consensus in the community of speakers. That consensus may of course be to tolerate variability.

### ***X CONCLUSION***

Spelling reform, for whatever reason, is always fraught with difficulties and contradictions, no less in this case than in any other. However, spelling reform is even more complex here, because

two languages are involved. The Geographic Board was asked to perform a task for which there are no guidelines, linguistic or otherwise. Although the issue was often presented as a matter of determining the correct spelling, it was not. It was a matter of choosing whether the spelling that is appropriate according to the conventions of Māori should have precedence over a spelling that is appropriate according to the conventions in English, and established by conventional use. That is ultimately a political question, and therefore outside legal jurisdiction. It is appropriate, therefore, that the Geographic Board did not decide on the issue, but handed the political decision to a politician.

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22nd August 2015

ographic Board,

Please! Please, listen  
of citizens of Wanganui, when we  
referendum on this subject we voted  
ing our city name by putting in  
ent not have access to previous  
containing local results of  
r prefers not to acknowledge or  
not mean anything to him or  
Council. They have a blatant disregard  
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to work for us all, not just  
of the community which is  
present.

b. V. Perry

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Secretary

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Geographic Board

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LAND INFORMATION

In regard to the H. debate going on in Wanganui City.

This H. nonsense has come onto the scene in the past year or so lead by two activists who have caused nothing but trouble in Wanganui just like the Geographic Board is going to do. Is the Board an elected group or are you all self appointed. I understand you are a bunch of self appointed, in for the money. Wanganui people won't accept the H. and never have. The river has been ruined by the H. nobody knows where the Tunganui river is. I worked for the Maori Affairs for ten years and lived in the settlements for some time and I never heard any Maori call the river Tunganui or the city for that matter it was always Wanganui with out your bloody H.

I have lived here for 87yr young so know some of the history.

Colin Simmons



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Secretary  
NZ Geographic Board  
%- Land information NZ  
PO Box 5501  
Wellington 6145

Dear Sir/Madam

No H for Wanganui  
Quality Submission

The only quality submission is a:

— binding referendum —

for our city, we live in a democracy.

Yours faithfully  
Berbara

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27<sup>th</sup> August 2015

*New Zealand Geographic Board,  
C/o Land Information New Zealand,  
Radio NZ House,  
155 The Terrace,  
Wellington,  
New Zealand*

*Dear Board,*

*Re: The proposal by Wanganui District Council to Change the name of Wanganui.*

*I write to submit argument against such change. Such change is contrary to historic script, local dialect and most importantly the wishes of the majority of people who reside in the district (formerly 'City').*

*My original submission was made to the Wanganui District Council on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2015. These submissions, according to your own OIA response (attached Appendix B, P19) have not been submitted to your review, according to the Wanganui District Council, as at Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2015?*

*As a consequence you have made decisions without due cognizance or input from the people of my community but apparently driven by legal firm McCaw Lewis (Hamilton, N.Z.) who advertise as "Maori Legal". It is also noted that there has been " Ministerial correspondence between Hon. Michael Woodhouse and Hon. Tariana Turia, dated 25 July 2014. This has been kept undisclosed from the people of Wanganui. Is this political interference? The 'BLANKING' of certain names would indicate 'someone' is being shielded from public scrutiny and is outside 'Councilor' status but has been involved in these discussions. This is 'preference' I suspect for Maori and said person/persons must be disclosed in the interests of public process?*

*Issues:*

*1. There have been 2 referenda which supported, by significant majority, the exclusion of an 'h' in Wanganui. This should have been the end of it as with all Treaty claims in 2014. Good luck with 'Auckland'?*

*2. The Treaty of Waitangi (ref. Appendix 3) shows in May 1840, the "Chiefs of Wanganui" signed under that name. Who is trying to change history and with what authority? It is not tenable!*

3. Any and all submissions on this matter should be from residents and ratepayers of the Wanganui District as verified by the Electoral Roll and in accordance with requirements for submissions and petitions to Parliament. In the past school children have been inveigled into petitioning . Please?

Furthermore as a NZ citizen, I and my fellows are not subject to the Treaty. New Zealand has been formerly an independent nation since 1947.

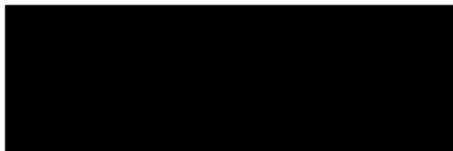
4. My OIA/LGOIA request to the Wanganui District Council on the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2015 was denied by Mr. Paul Drake (WDC Legal Officer) some 2 months after submission and I was facetiously referred to the Council website, newspapers or the Wanganui Public Library. This 'wording' appears to resemble that on your Appendix 'B' Page 2. I remind all that the Official Information Act carries the full power of the N.Z. Parliament and is not restricted to M.P.'s and the Media. It was drafted for the people. Referral to the Ombudsman is pure 'obfuscation' and was part of the Ombudsman's annual report to Parliament in 2014. I acknowledge the NZGB for 'largely' not following this illegal practice. It is a fundamental breach of rights.

5. No decision by N.Z.G.B. on this issue should be made without a formal referendum or Commission of Enquiry unless there is independent Judicial Review.

Note:

The 'F' pronunciation 'Wh' is historically contrary to local dialect but is promoted on TV and radio in insult to those who have been here since the 1800's.

Yours Sincerely,  
K.L.Crafar



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'K.L.Crafar', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.



APPENDIX 'A'

Our Ref: GES-N15-07-15/95  
LinZone ID: A2034829  
Your Ref:

21 August 2015

K L Crafar  


Dear Mr Crafar,

I refer to your official information request dated 29 July 2015 and my subsequent acknowledgement letter to you dated 3 August 2015.

You requested, in relation to the proposal received by the New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa (NZGB) to alter the name of 'Wanganui District' to 'Whanganui District':

- correspondence received from the Mayor, Councillors and/or Officers of the Wanganui District Council (WDC) and the dates of such communications; and
- copies of original submissions received from Māori, including any 'threats' of withdrawal, reference to same, or claims of privilege.

Please find enclosed information which is covered by your request in the first bullet above. In addition, we have included all correspondence sent to the WDC. Redactions have been made pursuant to s 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982 (Act) to protect individuals' rights to privacy, and s 9(2)(g) of the Act to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs. Where a document is publicly available or information is not relevant to your request, it has not been supplied as part of the release of information.

There has been a considerable number of submissions received to date on this proposed name change since public notification began on 28 May 2015. It is the NZGB's practice, and is considered necessary, to withhold submission information at this stage to allow:

- the public consultation period (which concludes on 28 August 2015);
- analysis and collation by the NZGB Secretariat; and
- the subsequent consideration/decision-making by the NZGB and the Minister for Land Information to occur.

This allows "the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any department or organisation in the course of their duty", pursuant to s 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act.

However, following the final decision on this proposed name change, copies of all submissions can be made available to you - including names but not their contact information to protect their privacy. There would likely be a cost to you for photocopying the submissions (as set out in the Act), which can be calculated and advised to you later. I cannot give you a timeframe for this release as there is no statutory deadline for making the final decision. However, the NZGB next meets on 23 September 2015 and its subsequent report to the Minister would likely

be forwarded a month after that meeting. The Minister's final decision is at her convenience and she may make any inquiry she thinks fit.

In terms of any early submissions from Māori, I confirm that none were received by the NZGB directly from individual iwi or iwi organisations prior to the public notification on 28 May 2015.

Please confirm whether you would still like to receive copies of all submissions after the final decision is made.

Should you be dissatisfied with my decision to withhold information on the submissions until after the final decision has been made, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman  
Office of the Ombudsman  
P O Box 10-152  
WELLINGTON

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, or if you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Wendy Shaw, Secretary for the NZGB on 04 4600581.

