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Community boards: 30 years later

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**Community boards in
a time of change**

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- > Community boards 30 years old this year
 - > A turbulent three decades for local government
 - > More challenges (and opportunities) on the horizon

Where we started

	Pre 1989	
Local bodies		828
	Post 1989	
Community boards		159
Territorial authorities		74
Regional councils		13

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Some unique roles

Voice

- > Democracies only work if citizens and communities are able to express their needs and preferences – their voices. This is a critical function you play.

Neighbourhood governance

- > Neighbourhoods matter. Community boards are not only the voice of neighbourhoods but you mediate between your communities and your councils

Stephen Goldsmith, a former mayor of Indiana, described one of his challenges as “reawakening the power in his city’s neighbourhoods”.

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...to deliver services better, to make government work better, to be more efficient, more responsive, to figure out what people in the communities want and need, (is) of course, crucially important.

But implicit in the idea of consultation with communities is another more demanding, more ambitious, you might say idealistic, dimension of democracy, and that has to do with promoting, fostering a richer kind of citizenship and of civic engagement (Michael Sandel)

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**The challenges ahead -
The threat of further
centralisation**

An aerial photograph of a coastal city, likely Christchurch, New Zealand, showing a dense urban area with a mix of residential and commercial buildings. The city is situated on a hillside overlooking a large body of water, possibly a bay or harbor. The foreground is dominated by lush green trees. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds. A large, rounded orange rectangle is overlaid on the center of the image, containing white text.

The risk of 3waters' consolidation

Urban development

Transport

An aerial photograph of a coastal city, likely Wellington, New Zealand, showing a dense urban area with a mix of residential and commercial buildings. The city is situated on a peninsula or near a bay with clear blue water. In the foreground, there is a lush green forested hillside. The sky is bright blue with scattered white clouds. A large, rounded orange rectangle is overlaid on the center of the image, containing white text.

Strengthening the Environmental Protection Agency

Responding to climate change

The future of vocation training

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**Opportunities for
community boards**



A new diversity

- > Consolidation in some areas
- > New roles for councils



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