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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)

Population-based allocation is the main principle that should be applied.

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)

Some of the proposed constituencies have deviated from the +/- 10% population rule. However the overall allocation of 8 seats Christchurch / 5 seats Canterbury is an appropriate fit to the overall population-based voter distribution and results in a fair outcome which will ensure more proportional democratic representation going forward. It is essential that the current imbalance towards over-representation of rural interests at the expense of the majority urban population is fixed by this review.

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

This review needs to ensure that Christchurch's population is represented proportionally to that of other parts of Canterbury.

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