

**Notice of Representation Arrangements Review  
Initial Proposal**

Under sections 19H and 19J of the Local Electoral Act 2001, Far North District Council is undertaking a review of its representation arrangements for the triennial local authority elections to be held in 2025.

On 9 May 2024, Council resolved to adopt as its initial proposal for the representation arrangements review the following:

- a) The Far North District Council to comprise the mayor elected at large and 10 councillors elected under the ward system, specifically six general ward councillors and four Māori ward councillors.
- b) The Far North District Council be divided into four wards, these being:
  - (i) **Bay of Islands-Whangaroa General Ward** (three councillors), comprising the area in the current Bay of Islands-Whangaroa General Ward map as shown on Attachment 1;
  - (ii) **Kaikohe-Hokianga General Ward** (represented by one general ward councillor) comprising the area in the current Kaikohe-Hokianga General Ward map as shown on Attachment 1;
  - (iii) **Te Hiku General Ward** (represented by two general ward councillors) comprising the area in the current Te Hiku General Ward map as shown on Attachment 1;
  - (iv) **Ngā Tai o Tokerau Māori Ward** (four councillors), comprising the whole area of the district as shown on Attachment 2.
- c) The number of Māori ward councillors complies with Schedule 1A of the Local Electoral Act 2001.
- d) The Far North District Council be divided into three subdivided communities, these being:
  - (i) **Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community** subdivided into:
    1. **Kawakawa-Moerewa Subdivision** comprising the area in the current Kawakawa-Moerewa Subdivision map as shown on Attachment 3;
    2. **Kerikeri Subdivision** comprising the area in the current Kerikeri Subdivision map as shown on Attachment 3;
    3. **Paihia Subdivision** comprising the area in the current Paihia Subdivision map as shown on Attachment 3;
    4. **Russell-Ōpua Subdivision** comprising the area in the current Russell-Ōpua Subdivision map as shown on Attachment 3;
    5. **Waipapa Subdivision** comprising the area in the current Waipapa Subdivision map as shown on Attachment 3;
    6. **Whangaroa Subdivision** comprising the area in the current Whangaroa Subdivision map as shown on Attachment 3.
  - (ii) **Kaikohe-Hokianga Community** subdivided into:
    1. **Kaikohe Subdivision** comprising the area in the current Kaikohe Subdivision as shown on Attachment 3;
    2. **North Hokianga Subdivision** comprising the area in the current North Hokianga Subdivision as shown on Attachment 3;
    3. **South Hokianga Subdivision** comprising the area in the current South Hokianga Subdivision as shown on Attachment 3.
  - (iii) **Te Hiku Community** subdivided into:
    1. **Doubtless Bay Subdivision** comprising the area in the current Doubtless Bay Subdivision as shown on Attachment 3;
    2. **Kaitāia Subdivision** comprising the area in the current Kaitāia Subdivision as shown on Attachment 3;

3. **Karikari-Awanui Subdivision** comprising the area in the current Karikari-Awanui Subdivision map as shown on Attachment 3.
  4. **North Cape Subdivision** comprising the area in the current North Cape Subdivision as shown on Attachment 3.
- e) The name of the current Whatuwhiwhi Subdivision of the Te Hiku Community Board be changed to the Karikari-Awanui Subdivision.
- f) There be 19 community board members, being:
- (i) Seven members elected from the Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board comprising:
    1. **Kawakawa-Moerewa Subdivision** - one member
    2. **Kerikeri Subdivision** - two members
    3. **Paihia Subdivision** - one member
    4. **Russell-Ōpua Subdivision** - one member
    5. **Waipapa Subdivision** - one member
    6. **Whangaroa Subdivision** - one member

and two members of the Council, one representing the Bay of Islands-Whangaroa General Ward and one representing the Ngā Tai o Tokerau Māori Ward appointed to the community board by Council.
  - (ii) Six members elected from the Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board comprising:
    1. **Kaikohe Subdivision** - three members
    2. **North Hokianga Subdivision** - one member
    3. **South Hokianga Subdivision** - two members