Yours sincerely



Mark Dyer  
Chairperson, New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa

**'Wanganui District' to 'Whanganui District' Name proposal  
For Mr Crafar OE 16-013**

**Correspondence received from and sent to the Mayor, Councillors and/or Officers of  
the Wanganui District Council and the dates of such communications**

2014-07-21 – request to speak with Paul Drake:

● You replied to this message on 21/07/2014 4:12 p.m.

From: [REDACTED] Sent: Mon 21/07/2014 11:12 a.m.  
To: Wendy Shaw  
Cc:  
Subject: Please call: Paul Drake (Wanganui District Council) CRM:0283620

Dear Wendy,

Paul Drake called and would like to speak with you. I contacted you but you were not available. His contact number is PH: [REDACTED]  
He is from the Wanganui District Council.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]  
Customer Support

2014-09-09 – request from the Minister's Office to speak with the Mayor re the Ministerial correspondence between Hon Michael Woodhouse and Hon Tariana Turia dated 25 July 2014:

● You forwarded this message on 9/09/2014 1:44 p.m.

From: [REDACTED] Sent: Tue 9/09/2014 1:30 p.m.  
To: Wendy Shaw  
Cc: Ministerial Services  
Subject: Mayor of Whanganui

Message: [REDACTED]

Hi Wendy

As discussed could you please phone [REDACTED] who will put you through to the Mayor to discuss the process for changing the Wanganui DC name to Whanganui DC.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

2014-11-17 – email to Paul Drake from the NZGB Secretary:

From: Wendy Shaw Sent: Mon 17/11/2014 9:35 a.m.  
To: 'paul.drake@wanganui.govt.nz'  
Cc: Richard O'Reilly; Mark Dyer  
Subject: Whanganui or Wanganui

Dear Paul,

Our telephone conversation of last Friday 14 November 2014 refers.

I've searched through my desk calendar, 'sent' emails, enquiries database and our electronic document management system for any correspondence with McCaw Lewis on or around 30 May 2014 re advice from me to them about options for altering the district name of 'Wanganui District' to 'Whanganui District'.

I cannot recall any such discussion and I cannot find evidence of any such advice from me. However, if we did communicate, then I'm sure I would've advised of the relevant sections in the NZGB Act 2008 that relate to Councils seeking to change the name of any of the 'Districts' over which they have jurisdiction. My advice would have been for McCaw Lewis to consider the relevant legislation and follow what's prescribed, since they are a law firm. I do not think I would've advised that the Council could make a resolution, then miss out the NZGB Act 2008 processes, and go straight to amending the Council's name through the LG Act 2002. If I gave them that impression then my apologies to them. I understand from you that they also got the same advice from Donald Reizebos, CE of the Local Government Commission - but I'm quite sure that Donald would also not have given this advice. I therefore suggest you confirm Donald's views also (if you haven't already) ([donald.riezebos@dia.govt.nz](mailto:donald.riezebos@dia.govt.nz)).

I reiterate recent advice given to the former Local Government Minister in July 2014:

Wanganui District (not the Council name) could be renamed by a proposal under section 11(2) of the NZGB Act. The steps required for this process are as follows:

- The Council must formally resolve to change the name of the district
- The Council must then make a proposal to the NZGB
- The NZGB will consider the proposal
- If the proposal is accepted, a full notification and public submission process will be undertaken
- The NZGB will receive and consider submissions
- If the NZGB does not agree with any of the objections received, the proposal will be forwarded to the Minister of Land Information for final determination
- The name, if changed, will be notified as official in the NZ Gazette and altered in the New Zealand Gazetteer of Official Geographic Names.

This would complete the change of name for the district. However, to change the name of the Council it would be necessary to undertake the further step of amending Schedule 2 of the Local Government Act 2002 (LG Act), which specifies the names of all regional councils and territorial authorities.

If the Wanganui District Council is planning to make a formal proposal to the NZGB to alter the district of 'Wanganui District' to 'Whanganui District', may I suggest that any other 'Wanganui' names in your part of the country be also corrected, eg suburb name Wanganui East and the region name of 'Manawatu-Wanganui Region'.

If you have any questions at all, please contact me. If you wish to discuss the legal processes and options further, I suggest discussion with Richard O'Reilly, Chief Policy Officer, LINZ, [roreilly@linz.govt.nz](mailto:roreilly@linz.govt.nz).

Should the NZGB receive a formal proposal from your Council, then it will ensure that the local communities are well informed of the proposal (eg via media statements, website Q&As, media interviews), in much the same way that the NZGB processed the earlier Whanganui city name proposal.

I look forward to liaising in the future.

Regards,

**Wendy Shaw**  
Secretary, New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa  
Office of the Surveyor-General

## 2014-11-17 – email from Paul Drake to the NZGB Secretary:

● You replied to this message on 17/11/2014 10:56 a.m.

From: Paul Drake <Paul.Drake@wanganui.govt.nz> Sent: Mon 17/11/2014 9:52 a.m.  
 To: Wendy Shaw  
 Cc: Richard O'Reilly; Mark Dyer  
 Subject: RE: Whanganui or Wanganui

Good Morning Wendy

Thank you for your very prompt response to my enquiry; also for the additional information re other Wanganui names – our focus has been on resolving the conflicting view on the correct process to-date so those wider issues have escaped our attention.

I do not think it necessary to seek any further view on this matter; you have confirmed my reading of the Act and the research that was undertaken by Policy; it is now up to the elected members to decide whether the time is now appropriate.

I will advise you of the outcome of the December meeting; assuming the item makes the Agenda.

Kind Regards

Paul

## 2014-11-17&amp;18 – email trail within WDC and LINZ:

**From:** Paul Drake  
**Sent:** Monday, 17 November 2014 9:56 a.m.  
**To:** Kevin Ross  
**Cc:** Clive Aim  
**Subject:** FW: Whanganui or Wanganui  
**Importance:** High

Good Morning Kevin

Wendy from NZGB has confirmed her opinion and her search on possible discussions with McCaw Lewis.

Wendy has very helpfully raised the importance of correcting other 'Wanganui' names in our part of the country; e.g. Wanganui East and the region name Manawatu-Wanganui Region.

Regards

Paul

**From:** Kevin Ross  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 18 November 2014 1:30 p.m.  
**To:** Paul Drake; [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Clive Aim; Annette Main  
**Subject:** RE: Whanganui or Wanganui

Hi Guys,

Thanks Paul for that.

[REDACTED], can you please organise a meeting with Mayor Annette, [REDACTED] Clive Aim, Paul Drake and myself to discuss this issue. We also need access to Wendy Shaw by phone.

Thanks

kevin



-----Original Appointment-----

**From:** Annette Main [mailto:Annette.Main@whanganui.govt.nz]

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 18 November 2014 1:39 p.m.

**To:** Annette Main; Kevin Ross; Clive Aim; Paul Drake; [REDACTED] Wendy Shaw

**Subject:** MEETING with Kevin Ross, Paul Drake, Clive Aim [REDACTED] to discuss the 'h' (Wendy Shaw will join via phone)

**When:** Wednesday, 19 November 2014 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. (UTC+12:00) Auckland, Wellington.

**Where:** Mayors Office

Please call Wendy Shaw on **DDI 04 460 0581**

As the meeting organizer, you do not need to respond to the meeting.

