

## Board Response to Formal Consultation Submissions

Theme	Feedback in submissions to the Board	Board response to points raised
Transport	<p>Walking to Rangikura from the Fjord no safer or closer than other areas of Aotea.</p> <p>Including the Fjord based on safety is not a practical consideration because so few children walk to school.</p> <p>Driving to Rangikura School from the Fjord is no safer or closer than other areas of Aotea.</p> <p>Impact on Rangikura School of increased car parking/drop-offs.</p> <p>Suggestion that the Porirua City Council will soon be making changes that will address traffic/walking concerns.</p> <p>Points were raised regarding travel distance to Papakowhai School and Rangikura School from the vicinity of Queen Charlotte Drive.</p>	<p>The decision to include the Fjord in the zone was made based on safety and convenience of walking <i>as well as</i> driving to school.</p> <p>It is possible to turn right out of the Fjord (to go to Rangikura), but can be difficult in peak traffic. An alternative route is driving through Aotea and turning right at the roundabout near Countdown. It is further for Fjord residents to do this compared with other areas of Aotea and involves driving past the busy Aotea College traffic. Attempting to do a U-turn at the intersection with Papakowhai Road would be hazardous.</p> <p>We have sought clarification from the PCC but have had no advice that significant changes are imminent.</p> <p>Proximity to schools is just one of the several decision-making criteria.</p>
Enrolment zone	<p>Support for change since initial draft, to include Fjord.</p> <p>Do not support further reducing zone to allow an out of zone ballot that would accommodate a larger number of siblings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• could enlarge the problem by creating more out of zone families, who would have no guarantee of being able to get through on the ballot.</li> <li>• unless it can be confirmed they will be accepted.</li> </ul> <p>It isn't fair that other areas within Aotea are further away from Papakowhai and Rangikura Schools but remain in zone.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Board agrees.</p> <p>Board doesn't feel we can confirm they will be accepted after 2019.</p> <p>Proximity to schools is just one of the several decision-making criteria. Streets like Nelson Ave and Kaimai Place have a large number of current</p>

	<p>The zone being formally consulted on includes one side of the street, which is not consistent with the Ministry’s guidelines.</p> <p>Enrolment zone decisions should have been based on a ‘first come first serve’ basis (more recently built areas in Aotea should have been excluded first).</p> <p>Peel Lane hasn’t been specifically mentioned in the wording of the zone being formally consulted on.</p> <p>Some of the areas not within the new zone are a better geographic fit within the zone than the Fjord.</p> <p>It is divisive to split one side of roads across the zone (i.e.: Routeburn Ave, Aotea Drive, Te Puia Drive).</p> <p>The proposed zone has largely logical boundaries. If it is possible to make the zone larger, then priority should be given to streets that have certain parts excluded (Routeburn St, Aotea Drive, Te Puia Drive).</p>	<p>students, so excluding those streets is not consistent with the Board’s intention to make conservative changes that will impact as few people as possible.</p> <p>As part of the informal consultation process, we sought clarification from the Ministry if this is a preference or a firm rule. The Ministry advised that it is a preference and they were comfortable with the Board considering the option of excluding one side of (part of) Aotea Drive, Te Puia Drive (including Tararua Close) and Routeburn Street. The Ministry approved the Board’s revised zone for formal consultation that included these exclusions.</p> <p>The Board doesn’t agree that decisions should be based on this. We note that the most recent areas are already excluded from the zone and remain so under the new zone.</p> <p>This is an error. Peel Lane is included in the new zone and the wording has been revised to reflect that.</p> <p>A range of criteria were considered in deciding the zone.</p> <p>The BOT excluded these areas following informal feedback and information from the MOE.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
<p>Size of school</p>	<p>School class sizes of around 30 children are already large enough and should not be larger.</p> <p>Adding more classrooms is not a logical option.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>The Board is not prepared to add further classrooms because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• there isn’t physical space to add further classrooms without compromising on play area (courts and/or field). We have had clear</li> </ul>

