Charles Roebuck 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)

No it does not. The correct number of constituencies is dependent on the communities you wish to serve, if the number is 10 create 10, if the number is 5 then create 5. Just looking at the map tells the story. Why Ecan has chosen 7 is any ones guess.

# **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)

I see no good reason for changing the existing names. In our area South Canterbury is South Canterbury. Call it by it's alternate maori name by all means, but South Canterbury is and should remain South Canterbury.

# **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)

This is perhaps the most important part of this whole exercise, adequate representation. By short changing the number of councilors in any constituency Ecan will succeed in doing

the ratepayers and public in general a complete disservice.

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

The proposed representation for the South Canterbury region is unrealistic for our size. South Canterbury is by far the largest of all the constituencies and covers the largest number of district councils. To have just one councilor representing four districts is shortsighted and unacceptable. South Canterbury needs two councilors. To do so will provide a much fairer representation, more in line with our population.

## **Public Hearings**

### Please tick those that apply

I do wish to be heard in support of my submission; and I would be prepared to consider presenting my submission in a joint case with others making a similar submission at any hearing.