

## Basis of Election for 2025 Local Elections



On 28 October 2024, Clutha District Council gave public notice of its final proposal for representation arrangements to apply for the Council for the elections to be held on 11 October 2025. Notification of the right to appeal was also given. No valid appeals were received in respect of the resolution, therefore the representation arrangements for Clutha District Council's 2025 local elections will be the same as in the final proposal:

### Council representation

The Clutha District Council to comprise the mayor elected 'at large' and nine councillors elected from eight wards, these being:

- (i) **Balclutha Ward** (two councillors), comprising the urban area of Balclutha township
- (ii) **Bruce-Waihola Ward** (one councillor), comprising rural areas north of Milton township, including Taieri Mouth, Waihola, and Milburn
- (iii) **Catlins Ward** (one councillor), comprising the area from the southern Koau branch of the Clutha River Mata-Au, and including the rural areas of Paretai, Otanomomo and Romahapa, through to the southern coastline to the Otago and Southland regional border, and the Awatea and Slopedown areas
- (iv) **Clinton-Clydevale Ward** (one councillor), comprising the inland rural area around Clinton (noting the addition to the existing Clinton Ward of Te Houka, Clifton, Clydevale and Rongahere, along with the Waipahi area along the northern boundary)
- (v) **Kaitangata-Matau Ward** (one councillor), comprising the urban areas of Kaitangata, and including the urban and rural areas of Stirling, Benhar, Lovells Flat, Moneymore, Toko Mouth (from Koau Branch of the Clutha River on Inch Clutha)
- (vi) **Lawrence-Tuapeka Ward** (one councillor), comprising the urban area of Lawrence, and rural areas to include the south and southwest areas of Pukeawa, Hillend, Awamangu, Adams Flat and Crichton
- (vii) **Milton Ward** (one councillor), comprising the urban area of Milton township
- (viii) **West Otago Ward** (one councillor), comprising the key areas around West Otago, including Tapanui and Heriot (noting some areas have been moved south into the Clinton-Clydevale Ward)

The eight wards, the number of councillors per ward, the ward populations (estimated at 30 June 2023) and the population ratio per councillor are as follows:

Ward	Population*	Councillors	Ratio
Balclutha	4,270	2	2,135
Bruce-Waihola	1,990	1	1,990
Catlins	1,910	1	1,910
Clinton-Clydevale	2,150	1	2,150
Kaitangata-Matau	2,140	1	2,140
Lawrence-Tuapeka	2,010	1	2,010
Milton	2,140	1	2,140
West Otago	2,270	1	2,270
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,880</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2,098</b>

\*population estimates as of 30 June 2023

In accordance with section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the population that each ward councillor represents must be within the population range of 2,098 +/- 10% (1,888 – 2,308).

### **Community board representation**

Two community boards will be elected. The two community boards will be:

- (i) **Lawrence-Tuapeka Community Board** (six members elected from the community at large, plus one councillor representing the Lawrence-Tuapeka Ward as appointed by Council), comprising the existing Lawrence-Tuapeka ward area as delineated on Plan LG072-2019-W-2 deposited with the Local Government Commission
- (ii) **West Otago Community Board** (six members elected from the community at large, plus one councillor representing the West Otago Ward as appointed by Council) comprising the existing West Otago ward area as delineated on Plan LG-0722013-W-1 deposited with the Local Government Commission

Any queries regarding the Council's decision should be directed to: Natasha Munro, Clutha District Council, PO Box 25, Balclutha 9240 or [help.desk@cluthadc.govt.nz](mailto:help.desk@cluthadc.govt.nz).

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