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## Petone or Pito-One



The New Zealand Geographic Board has referred a proposal to rename the Lower Hutt suburb of Petone back to its original name, Pito One, to the Minister for Land Information, Chris Penk, who will make the final decision.

The proposal, submitted by The Wellington Tenths Trust and the Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust, has received strong support from local iwi Te Atiawa, Wellington City Council and Hutt City Council...Cont'd on page 3

**Thank you, Maungaraki.**  
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# Hutt City Council confirms new representation structure

Hutt City Council has approved changes to its representation structure for the 2025 Local Body Elections following a mandated Representation Review.

Key decisions include:

- Reducing at-large councillors from six to five.
- Electing seven councillors from five general wards (previously six councillors from six wards).
- Disestablishing the Petone, Wainuiomata, and Eastbourne Community Boards.
- Reaffirming the establishment of the Mana Kairangi ki Tai Māori Ward.
- Increasing the total number of councillors to 13.

Residents who submitted on the initial proposal may appeal, and objections to the final proposal are also allowed.

Appeals and objections objections must be submitted in writing by 12 October 2024 to [haveyoursay@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:haveyoursay@huttcity.govt.nz).

## Jackson St paid parking starts Oct 1

It will see paid parking, with a \$3 hourly rate and a two-hour time limit, in place along Jackson Street from Hutt Road to Cuba Street.

Paid parking in Petone will be Zone HC2, the same as in Lower Hutt's CBD. This means that if you pay for parking anywhere in HC2, you can move your vehicle to another part of the zone and use the remainder of your time allowance there.

Council's Director of Economy & Development Jon Kingsbury says Council, like others around the country, is facing significant cost pressures.



Parking wardens will be in the area from 2 October. They will have an initial focus on educating the community. *Ed.*

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voted in favour of the change last year.

The name Pito One, meaning "end of the sand," refers to the cultural practice of burying pito (umbilical cords) in the sand. The name also honours Pito One Pā, the settlement of Te Āti Awa rangatira Hōniana Te Puni, which played a crucial role in Wellington's history.

Pito One Pā was home to 200 people and was the largest pā around the harbor. Te Puni, the paramount chief, was instrumental in the settlement of Wellington and the broader story of New Zealand.

The Geographic Board opened public consultation on the proposal from June to September 2024. While there is no statutory deadline for the Minister's decision. It is hoped the name change will be approved, reinforcing a stronger sense of place for future generations.

Petone has been used for over a century, and local businesses and clubs may view this as yet another cost to deal with to update signage, website's and stationary.

This topic has sparked significant debate on social media, with many local residents opposing the name change. For them, "Petone" is deeply tied to their personal history, as it's the name of the town where they grew up, attended school, and worked. It will be interesting to see what name the Minister ultimately decides. *Ed.*

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# Seaview stench will linger for years

Hutt Valley residents are outraged that the foul odour from the Seaview wastewater treatment plant won't be resolved for another four years, with no guarantee the stench will completely disappear even after upgrades.

At a community meeting hosted by Wellington Water and Hutt City Council, residents expressed frustration over the impact on their daily lives. Deodoriser cannons meant to mask the smell were deemed ineffective, with no tests proving their efficacy. Wellington Water's Jeremy McKibbin admitted the deodorisers might only reduce, not eliminate, the odor.

Wellington Water CEO Pat Dougherty acknowledged the delay in addressing failing infrastructure, saying the fire-damaged sludge dryer will remain in use until a replacement is operational in four

years. He called the situation regrettable but unavoidable.

Hutt City Mayor Campbell Barry reassured residents that fixing the plant is the council's top priority, with \$225 million allocated to replacing old equipment. However, he admitted the odor remains unacceptable and committed to ongoing accountability.

In the meantime, the community braces for another summer plagued by the stench. With no fix until at least 2028/29, it is likely some residents and businesses may leave the Seaview / Gracefield altogether, which would be a hit to the Hutt's economy. *Ed.*

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