**From:** Wendy Shaw on behalf of Annette Main <Annette.Main@whanganui.govt.nz>

**Sent:** Tue 18/11/2014 2:39 p.m.

**Required:** Mark Dyer; Richard O'Reilly; Kevin Ross; Clive Aim; Paul Drake; [REDACTED] Wendy Shaw

**Optional:**

**Subject:** FW: MEETING with Kevin Ross, Paul Drake, Clive Aim & [REDACTED] to discuss the 'h' (Wendy Shaw will join via phone)

**Location:** Mayors Office

**When:** Wednesday, 19 November 2014 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Mark, Richard,

I had a phone call from the Wanganui DC's Mayor's Office earlier today asking if I would be available for a teleconference at 4.30pm tomorrow afternoon with the Mayor (Annette Main), CE (Clive Aim), Legal (Paul Drake) and [REDACTED]

I said I was available and have accepted the appointment as below.

In the recent past I have spoken over the phone with Annette and Paul - all very open and informative.

Should we meet to discuss the key messages that the NZGB would wish to convey, plus brief me on the other options which have already been advised by Richard over the phone to both Annette and Paul, ie:

1. Reorganisation through LG Commission - not going to happen
2. Local Act of Parliament, similar to the 'Lower Hutt City (Name of City Council) Act 1991' - see: [http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/local/1991/0002/latest/DLM80144.html?search=ad\\_act\\_hutt+city\\_25\\_ac%40bn%40rn%40dn%40apub%40aloc%40apri%40apro%40aimp%40bgov%40bloc%40bpri%40bmem%40rpub%40rimp\\_ac%40ainf%40anif%40bcur%40rinf%40rnif\\_h\\_aw\\_se&p=1](http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/local/1991/0002/latest/DLM80144.html?search=ad_act_hutt+city_25_ac%40bn%40rn%40dn%40apub%40aloc%40apri%40apro%40aimp%40bgov%40bloc%40bpri%40bmem%40rpub%40rimp_ac%40ainf%40anif%40bcur%40rinf%40rnif_h_aw_se&p=1)  
This would then enable amendment to the LG Act 2002, Schedule 2 ie the name for the Council.
3. Any other options?

Perhaps it would be best for me not to say much about the above two and concentrate on the NZGB Act processes.

Mark won't be available at 4.30pm, but Richard may be, if we think he should join the teleconference.

What are your thoughts please?

Thanks,

Wendy

2014-11-21 – email to Paul Drake from NZGB Secretary:

From: Wendy Shaw Sent: Fri 21/11/2014 11:25 a.m.  
 To: 'paul.drake@wanganui.govt.nz'  
 Cc: Mark Dyer; Richard O'Reilly; Chas Te Runa  
 Subject: Whanganui District

Message: SO 96047.pdf (142 KB) NZ Gazette 1989 (99) page 2368.docx (318 KB)

Hello Paul,

It was good to speak with you over the phone on Wednesday afternoon, along with Mayor Annette Main, CE Clive Aim and [REDACTED] ??

A follow up action was for me to send you the contact details of the LINZ Comms person who, in the future, can work with your Council Comms people on consistent messages from both the Council and the NZGB.

Chas Te Runa is our Communications Account Manager (Minister & Media), 04 460 2769, 027 566 5251, [cteruna@linz.govt.nz](mailto:cteruna@linz.govt.nz)

Briefly, our discussion covered/noted:

1. An understanding that there are three options for the WDC to alter its territorial authority name:
  - Under the NZGB Act 2008 – altering the geographical District name (only) by the NZGB which would then allow the LG Act 2002 schedule 2 name of the TA to be amended
  - Under a local Act renaming just the Council name and not the District name (like The Hutt City Council)
  - Through branding and communications, but not formally/legally changing the name. The WDC is already proactive in many areas of promotion and branding of the 'Wh' spelling, but the current situation where the Council's name is without the 'Wh', sends mixed messages. There could also be some potential compliance concerns in terms of having to use the current official District name as per s.32 of the NZGB Act 2008
2. There seemed to be general support for proceeding through the NZGB processes, despite it not being the simplest option. The time seems to be right for the community to move on with broader application of the 'Wh' spelling.
3. To begin the NZGB processes, s.11(2) of the NZGB Act refers
4. WDC will discuss further at its next Council meeting in December, possibly resulting in a resolution to make a formal proposal to the NZGB, seeking a change of name to the local authority. The NZGB would be making it clear in all correspondence and media statements, that its naming jurisdiction applies to the District name, not the TA name.
5. Public consultation would be undertaken through the NZGB's notification processes in respect to the District name only.
6. The Minister for Land Information would likely again be required to make the final decision on the District name. (Therefore it would be preferable that all other Wanganui to Whanganui names be processed at the same time for consistency and so that the Minister is not having to make separate (controversial) decisions at different times.)

Other matters were discussed, but I've just summarised the main points from our perspective. Please let me know if there were any other key points from our discussion that you wish to include on record.

We look forward to our future contact and if there is anything further that we can help with, please don't hesitate to ask.

Regards,

Wendy Shaw  
 Secretary, New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa

## 2014-11-24 – email from Paul Drake to the NZGB Secretary:

From: Paul Drake <Paul.Drake@wanganui.govt.nz> Sent: Mon 24/11/2014 8:28 a.m.  
 To: Wendy Shaw  
 Cc:  
 Subject: RE: Whanganui District

Hi Wendy

Thank you for the email; although I do not recall saying much at the teleconference.

As you will now appreciate (if not already) how sensitive the issue is politically.

I look forward in dealing with you as this matter progresses.

Kind regards

Paul

## 2014-11-24 – email from Paul Drake to the NZGB Secretary:

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From: Paul Drake <Paul.Drake@wanganui.govt.nz> Sent: Wed 26/11/2014 8:40 a.m.  
 To: Wendy Shaw  
 Cc:  
 Subject: FW: Recommendation to Council - Request for Council Name Change

Good Morning Wendy

Since I wrote my report to Council on the process there have been some alterations made to it; accordingly the report will not be going under my name.

One of the changes is the proposed resolution as below.

I would like to know whether that proposed resolution, if adopted, is actually sufficient to trigger the NZGB process.

Kind Regards

Paul

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 26 November 2014 8:36 a.m.  
**To:** Paul Drake  
**Subject:** Recommendation to Council - Request for Council Name Change

THAT the pursuant to section 11(2) of the New Zealand Geographic Board (Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa) Act 2008 the Council resolves to change its name to Whanganui District Council and, therefore, the name of the district, understanding that this will necessitate a request to the New Zealand Geographic Board to alter the spelling of the district from Wanganui to Whanganui.

2014-11-26 – email to Paul Drake from the NZGB Secretary:

From: Wendy Shaw Sent: Wed 26/11/2014 12:39 p.m.  
 To: 'Paul Drake'  
 Cc: Richard O'Reilly; Mark Dyer  
 Subject: RE: Recommendation to Council - Request for Council Name Change

Hi Paul,

A possible alternative resolution to the draft emailed from Helen Couper could be:

THAT the Council resolves to change its name from Wanganui District Council to Whanganui District Council; and

THAT the Council resolves to request the New Zealand Geographic Board (Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa) to alter the name of the district from Wanganui to Whanganui.

Regards,

**Wendy Shaw**  
**Secretary, New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa**

2014-11-26 – email from Paul Drake to the NZGB Secretary:

From: Paul Drake <Paul.Drake@wanganui.govt.nz> Sent: Wed 26/11/2014 12:40 p.m.  
 To: Wendy Shaw  
 Cc:  
 Subject: RE: Recommendation to Council - Request for Council Name Change

Thanks Wendy; much appreciated.

2014-12-03 – email from Paul Drake to the NZGB Secretary:

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From: Paul Drake <Paul.Drake@wanganui.govt.nz> Sent: Wed 3/12/2014 9:12 a.m.  
 To: Wendy Shaw  
 Cc:  
 Subject: Alteration of Name Whanganui

Good Morning Wendy

It was a hard afternoon the outcome of which was not positive or productive with the Motion being lost.

