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Dagmar just submitted the survey 'Representation Review Submission' with the responses below.

### **Submission on Proposal to the Environment Canterbury Representation Review 2018**

Please note that this form is only for submissions on the Proposal to the Environment Canterbury Representation Review 2018.

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#### **1. The proposal is for 7 constituencies. Do you consider that the number of constituencies provides effective representation for communities of interest?**

No

**Please provide your comments below (optional)**

4 constituencies in Christchurch with 2 representatives each, seems a bit much.

#### **2. Do you consider the proposed names of each constituency and the boundaries of each constituency are clear and appropriate for representation purposes?**

Yes

**Please provide any comments below (optional)**

No Answer

#### **3. Do you consider that the number of councillors proposed to be elected from each constituency is appropriate to provide fair representation for electors in each constituency?**

No

**Please provide any comments below (optional)**

I don't see why South Canterbury only has one representative. It is a vast area with very diverse needs and challenges: from fragile high country, to productive lowland farmland to urban Timaru. Why would Chch have 8 representatives, and the whole of South Canterbury only 1. It does not seem fair.

#### **4. If you have any suggestions for changes to the proposal, please provide them below.**

Drop number of constituencies in Chch, and with that the number of representatives (3 cons/6 councillors), and allocate another representative for South Canterbury. So both Chch and the rest of Canterbury are equally represented. Over representation of Chch would be unfair and undemocratic.

### **Public Hearings**

**Please tick those that apply**

and I would be prepared to consider presenting my submission in a joint case with others making a similar submission at any hearing.