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A.G. 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)

On population basis this appears to be fair representation

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?

Yes

Please provide any comments below (optional)

It would have helped comprehension if the number of councillors per constituency had also been clearly stated as text and not just cartographic symbols. That said, it is absolutely critical for fair and legal representation that the number of councillors per constituency is clearly based on the population numbers they represent in that constituency. Gerrymandering and resulting over/under representation of councillors in relation to the population they represent is unacceptable. Spurious reasons based on area of constituency

justifying more councillors are unfair representation and undemocratic. In the nineteenth century, 'democracy' in England was racked with gerrymandering and so-called 'rotten boroughs' which completely discounted votes and resulted in undemocratic government. (check Wikipedia).

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

See my answer to question three which is fundamental for a fair and just system of representation.

Public Hearings

Please tick those that apply

I do wish to be heard in support of my submission;