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Dear Daran,

Thank you for your email and letter of 4 September 2024 regarding representation for the Greater Wellington Regional Council (the Council).

I understand officials from the Department of Internal Affairs have recently met with officials from the Council to discuss the contents of your letter in more detail.

As there is a current representation review process underway, which may result in a determination for two members for the Wairarapa region, it would be inappropriate for me to intervene to start a process to change the law.

The Government has signalled an interest in undertaking wider reform of the local electoral legislation however the scope of this work is still to be defined. How these factors, in addition to population numbers, could be utilised to determine a local authority's representation arrangements could be considered as part of this work.

Thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large 'S', a horizontal line, and a 'B' followed by a flourish.

Hon Simeon Brown  
**Minister of Local Government**