	<p>Consultation should be held with the Porirua City Council about adding classrooms for a short period of time (regardless of parking) if the Ministry can show there will be a primary school in the near future.</p>	<p>feedback over a number of years from the community that it does not wish to see further erosion of play area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have already consulted with the PCC about car parking associated with new classrooms. They have been clear that further consents would not be given without car parking being factored in. The Board commissioned an expert review of parking options in 2015/2016, which resulted in the area near the pool being turned into car parks in 2016.</li> <li>• Schools facilities (e.g. hall, offices) and access are already under strain with the existing roll. Papakowhai School has an administration area 50% of the recommended area for a school of its size.</li> </ul> <p>In summary, we don't believe that adding additional classrooms – whether for a 2-3 year period or longer – is fair to the students and teachers attending the school.</p>
House prices	<p>Bought in an area that was part of the Papakowhai zone until the new zone that has been set.</p>	<p>Pressure on the Papakowhai zone has been a well-known issue for the last eight or so years. The Board has been communicating since 2017 that a reduction in zone will need to take effect from 2019.</p>
Proposed Aotea School	<p>The fact that there is going to be an announcement regarding a new school in Aotea does not mean that it is necessary to extend the consultation period of defer implementation of the new zone.</p> <p>Even if a new school were approved, it would be unlikely to open for several years which does not alleviate current overcrowding.</p> <p>Board should delay enrolment zone decision until Ministry announces whether Aotea school will go ahead.</p> <p>Small amount of time to evaluate other schools for 2019.</p>	<p>The Ministry said at the 30 May community consultation meeting that it expected to be able to announce a decision on a proposed Aotea school six weeks from the meeting date (mid-July). We have sought clarity about the timing and nature of a school announcement, but the Ministry will not provide any further information and advised it is still in the process of preparing advice for the Minister.</p> <p>The original decision about a proposed school was to be announced in term 4 last year (2017). Based on our experience of awaiting decisions of this nature from the Ministry, we are not confident that a decision with enough detail to influence enrolment zone decisions will be made within the next few months. We have previously committed to give the community six months' notice of changes to the enrolment zone. For these reasons, we have decided not to delay finalising the enrolment zone.</p>

		<p>However, we agree with submitters that it is important that parents are able to make informed choices about their children’s future schooling (and how Papakowhai Schools sits in their future plans) and that they can’t do this until the Ministry’s decision is clear. <b>We have decided as an interim step, while we await clarification from the Ministry of Education about a proposed new school at Aotea, to advertise up to ten out of zone places for 2019 for year one siblings of current pupils.</b></p> <p><b>We will:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invite pre-enrolment of out of zone Year 1 children who have a sibling currently attending Papakowhai School</li> <li>• By 1 Sept, the BOT will determine from the pre-enrolments how many places are likely to be available in 2019 for out of zone Year 1 siblings of current students.</li> <li>• By 15 Sept, by notice in a newspaper, the BOT will advertise the number of out of zone places that the Board has determined and seek applications by an agreed date (no later than 18 October). A ballot, if required, will take place no later than 30 October.</li> </ul> <p>Announcements by the Ministry about the proposed Aotea school will be considered as we set the 2020 zone. The Board is required to review the enrolment zone for 2020 by 1 May 2019. We think it unlikely that an announcement would change the need to reduce Papakowhai enrolment zone. If a new primary school for Aotea is announced, it would be several (e.g. 3-4 years) before it was operational. Papakowhai School is facing overcrowding pressure from 2019, and as mentioned previously, the Board is not prepared to add any further temporary classes to cope with a larger zone for 3-4 years, or to have significantly larger class sizes. The reduced Papakowhai Zone would therefore still be needed.</p>
Siblings	It is unfair that some siblings of current students will not be assured a place at Papakowhai School under the proposed zone.	It is the Board’s strong preference that siblings be able to attend Papakowhai school together. However, this needs to be balanced alongside

