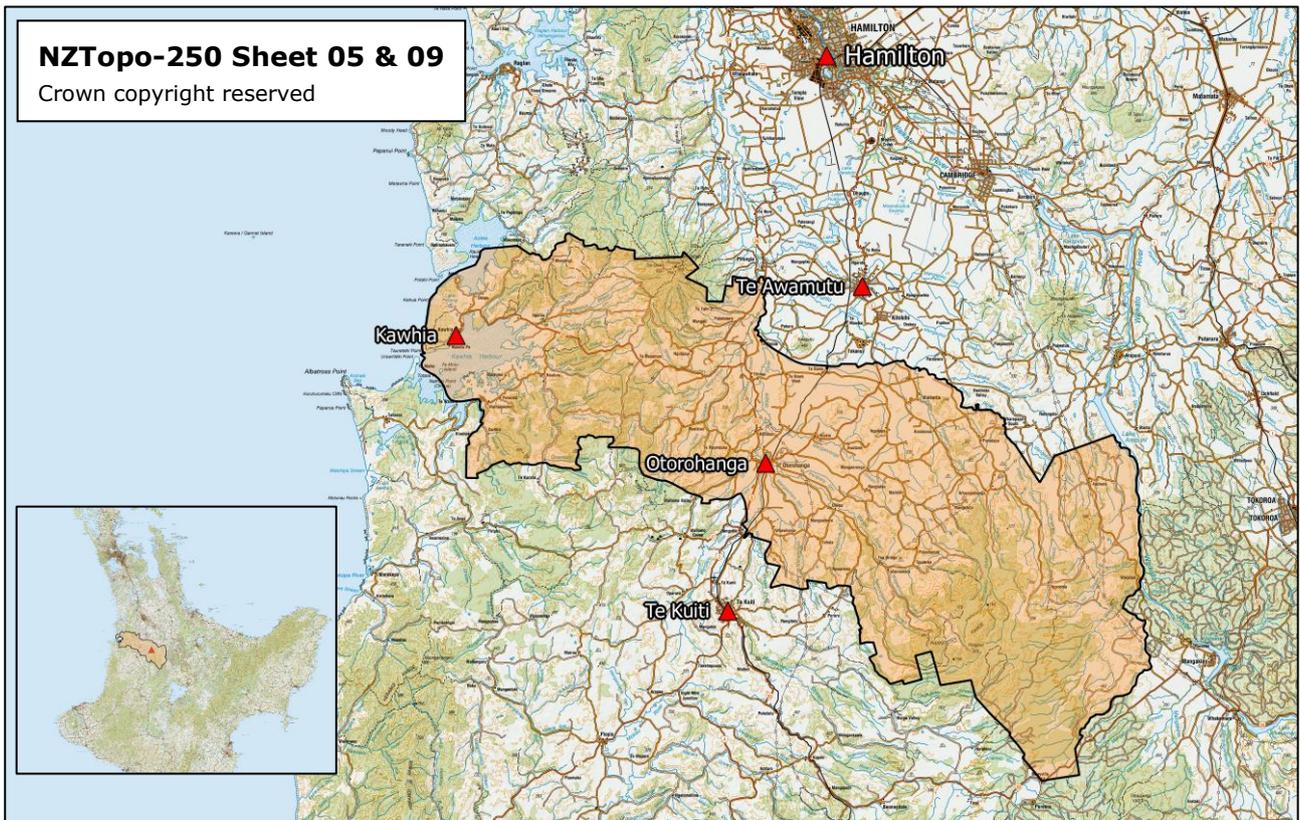


Proposal for Ōtorohanga District [altered from Otorohanga District]



Summary

The Office of Treaty Settlements (OTS) has made this proposal to alter the official district name, Otorohanga District to **Ōtorohanga District** on behalf of Ngāti Maniapoto.

[Redacted] [Crown confidential]. It cannot be included as a Treaty settlement proposal because an altered district name is required to be publicly notified under the NZGB Act 2008.

OTS has consulted with 11 mana whenua groups with interests in the district, with positive responses or acknowledgements received from seven; the remaining four are still to respond.

OTS has provided three traditions for Ōtorohanga, all with a meaning of 'to stretch out' for the word. Based on these traditions a Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori licenced translator has confirmed that Ōtorohanga with a macron on the initial [O] is correct.