Iwi representatives were very upset, they had come with a genuine hope of being treated as a Partner in the true sense of that word but left the meeting indicating that their path would be diverging from the partnership path. While [redacted] did say that emotion governed [redacted] words you could feel all the gains that this Council has made fall away.

Many thanks for all your assistance with the process and trying to get the motion in to the correct form.

Kind Regards

**Paul**  
 Paul Drake  
 Legal Officer  
 Legal Services  
 Wanganui District Council

2014-12-03 – email to Paul Drake from the NZGB Secretary:

From: Wendy Shaw Sent: Wed 3/12/2014 1:50 p.m.  
 To: 'Paul Drake'  
 Cc:  
 Subject: RE: Alteration of Name Whanganui

Hi Paul,

Thanks for letting us know and sorry to hear the outcome.

[REDACTED] The depth of emotion does demonstrate how important place names are to tangata whenua and that the restoration of the correct spelling of an original indigenous name remains an important action sought by iwi.

Perhaps the time will be right in a few more years. Change is hard for people, but once made, most people move on and embrace the new identity.

Regards,

**Wendy Shaw**  
 Secretary, New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa

2014-12-16 – email to Mayor from the NZGB Secretary:

From: Wendy Shaw Sent: Tue 16/12/2014 9:39 a.m.  
 To: 'annette.main@whanganui.govt.nz'  
 Cc:  
 Bcc: Mark Dyer; Richard O'Reilly; Chas Te Runa  
 Subject: Wanganui to Whanganui proposal

Tēnā koe Annette Main,

Sorry I missed your phone call of yesterday afternoon at 4.06pm.

I thought you might find this written response helpful. I will also phone you later this afternoon to discuss.

You asked what further information was needed by the NZ Geographic Board for a proposal seeking the spelling alteration of the district name from Wanganui to Whanganui.

Such a proposal would be independent of any earlier proposals considered by the NZGB (ie Whanganui River and Whanganui town/city) and would be considered afresh by the NZGB.

So the standard requirements for any proposals apply and these are set out in the 'Minimum Requirements for Proposals' and 'Checklist' at:  
[http://www.linz.govt.nz/system/files\\_force/media/pages-attachments/reqs-geographic-name-proposals-20131218\\_0.pdf?download=1](http://www.linz.govt.nz/system/files_force/media/pages-attachments/reqs-geographic-name-proposals-20131218_0.pdf?download=1)  
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In addition, because such a proposal is for a district name, the NZGB would require evidence of the Council's resolution that consents to or requests the alteration, as set out in s.11 of the NZGB Act 2008.

Yes, the Board currently has considerable evidence of and is convinced that the correct orthography is Whanganui, so the need for further evidence in this regard is not so important. However, the NZGB will want reasons from the Council for the proposed change, such as but not limited to:

- consistency with other official spelling
- the Minister for Land Information's earlier request that Crown Agencies should move towards the correct spelling for the town/city, noting that TAs are not Crown Agencies, but remain part of the government's local body administrative arm
- tourism and promotion and branding – to represent a place that is not confused by its own identity
- reduce ambiguity and confusion, especially for emergency response
- Treaty of Waitangi partnership obligations
- evidence of increased uptake and acceptance by the community of the Whanganui spelling
- noting that public consultation will be undertaken by the NZGB and that the Council may not undertake any further referendum or its own public consultation
- the Council wanting to move on from this debate which is divisive and detracts the Council from more pressing matters
- the need to go through the NZGB's processes before Schedule 2 of the Local Government Act 2002 can be amended
- etc

These are just some examples, and there may be other reasons that the Council will have for seeking to change to Whanganui. Please note that the NZGB will still need to consider all evidence before a decision is made as to whether or not to proceed.

I hope this response is helpful and I look forward to speaking with you over the phone later today.

Nāku noa, nā,

**Wendy Shaw**  
Secretary, New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa

2014-12-16 – email to LINZ from the NZGB Secretary:

From:	Wendy Shaw	Sent:	Tue 16/12/2014 4:39 p.m.
To:	Chas Te Runa; Mark Dyer; Richard O'Reilly		
Cc:			
Subject:	FW: Wanganui to Whanganui proposal		

Mark, Chas, Richard,

I just spoke with Annette Main over the phone and she advised that the Council will be voting again this Friday on a motion for changing the district name to Whanganui. The motion is to be put forward by one of the Councillors who had earlier voted against the change. So Annette is now confident of majority Council support. She wanted my feedback below to prepare for the discussion on Friday and to be ready to answer questions. She mentioned a few other reasons, such as giving a clear identity to residents living outside the town/city and within the district. She also advised that an informal street survey of businesses revealed that people just want the Council to make a decision and move on.

The Council will be issuing a media statement later today, so there will be articles in the newspapers tomorrow, with possible enquiries directed to the NZGB.

[REDACTED]

We can discuss further tomorrow.

Thanks,

**Wendy Shaw**  
Secretary, New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa

2014-12-18 – email from Paul Drake to the NZGB Secretary:

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**From:** Paul Drake <Paul.Drake@wanganui.govt.nz> **Sent:** Thu 18/12/2014 8:06 a.m.  
**To:** Wendy Shaw  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Whanganui District - The Debate continues

Good Morning Wendy

A Councillor has given notice of a motion similar to the recommendation that was contained in the Report to Council the other week seeking a resolution to request an alteration of name of the District. That Notice of Motion is to be considered tomorrow by the Council.

I have been asked to consider whether the Notice of Motion triggers Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

On the assumption an alteration of name is agreed there are two possible options:

1. Alternative spellings for the District;
2. Single spelling for the District (Whanganui)

Under option 2 the Council is subject to section 22 of the Act and the GG may make the Order in Council.

However, under option 1 Council would logically have a choice to alter its name – and one that most likely triggers the Policy; however, that also raises an issue as to section 22.

*My question:* Under Option 1 Do you have any view on how section 22 **Alteration of name of local authority** would be dealt with?

(1) This section applies if the Board carries out the function to alter the name of a district or region provided for under section 11(2).  
 (2) Before the Board may give public notice of a determination to alter the name of a district or region, it must request the Minister to recommend to the Governor-General to make an Order in Council under section 260 of the Local Government Act 2002 to amend the name of the relevant local authority in Schedule 2 of that Act to give effect to the alteration.  
 (3) An Order in Council must specify the date when the amendment takes effect, which must allow the Board sufficient time to give public notice as required by section 23(2)(a).

Kind Regards

Paul

2014-12-18 – file note from the NZGB Secretary:

**File Note – 2014-12-18¶**

¶ I advise Paul Drake over the phone that alternative naming cannot be applied to District names – this is clearly set out in the interpretation sections of the NZGB Act 2008.¶

¶ Having two names for a district would perpetuate the confusion and uncertainty about the spelling.¶

¶ Wendy Shaw¶

¶ NZGB Secretary¶

2014-12-19 – email to Paul Drake from the NZGB Secretary:

From: Wendy Shaw  
To: 'paul.drake@wanganui.govt.nz'  
Cc: Chas Te Runa; Mark Dyer  
Subject: Wh

Sent: Fri 19/12/2014 8:44 a.m.

Hi Paul,

Would it be possible for you to let us know the outcome of the Council meeting today, asap once made?

Please call or txt me on [REDACTED].

Reason being is that we want to have some responses ready for our Minister Louise Upston, in case she is approached by media. We will also have some key messages ready from the NZGB too (which will probably be attributed to me or Mark Dyer).

[REDACTED]

Thanks,

**Wendy Shaw**  
Secretary, New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa

2014-12-19 – email from Paul Drake to the NZGB Secretary:

You replied to this message on 19/12/2014 8:47 a.m.

From: Paul Drake <Paul.Drake@wanganui.govt.nz>  
To: Wendy Shaw  
Cc: Chas Te Runa; Mark Dyer  
Subject: RE: Wh

Sent: Fri 19/12/2014 8:46 a.m.

