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

Submission on 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)

Noted that the community of interest concerned with preserving the environment as a priority over short and mid term economic returns is not represented. This rekindles memories of the undemocratic sacking of elected Councillors. Those who insisted on a solid scientific analysis of the role of fresh water, aquifers and overall environmental health when considering requests for water consents were booted out. This proposal does provide for a number of communities of interest but specifically excludes those the last government found bothersome. This is extremely concerning and must be changed. As proposed ECan appears more concerned with continuing the last government's undemocratic control mechanisms than returning to a focus on preserving and enhancing the regional environment.

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)

Reasonably given the constraints given. Bilingual naming is supported.

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?

Don't know

Please provide any comments below (optional)

While many options were considered none included dividing up the boundaries to achieve more balanced representation.

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

ECan is a regional council. As such Christchurch Councillors may better maintain a regional focus if elected city wide or from a simple two ward split, either north/south or east/west. This may well apply to Councillors from the other proposed wards which appear to be heavily dominated by agriculture. How could this proposal encourage them to take a region wide focus?

Public Hearings

Please tick those that apply

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