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Sara 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)

Please see below

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

No

Please provide any comments below (optional)

Please see below

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)

Please see below

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

I am in favour of the South, Mid and North Canterbury constituencies and numbers of councillors for each of those, but have concerns about the boundaries for the Christchurch

constituencies being too small. I am in favour of bi-lingual names for the wards. Last election 4 councillors were elected across the whole of Christchurch city - worked well and had a diverse group elected with a broad perspective, not simply focussed on local issues. At large elections are also better for local iwi representation and other diversity representation. With the Maori population spread throughout the city, the likelihood of having someone elected with a Maori perspective would be higher if voters were able to vote for more councillors across a larger area as their representatives. However, I would like to suggest that having 4 councillors elected across two 8 ward constituencies would work this time as it's also costly to campaign across the whole city. I suggest a North and a South constituency. North: Harewood, Waimairi, Riccarton, Fendalton, Papanui, Innes, Burwood and Coastal. South: Central, Linwood, Hornby, Halswell, Spreydon, Cashmere, Heathcote and Banks Peninsula. There would also have to be new Te Reo names chosen for these two constituencies. Environment Canterbury councillors should not be as tied to very local geographic issues as the city council is... and it's better to make sure that people have a broader perspective (looking at the region etc) and are not simply focused on a local constituency or issue. This is more likely to happen when people represent a larger geographic area than a smaller one.

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