Hi Wendy

I will text you; it is going to be an interesting meeting with a number of challenges as to process already surfacing.

Regards

Paul

2014-12-19 – email from Paul Drake to the NZGB Secretary:

You replied to this message on 22/12/2014 6:51 a.m.

From: Paul Drake <Paul.Drake@wanganui.govt.nz>  
To: Wendy Shaw  
Cc:  
Subject: The Notice of Motion

Sent: Fri 19/12/2014 3:49 p.m.

Hi Wendy

The Notice of Motion

THAT Council resolve to request the New Zealand Geographic Board (Nga Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa) to change the name of the district from Wanganui to Whanganui in order to be able to put into effect the request from Tupoho to change the name of the Wanganui District Council to Whanganui District Council.

Regards

Paul



## 2014-12-22 – email to Paul Drake from the NZGB Secretary:

Extra line breaks in this message were removed.

From: Wendy Shaw Sent: Mon 22/12/2014 6:52 a.m.  
 To: 'Paul Drake'  
 Cc:  
 Subject: RE: The Notice of Motion

Message: Wanganui to Whanganui proposal (25 KB)

Many thanks Paul. I look forward to receiving your Council's proposal in the new year. Please let me know if there is any further information you need re making a proposal.

Attached is an email I sent to Annett Main last week, FYI, which has a bit of information regarding proposals.

Regards,

Wendy Shaw  
 Secretary, New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa Office of the Surveyor-General

## 2014-12-19 – email from Stephanie Rose to the NZGB Secretary:

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From: [REDACTED] Sent: Fri 19/12/2014 4:13 p.m.  
 To: Wendy Shaw  
 Cc:  
 Subject: Wanganui District Council - consultation on name change

Hi Wendy,

This afternoon the Wanganui District Council resolved to undertake public consultation on the name of the district. This will then be forwarded to the New Zealand Geographic Board as part of our submission. The elected members decided to deliver this consultation process by way of an online survey as well as through written submissions. I have been asked to establish how we should ask this survey question in order to best meet your requirements - i.e. is there a specific way that we should ask this that would be most helpful for the NZGB when considering our submission? I have also been tasked with getting a steer from you on how we should present the introductory information at the beginning of the survey so as to ensure neutrality.

Council has decided to deliver this consultation during January so we need to get this information out prior to Christmas. As a result, if you could back to me as soon as possible it would be greatly appreciated.

Regards,

[REDACTED]  
 Policy and Corporate Planning Manager  
 Policy  
 Wanganui District Council

## 2014-12-22 – email to [REDACTED] from the NZGB Secretary:

From: Wendy Shaw Sent: Mon 22/12/2014 11:55 a.m.  
 To: [REDACTED]  
 Cc:  
 Bcc: [REDACTED] Chas Te Runa; Mark Dyer; Richard O'Reilly  
 Subject: RE: Wanganui District Council - consultation on name change

Message: Wanganui to Whanganui proposal (25 KB)

Hi [REDACTED]

Public consultation through an online survey as well as written submissions is a great idea, the results of which will be helpful to the NZ Geographic Board when it considers the Council's proposal in 2015.

Please note that the NZGB meetings for 2015 are as follows:

- 29 April 2015, with a deadline of 6 March 2015 for proposals to be made
- 29 July 2015
- 23 September 2015

You have asked about the consultation survey questions in order to best meet the NZGB's requirements.

When the NZGB does its own consultation on proposed names, it uses the wording from the NZGB Act 2008, so as to reduce misinterpretation, ie:

'17 Submissions

A person making a submission on a proposal--

- (a) must state, with reasons, whether that person supports or objects to the proposal; and
- (b) may, if that person objects to the proposal, set out an alternative proposal or support the existing name, if any'

An example of our online form for a current proposal (Mount Foweraker) is at <http://www.linz.govt.nz/regulatory/place-names/place-name-consultation/12687> (note that this form will only be available up until 30 January 2015, 5pm).

For your Council's survey questions, I suggest keeping the questions very short and simple, such as:

- **Support / Do Not Support** the Council's proposal to propose changing Wanganui District to Whanganui District?
- Why?
- If you do not support the change, what other name(s), if any, would you prefer
- Why?

The purpose of the survey is to get a sense from the community of their views and the reasons for those views – and this is what the NZGB will be interested in and will seek to know when it does its own public consultation as set out in s.16 the NZGB Act 2008.

The numbers and percentages could be compared to the two earlier referenda, and may give a sense of a change in thinking by the community, but probably best to not make those comparisons and treat this survey as completely independent, especially since it is for the district name and not the town/city name.

My suggestions for your preamble and the key messaging cover these points (in no particular order):

- This district name proposal is independent of previous proposals for the Whanganui National Park, Whanganui River and Whanganui or Wanganui town/city
- Therefore the NZGB will be considering this proposal separately against the criteria for place naming
- The Council wants to ensure that its community has the opportunity to provide their views, which will be provided to the NZGB without prejudice
- Community views are sought across the whole jurisdiction
- Comparisons with the earlier referenda for the town/city name will not be made by the Council

However you chose to word the survey is over to the Council, but feel free to use the above as guidance.

Feel free to call to discuss.

Regards,

Wendy Shaw  
Secretary, New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa  
Office of the Surveyor-General

2014-12-22 – email to [REDACTED] from the NZGB Secretary:

From: Wendy Shaw Sent: Mon 22/12/2014 12:10 p.m.  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc:  
Subject: Wh

Hi again [REDACTED]

I forgot to mention that I attached my email to Annette Main of last Tuesday for your reference, in my last email to you.

Also, you could offer residents a link to the NZGB process for district name changes at <http://www.linz.govt.nz/regulatory/place-names/propose-geographic-name/proposing-district-and-region-names> but this may cause confusion, so probably best not to.

Thanks for the opportunity to contribute.

Regards,

Wendy Shaw

2015-01-12 – email to Stephanie Rose from the NZGB Secretary:

From: Wendy Shaw Sent: Mon 12/01/2015 11:00 a.m.  
 To: [Redacted]  
 Cc:  
 Subject: Consultation with the Community on Wh

Hi [Redacted]

Can you please advise when your online consultation began?  
<http://www.wanganui.govt.nz/our-district/have-your-say/Pages/default.aspx#link0>  
<http://www.wanganui.govt.nz/our-district/have-your-say/spelling/Pages/default.aspx>

I note it concludes 13 February 2015.

[Redacted]

Thanks,  
 Wendy Shaw

2015-01-12 – email from [Redacted] to the NZGB Secretary:

From: [Redacted] Sent: Mon 12/01/2015 11:07 a.m.  
 To: Wendy Shaw  
 Cc:  
 Subject: RE: Consultation with the Community on Wh

Hi Wendy,

We opened the online consultation on 7 January.

Kind regards,  
 [Redacted]

2015-01-22 – email from Paul Drake to the NZGB Secretary:

Follow up. Start by Thursday, 22 January 2015. Due by Thursday, 22 January 2015.  
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From: Paul Drake <Paul.Drake@wanganui.govt.nz> Sent: Thu 22/01/2015 9:32 a.m.  
 To: Wendy Shaw  
 Cc:  
 Subject: Alteration of Name - 'Wanganui Rural Community Board'

Good Morning and Happy New Year Wendy

I am in the process of writing an Item for the Rural Community Board in respect of the Council resolution – extract below.

The question that I am struggling with is the name of the Community Board which is named after its community and not the district; but in this instance the community is made up of three different subdivisions of the rural community.

The Community Board is seeking guidance as to what options it has in respect of its name.

Would you like to make any suggestions?