To date the NZGB has not received a resolution from Otorohanga District Council (ODC) supporting the proposal, which is required under the NZGB Act 2008. On 6 September 2018 ODC advised that it would not make a decision until it had gauged the community's views, and after the NZGB had considered the proposal.

The NZGB may make a decision subject to receiving ODC's resolution. ODC has no issue with the NZGB making a decision subject to its formal support. If the ODC does not consent to the proposal it cannot proceed further in terms of the NZGB Act 2008.

Secretariat recommendation

Recommendation **Accept** the proposal to **alter** the official name Otorohanga District to **Ōtorohanga District** for the local authority area defined in Section 5 and listed in Schedule 2 Part 2 Local Government Act 2002, based on:

[Redacted]

- Ōtorohanga being the correct orthography advised by a licenced Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori translator,
- meeting a statutory duty and function to enable certain administrative needs of government to be met, and
- evidence of support from some/most mana whenua in the district.

Noting that Otorohanga District Council's resolution consenting to the proposed name is required before the NZGB or Minister for Land Information can make a final determination to alter.

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Notify as a proposal to alter for one ~~three~~ months.

Secretariat assessment and advice

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The proposer advises that the shared stories and literature justify the use of a macron on Ōtorohanga, based on its meaning:

'Taarewaanga elders say it was given this name because it was such a welcoming place – as if its 'hands' are stretched out in greeting ('te torohanga o ngā ringa') full of food [ō] to feed them. Another story asserts that a certain tohunga from Ngāti Tūwharetoa returning home to Taupō, through prayer, stretched (torohanga) his provisions [ō] here. Yet a third states that it was here that Tāwhao indicated by stretching out his hands (ō Torohanga) that Tūrongo would inhabit the inland and southern areas, and his other son Whatihua the seaward and northern areas.'

OTS provided evidence of some correspondence with Otorohanga District Council, however a formal resolution from the Council is required before publicly notifying the alteration of a district name. This evidence from OTS provides no indication of the Council's views about the proposal.

Names shown on plans and maps

Otorohanga District was established in 1989 as part of the local body reorganisation. The boundaries were originally depicted on SO 58012.

The identically named Otorohanga District preceded the current Otorohanga District, which also had a nearly identical area. Otorohanga County, centred on Otorohanga preceded both iterations of Otorohanga District.

Plan/map	Date	Name
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NZMS 24A	1932 1947	Otorohanga [County]
NZMS 291A	1976	Otorohanga District
SO 58012	1989	Otorohanga District
LG-018-2013-W-1	2013	Otorohanga District

Some early plans for the name Otorohanga refer:

Plan	Date	Name
ML 6164 [plan of Otorohanga Block]	1889	Otorohanga Block
Plan of Otorohanga Native Township	1905	Otorohanga

Generic term and geographic feature type

The feature is a district as defined in [Section 5 of the Local Government Act 2002](#). The name of Otorohanga District Council, who administers the district, will change if the name of the district is altered.

Location and extent of the feature

The district, which is entirely within the wider Waikato Region, covers approximately 1999.17km.²

It is bounded by Waikato District and Waipa District to the north, South Waikato District and Taupo District to the east, Waitomo District to the south, and the Tasman Sea to the west.

[Plan LG-018-2013-W-1](#) depicts the district's current boundaries¹. Statistics NZ maintains the digital boundaries².

At the 2013 census over 9000 people lived in the district³. The district is centred on Otorohanga (locality), which is also its largest urban area with a population of approximately 3000⁴.

New Zealand Gazetteer, associated and duplicated names

Otorohanga District is the official name of the district, which was established by Local Government (Waikato Region) Reorganisation Order 1989⁵.

The district is divided into five wards, including Otorohanga Ward. The NZGB has no jurisdiction over ward names and they are not recorded in the Gazetteer.

Otorohanga is the recorded name of the locality in the centre of the district

 No other features in the NZGB's jurisdiction are named Otorohanga.

Addressing implications, concerns or issues for emergency

Districts under the Local Government Act 2002 do not form part of an addressable locality.

There are no concerns for identification to emergency services. Dispatches

¹ Local Government Commission, [Otorohanga District](#). Accessed 31 August 2018.