and two members of the Council representing either the Kaikohe-Hokianga General Ward or the Ngā Tai o Tokerau Māori Ward appointed to the community board by Council.
  - (iii) Six members elected from the Te Hiku Community Board comprising:
    1. **Doubtless Bay Subdivision** - one member
    2. **Kaitāia Subdivision** - three members
    3. **Karikari-Awanui Subdivision** - one member
    4. **North Cape Subdivision** - one member

and two members of the Council representing either the Te Hiku General Ward or the Ngā Tai o Tokerau Māori Ward appointed to the community board by Council.
- g) The three general wards, the number of general ward councillors per ward, the ward populations (estimated at 30 June 2023) and the population ratio per general ward councillor are as follows:

General Ward	Population	No. Councillors	Average	% Variation
Bay of Islands-Whangaroa	26,500	3	8,833	9.37%
Kaikohe-Hokianga	8,060	1	8,060	-0.21%
Te Hiku	13,900	2	6,950	-13.95%

In accordance with section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the population that each general councillor represents must be within the population range of 8,077 plus or minus 10% (7,269 - 8,884).

The three communities, the number of members per community, the community board populations (estimated as at 30 June 2023) and the population ratio per member are as follows:

Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board	Population	No. Councillors	Average	% Variation
Kawakawa-Moerewa Subdivision	5,080	1	5,080	2.27%
Kerikeri Subdivision	10,800	2	5,400	8.71%
Paihia Subdivision	5,320	1	5,320	7.10%
Russell-Ōpua Subdivision	4,150	1	4,150	-16.45%
Waipapa Subdivision	5,070	1	5,070	2.07%
Whangaroa Subdivision	4,350	1	4,350	-12.42%

In accordance with section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the population that each member represents must be within the population range of 4,967 plus or minus 10% (4,470 – 5,464).

Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board	Population	No. Councillors	Average	% Variation
Kaikohe Subdivision	9,170	3	3,057	9.56%
North Hokianga Subdivision	2,700	1	2,700	-3.23%
South Hokianga Subdivision	4,870	2	2,435	-12.72

In accordance with section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the population that each member represents must be within the population range of 2,790 plus or minus 10% (2,511 - 3,069).

Te Hiku Community Board	Population	No. Councillors	Average	% Variation
Karikari-Awanui Subdivision	3,880	1	3,880	0.09%
Doubtless Bay Subdivision	4,310	1	4,310	11.18%
Kaitāia Subdivision	11,700	3	3,900	0.60%
North Cape Subdivision	3,370	1	3,370	-13.07%

In accordance with section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the population that each member represents must be within the population range of 3,877 plus or minus 10% (3,489 – 4,264).

The arrangements largely comply with section 19V Local Electoral Act 2001 (the fair representation criteria) with the exceptions of:

- (i) Te Hiku General Ward
- (ii) Russell-Ōpua Subdivision of the Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board
- (iii) Whangaroa Subdivision of the Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board
- (iv) South Hokianga Subdivision of the Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board
- (v) Doubtless Bay Subdivision of the Te Hiku Community Board
- (vi) North Cape Subdivision of the Te Hiku Community Board

The reasons being that compliance with the fair representation criteria would limit the effective representation of communities of interest by either splitting communities of interest or uniting communities of interest with few commonalities.

### Further Information

Copies of the Statement of Proposal - Representation Arrangements Review are available from the following Council offices:

- Council's Main Office, Memorial Avenue, Kaikohe
- Kaitaia Service Centre, Te Ahu, corner Matthews Avenue and State Highway 1, Kaitaia
- Kerikeri Service Centre, 60 Kerikeri Road, Kerikeri

You can also view this document and the submission form on Council's website: [www.fndc.govt.nz/repreview](http://www.fndc.govt.nz/repreview)

## Submissions

Any interested person or organisation may lodge a written submission to the above representation arrangements review. Submissions should be addressed to:

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Representation Review 2024  
Far North District Council  
Memorial Avenue  
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Submissions can also be emailed to: [submissions@fndc.govt.nz](mailto:submissions@fndc.govt.nz)

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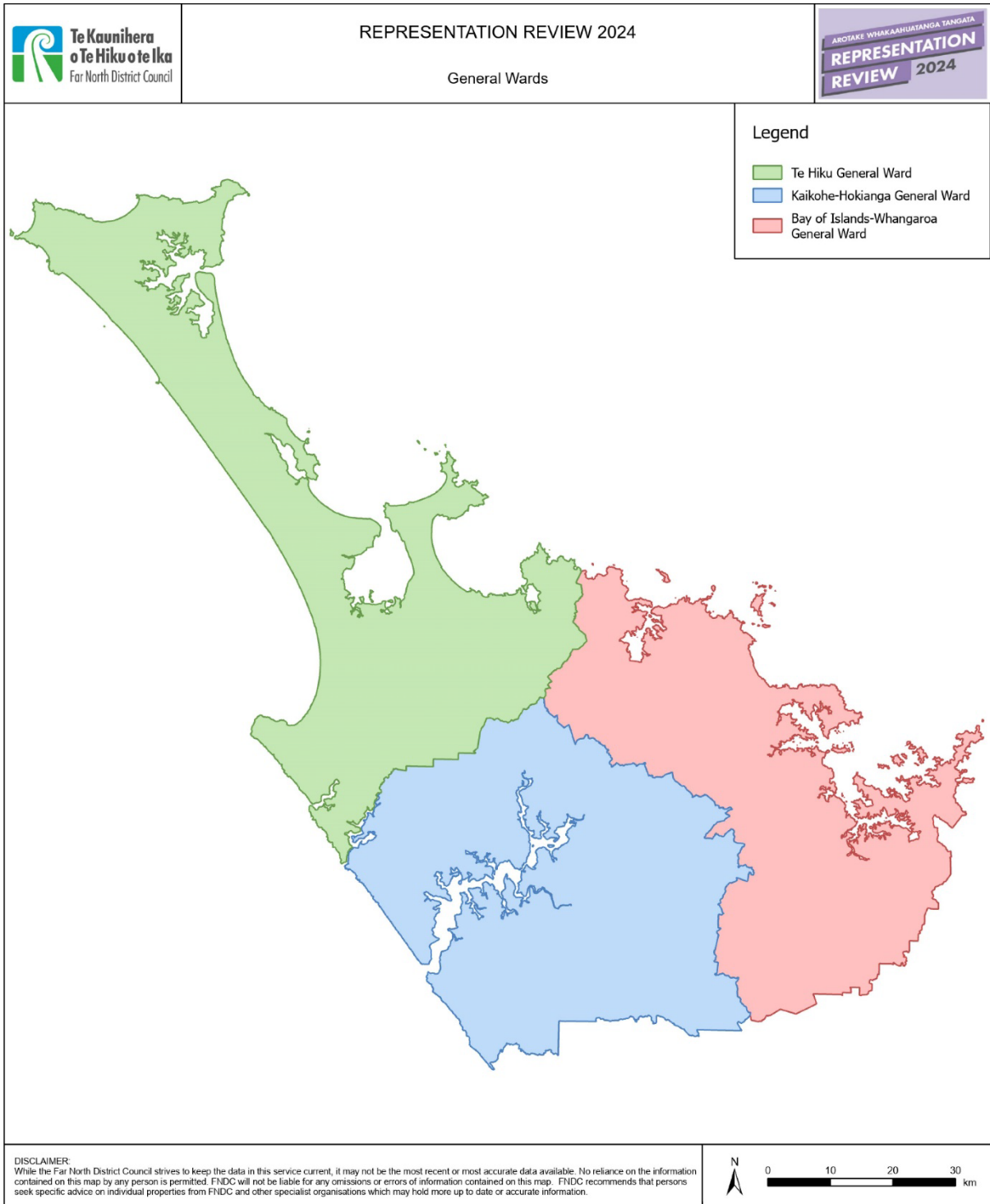
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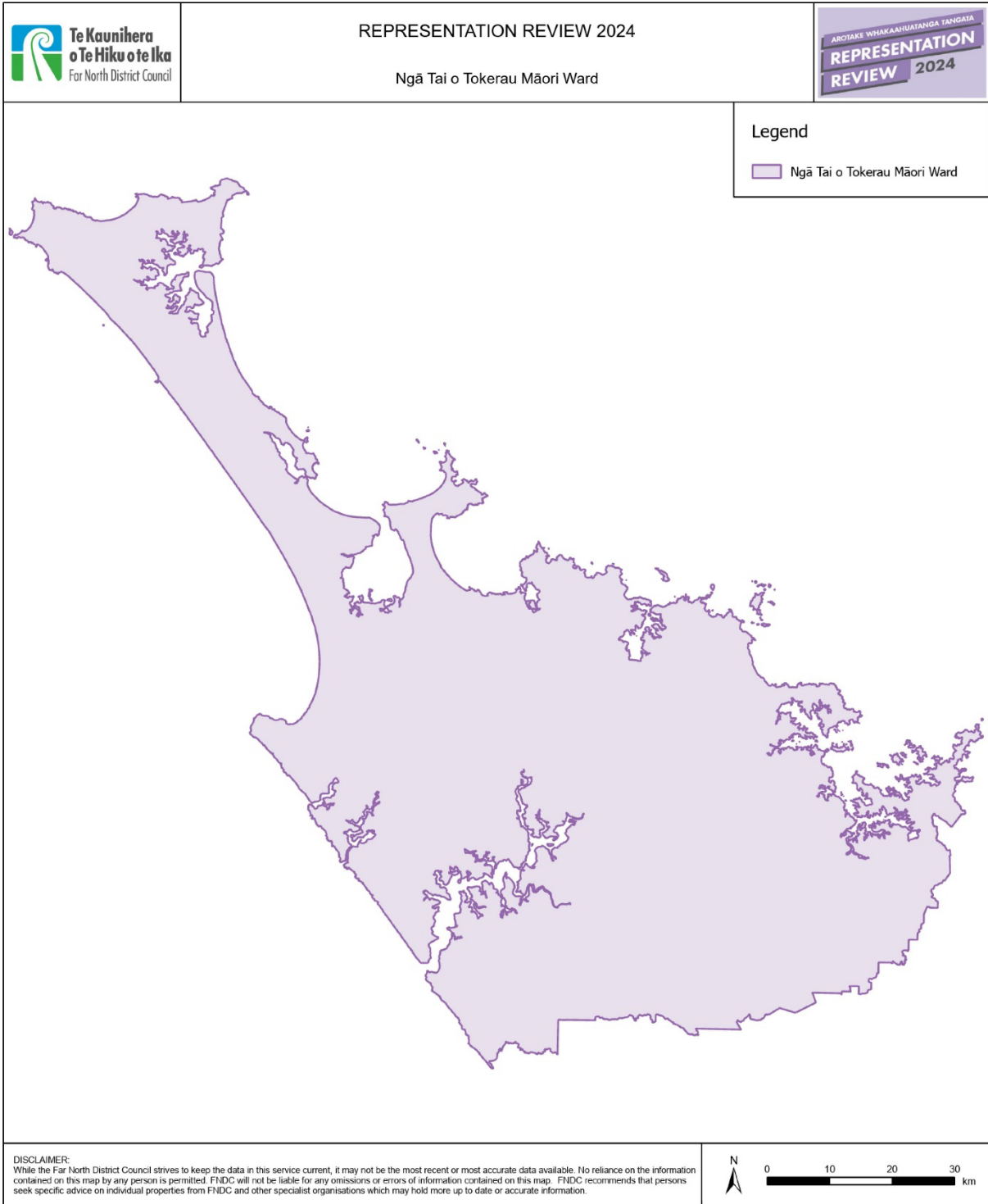
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16 May 2024