Kind Regards

Paul

**Discussion**

The Wanganui Rural Community Board is made up of three subdivisions of the Rural Community; Kai Iwi, Kaitoke and Whanganui. Under s49(2) of the Local Government Act 2002 the community board must be described as the "[name of community] Community Board". In this instance the name of the Rural Community Board is Wanganui which is consistent with the name of the district.

The role of the Rural Community Board includes representing and acting as an advocate for, the interests of its community; and considering and reporting on any matter of interest or concern to the community board.

It is therefore within the Rural Community Boards mandate to consult with its community and/or indicate a name preference to its community and report that consultation and/or name preference to the Council.

**Conclusion**

The resolution of the Council once notified to the Board will trigger a statutory process of public consultation, a formal report from the Board and most likely a recommendation to the Minister in which case the Minister will make the final decision.

The name required to be used by the Rural Community Board is the name of the community that it represents. Although made up of three subdivisions of the rural community, one of which is named 'Whanganui' the Community Board's name is consistent with that of the district - 'Wanganui'.

Where the Board decides to alter the name of the district, then before the Board may give public notice of that determination it must request the Minister to recommend to the Governor-General to make an Order in Council to amend the name of the relevant local authority i.e. the Council.

The legislation is specific to 'the relevant local authority' which does not include a community board and while it is likely the Rural Community Board has been named after the district that has not been confirmed. However, that issue may be of little importance as the name of district does not necessarily reflect the name of the community which for the Rural Community Board consists of three differently named sub-divisions. The view of the Board has been requested.

Paul Drake  
Legal Officer  
Legal Services  
Wanganui District Council

2015-01-23 – email to Paul Drake from the NZGB Secretary:

From: Wendy Shew Sent: Fri 23/01/2015 1:45 p.m.  
To: Paul Drake  
Cc:  
Subject: RE: Alteration of Name - 'Wanganui Rural Community Board'

Hi Paul,  
  
Happy New Year to you too!  
  
I would've liked to have known the extent of the three subdivisions before making any suggestion on a possible new name for 'Wanganui Community Board'. Is there an SO that's been lodged with the OIC/Gazettal?  
  
My advice would be to pick a community name within those three rural subdivisions, which may be the largest or is the most central or is the most well known. It doesn't have to be a Māori name. Whatever name is chosen should not be offensive in any way, and preferably not too long, with a depth of history to it. You could also consider choosing two names hyphenated to satisfy equal/shared community interests.  
  
I would've have suggested identifying a significant natural feature of the landscape, but the LG Act is quite specific about the name being "[name of community]".  
  
I hope this response is of some assistance. If you want to discuss further, please give me a call.  
  
Regards,  
  
Wendy Shaw

2015-02-09 – Proposal from the WDC:  
See separate PDF document

2015-02-11 – acknowledgement of the proposal from the NZGB Secretary:

From:	Wendy Shaw	Sent:	Wed 11/02/2015 6:03 p.m.
To:	'kevin.ross@wanganui.govt.nz'		
Cc:	'paul.drake@wanganui.govt.nz'		
Subject:	Geographic name proposal: Whanganui District		

Tēnā koe Kevin Ross,

Thank you for your Council's proposal to the New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa, received in the post today.

I will go through it shortly to ensure it meets the Board's 'minimum requirements', and will contact you to confirm.

This proposal to alter a geographic name from **Wanganui District** to **Whanganui District** will be included on the agenda for the Board's next upcoming meeting on 29 April 2015.

We look forward to liaising closely with your Council throughout the process and we intend to keep you informed, especially of decisions, public notification dates and media advisories.

Should you have any concerns or questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Nāku noa, nā,

**Wendy Shaw**

2015-02-12 – Email to Kevin Ross from the NZGB Secretary:

From:	Wendy Shaw	Sent:	Thu 12/02/2015 4:13 p.m.
To:	'kevin.ross@wanganui.govt.nz'		
Cc:	[REDACTED]		
Subject:	FW: Geographic name proposal: Whanganui District		

Message  Geographic Name Proposal: Altering Wanganui District to Whanganui District (8 MB)

Tēnā koe Kevin Ross,

Further to my acknowledgement email of yesterday, I have some matters to follow up on.

Could you please confirm that your Council has referred to the NZGB's Frameworks?  
[http://www.linz.govt.nz/system/files\\_force/media/pages-attachments/50\\_frameworks\\_v6\\_-\\_2014-04-23.pdf?download=1](http://www.linz.govt.nz/system/files_force/media/pages-attachments/50_frameworks_v6_-_2014-04-23.pdf?download=1). This is a requirement under #13 in the checklist  
[http://www.linz.govt.nz/system/files\\_force/media/pages-attachments/minimum-reqs-geographic-names-checklist-20131218\\_0.pdf?download=1](http://www.linz.govt.nz/system/files_force/media/pages-attachments/minimum-reqs-geographic-names-checklist-20131218_0.pdf?download=1)

Your comments regarding no direct consultation with iwi are noted. I have sent the attached email to TPK to seek assistance with obtaining iwi views. This is a matter of good process and practise to follow on our part – something we do for every proposal. You will be aware that the NZGB's *Minimum Requirements* policy asks "Proposers must provide documentary evidence of having consulted with local iwi, hapu, marae or other groups with ancestral interests, for proposals in New Zealand, offshore islands, or for undersea feature names. This relates to identifying any original Māori names and keeping relevant Māori groups informed." I cannot say how the Board might respond to the fact that your Council has not met this NZGB requirement.

The NZGB will not be seeking advice on orthography from Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori as it has already received this for the former proposal for Whanganui (town/city).

As to the online consultation survey that your Council is undertaking until cob tomorrow, I note that the results will not be provided to the NZGB until after the NZGB accepts the proposal (that is, if it does accept the proposal) and it goes out for public notification/consultation as per the NZGB Act. It would be preferable for a summary of the results to be provided to the NZGB for consideration at its 29 April 2015 meeting if this is this possible please? By mid-March would be OK please?

Again, should you have any concerns or questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Nāku noa, nā,

**Wendy Shaw**

2015-02-13 – Email from Kevin Ross to the NZGB Secretary:

From: Kevin Ross <Kevin.Ross@wanganui.govt.nz> Sent: Fri 13/02/2015 12:12 p.m.  
 To: Wendy Shaw; Kevin Ross  
 Cc: [Redacted]; Paul Drake  
 Subject: RE: Geographic name proposal: Whanganui District

Tena koe Wendy  
 Just acknowledging receipt of your email.  
 I will get back to you next week when Paul Drake, our legal officer, is back from leave.  
 Kind regards  
 Kevin

2015-03-02 – Email from Paul Drake to the NZGB Secretary:

You replied to this message on 2/03/2015 2:36 p.m.

From: Paul Drake <Paul.Drake@wanganui.govt.nz> Sent: Mon 2/03/2015 2:23 p.m.  
 To: Wendy Shaw  
 Cc:  
 Subject: Re: Kevin's telephone message

Hi Wendy

Kevin will be in meetings most of the afternoon so if you are calling back can you ring me please on DDI [Redacted]

Thanks

Paul

2015-03-02 – Email from Paul Drake to the NZGB Secretary:

You replied to this message on 2/03/2015 5:31 p.m.

From: Paul Drake <Paul.Drake@wanganui.govt.nz> Sent: Mon 2/03/2015 2:42 p.m.  
 To: Wendy Shaw  
 Cc:  
 Subject: RE: Kevin's telephone message

Hi Wendy

Not urgent so tomorrow is fine. I will be working from home tomorrow and contactable on [Redacted]

Best time would be between 10am to 1pm.

Thanks.

Paul

2015-03-06 – Email from Paul Drake to the NZGB Secretary:

● You replied to this message on 6/03/2015 11:03 a.m.  
 This message was sent with High importance.

