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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)

Even though the rural constituencies have substantial urban areas associated with them, my knowledge of people living in those communities confirms that they are oriented to the surrounding rural area

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)

I can imagine that the South Canterbury folk will consider themselves hard done by. Doing some calculations shows that bumping their representation to two councillors will severely violate the 10% rule. So, I think the number of councillors should stay as proposed.

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

One change that COULD be made is moving the Banks Peninsula Ward of Christchurch City into the Mid Canterbury consituency, on the grounds that the community of interest for Banks Peninsula has a significant rural component. However Banks Peninsula Ward also has a strong link to Christchurch City, via the former borough of Lyttelton. So, overall, no strong views.

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