



PPTA TE WEHENGARUA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2018

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT: REGIONAL NAME CHANGE

A PAPER FROM THE PPTA AUCKLAND REGION



BACKGROUND

1. In 2016, the Annual Conference received and passed a conference paper put by the Hauraki Coromandel Region seeking to change its name. Hitherto, that region had been called the Thames Valley Region. A change of name was sought because, as noted in the 2016 paper, “‘Hauraki’ is recognition of the customary place name used by tangata whenua. ‘Coromandel’ better reflects the major geographical feature of the area. There is also no significant valley in the region.”
2. As a consequence of this paper, at the 2016 Annual Conference the Auckland Region tabled Item C16/71/25 and moved “that Te Huarahi and National Executive review the names of regions and wards and titles of elected representatives of the Association to affirm and advance Te Tiriti o Waitangi (the Treaty of Waitangi) as embodied in the First Schedule of the PPTA Constitution”. This motion was approved unanimously.
3. Throughout 2017, the Auckland Regional Management Committee (ARMC) discussed C/16/71/25 and proposed changing the name of the Auckland Region to “Auckland Tāmaki Makaurau” or similar wording, in addition to simultaneously changing the names of the four Auckland wards. The Region’s Te Reo a Rohe consulted with Te Huarahi Māori Motuhake about the proposed name changes, and received the support of Te Huarahi Māori Motuhake to seek changes of names. Throughout Term 2 in 2018, the ARMC surveyed members across the Auckland Region about a proposed name change. 80.4% of members in the Region supported a name change to both the region as a whole and each of the individual wards.
4. The Auckland Region proposes that its name be changed to “Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland.” Tāmaki Makaurau is the best name for the Auckland Region, since it is an original name for our isthmus and the area now occupied by our city.
5. The Auckland Region also proposes to change the names of each of the four wards. Changes to the names of the wards do not require a change to the national constitution of the PPTA, since the names of the wards are given in Auckland’s regional constitution and not in the national constitution.
6. The names of the wards will be amended at the region’s 2019 Annual General Meeting following due process.
7. The proposed new names for the Auckland wards given here are indicative only.

Current name	Proposed name (long-form, for official purposes)	Proposed name (short form)	Rationale
Northern Ward	Te Rakipaewhenua - Northern Ward	Te Rakipaewhenua Ward	“Te Rakipaewhenua” acknowledges the original name of the North Shore.
Eastern Ward	Tāmaki ki te Rāwhiti - Eastern Ward	Te Rāwhiti Ward	“Te Rāwhiti” acknowledges the eastern location of the ward.
Western Ward	Tāmaki ki te Hauāuru - Western Ward	Te Hauāuru Ward	“Te Hauāuru” acknowledges the west wind.
Southern Ward	Tāmaki ki te Tonga - Southern Ward	Te Tonga Ward	“Te Tonga” acknowledges the south wind.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That the words “Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland” replace “Auckland” in Rules 3(a), 21(i), 27(i), 27(ii), 28(ii)(b), and 62(i)(b) of the Constitution of the New Zealand Post-Primary Teachers’ Association Te Wehengarua.