From: Paul Drake <Paul.Drake@wanganui.govt.nz> Sent: Fri 6/03/2015 10:36 a.m.  
 To: Wendy Shaw  
 Cc:  
 Subject: FW: Confidential - Spelling of the District survey results

Good Morning Wendy

As per email below the results of the survey.

[REDACTED] informs that some of the response were very detailed and to summarise them would take significant time – estimated about 30 hours. Therefore at this time it is proposed (subject to CE's final decision) not to summarise but to forward to NZGB along with Council's submission (assuming NZGB adopt the Council proposal).

Regards

Paul

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 17 February 2015 3:25 p.m.  
**To:** Annette Main  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Confidential - Spelling of the District survey results

Good afternoon,

The final surveys received have now been entered and a total of 1939 responses were received, of which:

24 had no preference for the spelling.  
 954 preferred Wanganui  
 961 preferred Whanganui.

As discussed these results are not being distributed elsewhere, only to you in the first instance. If you require any other information on these please let me know, otherwise I will ensure all responses will be collated and ready to go as required to the Geographic Board.

Many thanks  
 [REDACTED]

2015-03-24 – Email from Paul Drake to the NZGB Secretary:

● Follow up. Start by Tuesday, 24 March 2015. Due by Tuesday, 24 March 2015.  
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From: Paul Drake <Paul.Drake@wanganui.govt.nz> Sent: Tue 24/03/2015 11:53 a.m.  
 To: Wendy Shaw  
 Cc:  
 Subject: Whanganui - Agenda Item

Good Morning Wendy

I have been asked whether Council is required to attend the Board's meeting to address its request.

Can you please advise.

Regards

Paul

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From: Wendy Shaw  
 To: 'Paul Drake'  
 Cc:  
 Subject: RE: Whanganui - Agenda Item

Sent: Tue 24/03/2015 11:59 a.m.

Hi Paul,

No, the Council is not required at the NZGB meeting on 29 April.

In fact the NZGB does not open its meetings to the public or hear any proposals/submissions.

Do you need any more information?

Regards,

**Wendy Shaw**

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 To: Wendy Shaw  
 Cc:  
 Subject: RE: Whanganui - Agenda Item

Sent: Tue 24/03/2015 12:01 p.m.

Thanks Wendy; that is consistent with what I thought was the process, your confirmation is sufficient.

Much appreciated.

Paul

**2015-04-30 – Email to Paul Drake from the NZGB Secretary:**

From: Wendy Shaw  
 To: 'paul.drake@wanganui.govt.nz'  
 Cc:  
 Subject: Just quickly: the NZGB accepted altering Wanganui District to Whanganui District yesterday. Media statement to be released later today, which we'll send you once posted. Call me if you wish (cont)

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 Cc:  
 Subject: RE: Just quickly: the NZGB accepted altering Wanganui District to Whanganui District yesterday. Media statement to be relea

Sent: Thu 30/04/2015 7:26 a.m.

Hi Wendy

Excellent news; thank you for the early notice.

Kind Regards

Paul



2015-05-01 – Email to Paul Drake from the NZGB Secretary:

From: Wendy Shaw  
 To: 'paul.drake@wanganui.govt.nz'  
 Cc:  
 Subject: NZGB Media Release

Sent: Fri 1/05/2015 6:22 a.m.

Paul,

FYI: <http://www.linz.govt.nz/news/2015-04/views-be-sought-%E2%80%98whanganui-district%E2%80%99>

A few calls yesterday from journalists and a radio interview with NewstalkZB (with Mark Dyer).

This morning Mark has a live interview with Radio Waatea – 8.45am I think.

Regards,

**Wendy Shaw**

2015-04-28 – Email to Paul Drake from the NZGB Secretary:

● This message was sent with High importance.  
 Extra line breaks in this message were removed.

From: Wendy Shaw  
 To: 'paul.drake@wanganui.govt.nz'  
 Cc:  
 Subject: FW: 15-04-09 Crafar NZGB correspondence RESPONSE (additional)

Sent: Tue 28/04/2015 6:51 a.m.

Hello Paul,

[REDACTED]

Regards,

Wendy Shaw  
 Secretary, New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa Office of the Surveyor-General

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-----Original Message-----  
 From: Ken Crafar [<mailto:kencrafar@clear.net.nz>]  
 Sent: Monday, 27 April 2015 7:48 p.m.  
 To: Wendy Shaw; Paul Drake  
 Cc: Hon. Chester Borrows MP  
 Subject: Re: 15-04-09 Crafar NZGB correspondence RESPONSE (additional)  
 Importance: High

27th April 2015

Dear Mr. Drake,  
 Re: OIA Request 13th February 2015

Confidential/Without Prejudice

The requirements under the Official Information Act are not met by reference to websites, newspapers and the Wanganui Public Library as I am sure you are aware? Has the NZ Parliament changed the 'law' under this Act?

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Paul

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 To: Wendy Shaw  
 Cc:  
 Subject: RE: 15-04-09 Crafar NZGB correspondence RESPONSE (additional)

Hi Wendy

[REDACTED]

We await with anticipation for tomorrows meeting.

Kind Regards

Paul

## 2015-05-01 – Email to WDC from the NZGB Advisor:

From: [REDACTED] Sent: Fri 1/05/2015 3:37 p.m.  
 To: 'paul.drake@wanganui.govt.nz'; 'Kevin.Ross@wanganui.govt.nz'; 'annette.main@whanganui.govt.nz'; [REDACTED]  
 Cc:  
 Subject: Geographic Name Proposal: Whanganui District

Tēnā koutou

The New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa (the Board) met on 29 April 2015 and agreed to publicly consult for a period of three months on the proposal to alter Wanganui District to **Whanganui District** based on:

- The resolution of the Wanganui District Council
- The reasons given by the Council
- Meeting the NZGB statutory duties and functions under Sections 3(e), 11(1)(b), 11(1)(d), 11(1)(e), and 11(2) of the NZGB Act 2008

The Board's decision on this proposal will be published in the *New Zealand Gazette* within four to six weeks, in national and local newspapers, and in other publications such as the Land Information New Zealand website. The publication/notification will invite submissions, objecting to or supporting the proposal, within a three month period from the date of publication. Public consultation and participation is valued in the process for assigning place names in order to gauge any opposition or support, particularly from the local community and iwi. An initial media statement was released yesterday. A second media advisory may accompany the date of publication of the gazette and a Q&A on the LINZ website has been considered given the public interest.

The Board will consider any submissions received for the 23 September 2015 meeting and decide whether to uphold or reject any objections. You will be informed of the Board's decision following that meeting.


Please contact me if you have any concerns or questions.

Nāku noa, na

[REDACTED]

**Advisor, New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa  
 Office of the Surveyor-General**

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From: Paul Drake <Paul.Drake@wanganui.govt.nz> Sent: Thu 28/05/2015 7:21 a.m.  
 To: Wendy Shaw  
 Cc:  
 Subject: Submissions on Proposal

Good Morning Wendy

Kevin has asked me to ask you when NZGB will be advertising the proposal to alter the name of Wanganui district.

Kind Regards

Paul.

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 To: 'Paul Drake'  
 Cc:  
 Subject: RE: Submissions on Proposal

Hi Paul,

Today is the day. Sorry I should've let you know sooner, but we've been busy.


I'll send you the media release, the link to the Gazette Notice, and the link to the relevant LINZ webpages later today, when they are available. A public notice will appear in the Wanganui Chronicle tomorrow, 29<sup>th</sup>. Also a public notice goes in the Sunday Star Times this Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>.




Please feel free to contact me with any other questions.