² <https://datafinder.stats.govt.nz/layer/27778-territorial-authority-2017-generalised-version/> - last accessed 4 September 2018

³ http://archive.stats.govt.nz/Census/2013-census/profile-and-summary-reports/quickstats-about-a-place.aspx?url=/Census/2013-census/profile-and-summary-reports/quickstats-about-a-place.aspx&request_value=13779&tabname=#13779 - last accessed 4 September 2018

⁴ <https://www.otodc.govt.nz/about-us/> - last accessed 4 September 2018

⁵ *NZ Gazette* 1989 (99) p.2351

services to 'somewhere in Ōtorohanga District' are very unlikely.

Research, history and references to the feature and name

Otorohanga District was established in 1989 with the abolition of the previous Otorohanga District (under the Local Government Act 1977) and two Reserve Boards. Otorohanga District was preceded by other 'Otorohanga' administrative areas, which had identical or similar extents.

The original Otorohanga settlement, in the vicinity of the current locality, was depopulated in the early 1800's during the musket wars. In the mid-19th century settlement at Otorohanga was centred on Lewis Hetet's farm. Following the land wars in the 1860's, Otorohanga/Hetet's farm formed part of the line of the inner aukati (boundary) of the King Country.⁶ The current Otorohanga locality was established after the North Island Main Trunk Railroad reached the area in 1887.

In 1986 Otorohanga (locality) temporarily and unofficially renamed itself Harrodsville.

*Place names of New Zealand*⁷ records one of the three traditions for Otorohanga that the proposer has provided.

Consultation with iwi

OTS sent consultation letters on 18 May 2018 and 2 August 2018 to the representative trusts of:

Waikato-Tainui	Ngāti Rangatahi
Uenuku	Ngāti Tūwharetoa
Ngāti Hāua	Ngāti Tama
Nga Tangatai Tiaki o Whanganui	Ngāti Maru
Raukawa	Ngāti Mutunga
Maraeroa A and B	

OTS advises that it received seven positive or neutral responses. The responses from only five groups are included with the proposal, which are highlighted in the table above.

The Secretariat has written to Te Puni Kōkiri to confirm that all relevant groups are consulted with.

Consultation with Otorohanga District Council

The proposal includes a letter from ODC advising that it would consider the proposal at a workshop on 21 August 2018.

On 6 September 2018 ODC advised that it would not make a decision until it had gauged the community's views and until the NZGB had considered the proposal.

ODC has advised that it is a matter that requires careful consideration as a potential name change could result in rebranding exercise across the district, which could impact on people and businesses. ODC has information on its website about the proposed name alteration and is seeking feedback from the community.

ODC has advised that it had no issue with the NZGB making a decision subject to its formal support. ODC's next meeting is on 23 October 2018,

⁶ Cathy Marr, [Te Rohe Potae Political Engagement 1864 – 1886](#), Waitangi Tribunal Report for Te Rohe Rotae district inquiry, WAI 898 A78, November 2011

⁷ Reed, AW & Dowling, P (ed.), (2010). *Place names of New Zealand*, North Shore: Penguin Group



Outside of the NZGB's processes, the Governor-General may alter any local government name in Schedule 2 Local Government Act 2002 by Order in Council.⁸

Consultation with others OTS has not advised of any public consultation with other groups and organisations.

Advice on orthography A Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori (TTWh) licenced translator has advised that Ōtorohanga is correct.

Relevant sections from the NZGB Act 2008 [Section 3\(f\) of the NZGB Act 2008](#): enables certain administrative needs of government (including local government) to be met.
[Section 11\(1\)\(f\) of the NZGB Act 2008](#): seek advice from Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori (the Māori Language Commission) on the correct orthography of any Māori name.
[Section 11\(2\) of the NZGB Act 2008](#): Without limiting section 260 of the Local Government Act 2002, the Board may alter the name of a district or region if, by resolution, a meeting of the relevant local authority—
 (a) consents to the alteration; or
 (b) requests the alteration.
[Section 22 of the NZGB Act 2008: Alteration of name of local authority](#)
(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) 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).

Media There has been some media coverage of the proposal, within the context of using macrons and Māori Language Week 2018.⁹ Further media coverage is possible.

Supporting information

1. Proposal– 17 August 2018
2. Advice to OTS that a formal resolution is required – 9 August 2018
3. Letter from Otorohanga District Council – 6 September 2018
4. Correspondence with Otorohanga District Council – 6 September 2018

⁸ <http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2002/0084/167.0/DLM174084.html> - last accessed 4 September 2018

⁹ [Use of tohūtō \(macrons\) a sign of respect](#), *The Timaru Herald*, 9 September 2018