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Section 16 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 requires us to conduct a review of polling districts and polling places every four years to ensure reasonable facilities for voting and the accessibility of polling places to all electors, including those with a disability.

The review is currently under way and a submission has now been received from Huntly Community Council proposing that polling districts WG1403 (Huntly West) and WG1404 (Huntly East) be merged into one, with the likely consequence that all eligible electors in Huntly would thereafter vote at the Stewart's Hall, and the Linden Community Centre would correspondingly be released from use as a polling venue.

In electoral terms, there is some merit in this proposal and I would therefore be interested to know if you have any particular view on it. Although combining the polling districts would mean over 3,000 voters all having the Stewart's Hall as their designated polling place, I am fairly confident that it would have the physical capacity to house up to five separate polling stations inside and suspect that the majority of voters locally would not necessarily be particularly inconvenienced.

I will also going to sound out local members and the Electoral Registration Officer before any decision is taken on whether to proceed with the suggested change.

Regards,  
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