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John 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?

Yes

Please provide your comments below (optional)

I do not see any need to further dilute the principle of proportionality by any further division of the predominantly rural constituencies.

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 would prefer strict compliance with the relevant legislation which requires proportionality within +/- 10%. Failing that, any attempt to further dilute the principle of proportionality must be resisted. Those that pick up the major part of the tab for ECan expenditure must be fairly represented. That has not been the case since the council ceased to be fully elected and must be properly rectified now. Nothing less simply isn't acceptable.

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

I am uneasy about the proposed separate arrangements for seats for representatives of Ngai Tahu. The Iwi now has major interests in highly intensive farming in the region. It is hard to see how serious conflicts with such interests would not arise. In my view Ngai Tahu has seriously compromised itself in this regard. If Ngai Tahu wants seats at the table let them stand for election.

Public Hearings

Please tick those that apply

I do not wish to be heard in support of my submission;