	<p>It would be good to clarify whether there would be any places available for current students who live out of zone and whether priority can be given to these children in the application process.</p> <p>The Board should approach the Ministry to obtain an exemption for siblings without having to go through a ballot process.</p>	<p>other considerations, including what is fair for the current students at the school and their families.</p> <p>In the event that siblings are out of zone, families need to decide what is best for them based on clear information, which is why we are committing to taking up to ten out of zone year one siblings of current pupils in 2019 while we await clarification from the Ministry of Education about a proposed new school at Aotea.</p> <p>We do not expect to be able to take all siblings of Papakowhai students in 2020 or future years, unless the roll reduces significantly (which would free up space to take siblings). If there is capacity to take some but not all siblings in 2020 and future years, this would be determined by a ballot.</p> <p>The Board asked the Ministry if there is an option to have discretion to give priority to siblings of Aotea or affected siblings over others who enter the ballot. The Ministry has clarified to the Board, and stated clearly at the community consultation meeting, that all siblings participating in a ballot must have an equal footing; i.e. there is no ability for Board discretion.</p>
<p>Choices about other schools</p>	<p>The community is being forced into Rangikura School.</p> <p>Rangikura School shouldn't be considered as a fair alternative to Papakowhai School.</p>	<p>People who live in Aotea and are not within the new Papakowhai Zone are already zoned for Rangikura School so are entitled to attend if they wish. They also have the choice of applying to attend another school as an out of zone student. A significant proportion of Aotea residents already attend other schools (other than Papakowhai) – mainly schools in Whitby (e.g. Discovery) and Paremata.</p>
<p>Out of zone children</p>	<p>Papakowhai should take out of zone children from affected areas as a priority, regardless of the Ministry's advice.</p>	<p>The Board commits to taking up to ten out of zone year one siblings of current pupils in 2019 while we await clarification from the Ministry of Education about a proposed new school at Aotea.</p> <p>It means that, despite the zone being reduced from 2019 (as described above), this will not affect the ability of siblings who have been affected by the zone change to attend the school in 2019.</p>

		<p>The Board feel we can cope with siblings for 2019 without adversely affecting the learning outcomes or access to facilities for students already at the school. There may be a slightly larger class size in some year one classes (e.g. 17 or 18 children in some year one classes, rather than the current 16). We feel this is manageable but we are not prepared to have class sizes any larger.</p> <p>We have decided to do this as an interim step, while we await clarification from the Ministry of Education about a proposed new school at Aotea. We don't expect the decision to change the need to reduce Papakowhai enrolment zone (as described earlier in this summary). However, we think it is important that parents are able to make informed choices about their children's future schooling. They can't do this until the Ministry's decision is clear.</p>
Child currently in zone	<p>Unsure whether child currently in zone is entitled to attend from 2019</p> <p>Unsure whether zone will further decrease in the future</p>	<p>Anybody attending school up to the end of term 4, 2018 will be not be affected by any future changes in zone.</p> <p>The Board is required by law to annually review and confirm the enrolment zone for the following year. There is no guarantee that the zone will not change in the future.</p>
Process	<p>Because minutes were not taken of the community consultation meeting, it's not clear how formal consultation is different than informal consultation.</p> <p>Should submissions be in writing?</p> <p>Perceived conflict of interest of Board members</p>	<p>Key points were noted and a summary of the meeting prepared. Verbatim minutes are not usual practice in a consultation or engagement meeting.</p> <p>The school advised via the newsletter and newspaper that submissions should be in writing.</p> <p>All Papakowhai School families are impacted by the enrolment zone one way or another. That impact is not limited to families who have become out of zone. The Board has run a transparent process, including setting decision making criteria up front and publishing the minutes of Board meetings on</p>

	<p>People who live in areas outside of the final zone did not submit earlier in the process because they were not affected.</p> <p>No effort has been made to make contact with families in the area who do not currently have a child at school.</p>	<p>the website, to avoid any perception of a conflict of interest. The impact on Board members has not been a factor in the decision.</p> <p>Those people had the opportunity to submit during the formal consultation process and those submissions were fully considered.</p> <p>The draft zone was communicated through the Aotea Residents Association, advertised in the local newspaper, and communicated to all local schools.</p>
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