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Kerrydo 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)**

I think the constituencies should be weighted for land area, and also industrial activity. This is because some areas will contain environmental issues that are unique to that 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?**

No

#### **Please provide any comments below (optional)**

I think South Canterbury should have two representatives. This is partly because of the land area, and partly because of the relative population.

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

I am aware that a large board will loose efficiency. I am also concerned that (for example) people from downtown Christchurch will be deliberating on issues related to subalpine land use. Councillors from mountain regions will be deliberating on city air. I am all for a large and democratically elected board. I do think that the board should subdivide itself, so that persons without a legitimate interest in certain items can absent themselves from some discussions and decisions. There would need to be clear rules and agreement about this. Hopefully this may avoid being bogged down in pointless discussions with persons who are not stakeholders in the subject at hand.

### **Public Hearings**

**Please tick those that apply**

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