Regards,  
**Wendy Shaw**

## 2015-05-28 – Email to Paul Drake from the NZGB Secretary:

From: Wendy Shaw Sent: Thu 28/05/2015 5:49 p.m.  
 To: 'Paul Drake'  
 Cc:  
 Subject: RE: Submissions on Proposal

 Message:
 

-  2015-In3065.pdf (36 KB)
-  150429Media Release - Whanganui District.doc (182 KB)
-  150429Media Advisory - Names for consultation.doc (186 KB)

Hi Paul,

Please refer to the GN published today and posted on the LINZ website here:  
<http://www.linz.govt.nz/regulatory/place-names/recent-place-name-decisions-and-place-names-interest/nzgb-decisions-may-2015>, with hyperlinks to a 'name page' and 'online submission form' for Whanganui District:  
<http://www.linz.govt.nz/regulatory/place-names/place-name-consultation/13049>  
<http://www.linz.govt.nz/regulatory/place-names/place-name-consultation/13067>

THE TREATY OF WAITANGI

Waikanae, May 16, 1840—continued.

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|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| PUKERANGIORA.                  | HIANGARERE.                  |
| KUKUTAI. Killed at Te Poutoko. | HURERUA. Killed at Waikanae. |
| KOINAKI.                       | TE WEHI.                     |
| RARANGA.                       | PEHI.                        |
| HOHEPA MATAHAU.                | KETETAKERE.                  |
| KIHA.                          |                              |

Witnesses—Henry Williams, Clerk; Octavius Hadfield, Clerk.

Motu Ngarara, June 4, 1840

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|----------------|---------|
| TE RANGIHIROA. | TE OHU. |
|----------------|---------|

Witnesses—Henry Williams, Clerk; George Thomas Clayton, Merchant.

Wanganui, May 23 and 31, 1840

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|---------------------------|------------------|
| TE ANAUA (Hori Kingi).    | TAKA.            |
| TAWITO (Kawana Paipai).   | KURAWHATIA.      |
| TE MAWAE.                 | RANGIWHAKARURUA. |
| RERE.                     | URIPO.           |
| TE TAURI (Wiremu Eruera). | TE HIKO.         |
| RORE.                     | TAKATERANGI.     |
| TUROA.                    | PAKOBO.          |

Witnesses—Henry Williams, Clerk; Octavius Hadfield, Clerk.

Turanga, Poverty Bay

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|---|---|
| MANUTAHU, Turanga.                      | AWARAU, from Waiapu.  |
| TURUKI, Turanga.                        | TAMITERE, from Tokomaru.  |
| TE KAINAKIORE, Turanga.                 | MANGERE, from Turanga.  |
| ERUERA WANA, Turanga.                   | MARONUI, from Turanga.  |
| TAKATUA, from Waiapu.                   | TAUAMANAI, from Turanga.  |
| DAVID RANGIKATIA, from Waiapu.          | MATENGA TUKAREBAHO, from Waiapu.                                |
| TAMAIWHAKANESHUA, from Tokomaru.        | TUHURA, from Turanga.   |
| TE PAKARU, from Turanga.                | TE HORE, from Turanga.  |
| PAIA-TE-RANGI.                          | TE PAKARU, from Turanga.  |
| TUTAPATURANGI of Teitangaware, Turanga. | WHAKAHINGATU, from Turanga.                                     |
| TITIRANGI, Turanga.                     | PAREKAHIKA (Hori), from Uawa.                                   |
| TAWARAU, Turanga.                       | RANGIWHAKATATAE, from Waiapu.                                   |
| RANGIUIA (Nopera Rangiuia), Uawa.       | TE MOKOPUORONGO (Paratene), Leader of the Kingites at Tokomaru. |
| RANGIWAI, from Waiapu.                  | TURANGI POTOTI, from Turanga.                                   |
| TE MIMOPADA, from Waiapu.               | TE URIMAITAI, from Turanga.                                     |
| KAKATARAU, from Waiapu.                 | TUWARAKIHI, from Turanga.                                       |

<p>9. 18. 40 in the presence of Henry Williams &amp; Mr. [unclear]</p>	<p>Te Toki o  Nga Tarakete          Te Toki o  Anara          Te Toki o  Pukaru          Te Toki o  Te Uapiki          Te Toki o  Maru          Te Toki o  Karaka          Names of Chiefs at Rangitoto          Te Toki o  Te Uetu          Te Toki o  Puri          Te Toki o  Taropiko          Te Toki o  Te Pateti          Te Toki o  Te Rangitaka          Te Toki o  Takarua          Te Toki o  Orokaka          Te Toki o  Toitoi          Te Toki o  Te Moko          Te Toki o  Te Hukohu          Te Toki o  Te Tahi          Te Toki o  Muia</p>	<p>to be the presence of Henry Williams &amp; Mr. [unclear] May 11. 1840 in the presence of Henry Williams &amp; Mr. [unclear]</p>	<p>Te Toki o  Te Palukakariki          Te Toki o  Ngakau          Te Toki o  Tukerangoro          Te Toki o  Tukutai          Te Toki o  Koinaki          Te Toki o  Paranga          Te Toki o  Hohepa          Te Toki o  Matahau          Te Toki o  Kika          Te Toki o  Hoangareu          Te Toki o  Hurena          Te Toki o  Te Ueki          Te Toki o  Pehi          Te Toki o  Keteakere          Chiefs of Wanganui          Te Toki o  Te Anau          Te Toki o  Tawito          Te Toki o  Te Mawae          Te Toki o  Teu          Te Toki o  Te Tauri</p>	<p>May the 10th 1840          Henry Williams &amp; Mr. [unclear]          May 23. 1840 in the presence of Henry Williams &amp; Mr. [unclear]</p>
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<p>of the presence of Henry Williams &amp; Mr. [unclear]</p>	<p>Te Toki o  Tei Tereu          Te Toki o  Tei Kahu          Te Toki o  Tei Kaka          Te Toki o  Tei Tamaru          Te Toki o  Tei Maku          Te Toki o  Tei Ota          Te Toki o  Tei Turoa</p>	<p>May 21. 1840</p>	<p>Chiefs of Motu Ngarewa          Te Toki o  Tei Rangituroa          Te Toki o  Tei Otu          Te Toki o  Tei Kiko          Te Toki o  Tei Rangituroa          Te Toki o  Tei Otu</p>	<p>May 21. 1840 in the presence of Henry Williams &amp; Mr. [unclear]</p>

Te Kiko & Te Rangituroa is a Chief of the Island of Motu  
 Tei Rauparaka is Principal Chief of Napier and Cook Strait  
 Tei Tereu is Principal Chief of



The Chairman,

26 August, 2015.

NZ Geographic Board.

Dera Sir,

I read an item in the local paper some weeks ago, by the Chairman of the Board. Indeed place names are important - for many reasons. Many reasons are given - largely emotional and often wrong; and endlessly debatable - to change or not the name of Wanganui. You don't need my opinion.

We may argue for ever, but never agree. Change would, however, cause endless confusion - not only with Whangarei (and especially with hand-writing); but also with alphabetical listing. Postal and delivery services do go astray. People will look in every index for one or other spelling, and may or may not find it.

It is worse with telephone and business directories. An entry may now begin, "Wanganui Branch ...", or "The Wanganui Branch ...", or "Te Wanganui Branch ...". Add an H and double the cononfuslon. Some will find it eventually. Others will not know and will give up - and poor tourists may go to Palmerston North in stead.

Standard spelling (or pronunciation) of maori is a myth. There are local variations of both the W/Wh and Ng/K as in Aorangi/Aoraki. Such differences are to be respected, and cannot be changed by decree. Culture and tradition differ locally, and in this case, argument for change is mischievous. The very error came with 19th Century immigration and written language.

By reference to "corrected spelling" etc, the Chairman shows unfortunate prejudgment of the issue. It is not a matter of right or wrong, but indeed of culture (especially since the written language) and established use.

Yours faithfully,

JRL Tripe