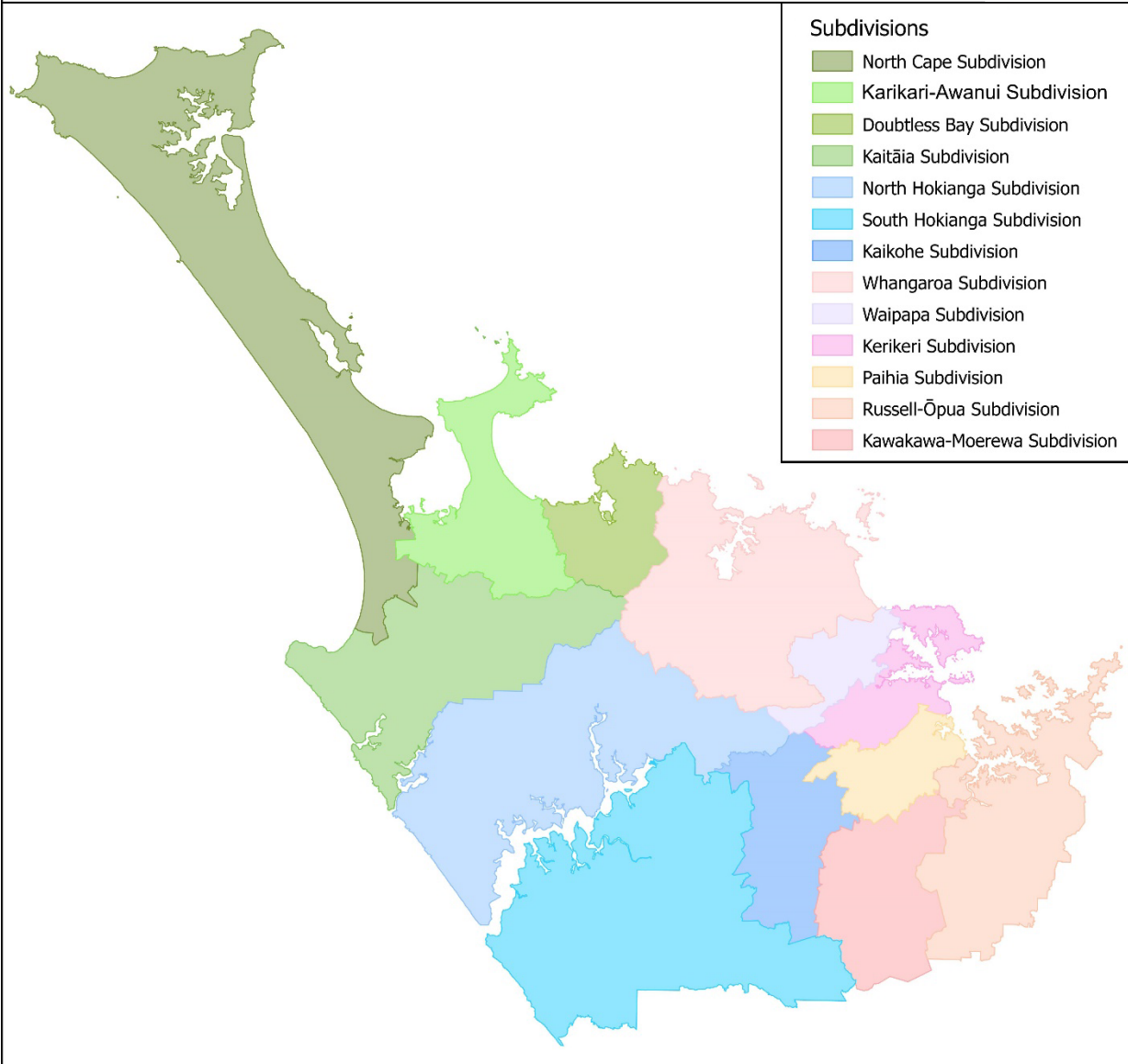






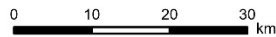
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## Community Board Subdivisions



### Subdivisions

- North Cape Subdivision
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