



# SAVE PAKAKURA

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The Royal Commission on Auckland Governance has called for submissions into how Auckland should be run.

Papakura is under threat. Bigger councils are proposing that Papakura should be absorbed into their areas. **22 April** to have your say on this critical issue by making a submission to the Royal Commission.

Some people have said they find making a submission time consuming and complicated. Below is a draft submission you might like to use - simply cut out the form, add your contact details, add any comments of your own and Freepost it to the Commission at the address below.

My name is Dianne Allan

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I  do /do not (please delete one) want to speak in support of my submission at a Royal Commission hearing in Papakura

My submission to the Royal Commission on Auckland Governance is:

**Are you happy with the form of local government in Auckland?**

- Yes, I am happy with the current form of local government. I agree with having two tiers of local government in the Auckland Region - the regional Council should look after decisions and services that are important for the whole region.
- I agree with having a local Council which is accessible to local people. Papakura District Council is a good size and the community can be heard by its local Mayor and Councillors.
- Other larger Councils seem to struggle to stay in touch with their communities - they are too big for the voice of local people to be heard.
- I believe smaller, more efficient districts like Papakura must be allowed to remain independent to preserve local democracy and to provide timely responses to local needs
- Increased bureaucracy needed for a Super City would drive up rates and reduce services to communities like Papakura
- I think there needs to be some reconsideration of which functions the regional and local Councils each perform.
- My other comments are: I wish to see Papakura City to continue with its own local council. Papakura is quite separate from Auckland City.

**If not, what changes would you like to see?**

- One change that could make things better would be to give the regional council more ability to deliver regional services effectively. This would mean taking some power away from the bigger councils. I would like to see all regional functions transferred to a regional Council, for example regional roads, state highways, public transport, water and wastewater, regional sports stadiums, tourism and economic development.
- I want our local council to retain functions that are important to our community, for example parks and reserves, libraries, planning for growth, managing local roads, local events, planning and building consents etc
- I would like to see all local councils of a size that makes sure that they can deliver their services efficiently but that their community can easily access them
- I think it is really important that a community has a sense of identity and that having influence over decision making is a key part of that
- I think Papakura is a great community and I would not want to see it change by becoming part of a bigger city.
- My other comments are: I was born in Auckland - schooled + married there. Shifted to Sth Auckland about 40 yrs ago. Auckland is a lovely city but along with Papakura - needs changes and both need to keep their own identities. Auckland would be much improved with less residential growth and a new Monterey Pine on One Tree Hill.

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