

From: Environment Canterbury
To: [Cindy Butt](#)
Subject: Andrew. completed Representation Review Submission
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Andrew. 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?

Yes

Please provide your comments below (optional)

No Answer

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)

The proposed representation for the South Canterbury constituency is inadequate for a region of our size. The +/-10% rule I appreciate the difficulty Environment Canterbury have had with the +/-10% rule for both the South Canterbury constituency and others. However the proposal put forward for one Councillor contravenes the +/-10% rule to a greater degree than if the South Canterbury constituency was granted two Councillors. Giving South Canterbury two Councillors provides for fairer representation more in line

with our population. Option One – 13 Councillors (one from South Canterbury) Regional Population: 612,280 Average Population Per Councillor: 47,098 South Canterbury Population: 61,320 Population Per South Canterbury Councillor: 61,320 Variance: 30.2% Option Two – 14 Councillors (two from South Canterbury) Regional Population: 612,280 Average Population Per Councillor: 43,734 South Canterbury Population: 61,320 Population Per South Canterbury Councillor: 30,660 Variance: 29.9% The Local Electoral Act Section 19V of the Local Electoral Act provides for the Local Government Commission to disregard the +/-10% rule in instances where increased representation is required to allow for communities of interest. This puts the onus on Environment Canterbury to favour overrepresentation rather than underrepresentation, as is currently proposed. Communities of Interest Environment Canterbury have identified the following towns as communities of interest: Kaikoura, Rangiora, Rolleston, Lincoln, Christchurch, Ashburton and Timaru. The list completely ignores significant districts and communities of Mackenzie and Waimate, and the Northern part of Waitaki. The needs of these districts are diverse, and distinct from those of Timaru. Section 19U of the Local Electoral Act states that Councils, including Environment Canterbury must provide effective representation for communities of interest. Effective Representation Section 19D of the Local Electoral Act provides for Environment Canterbury to have 14 Councillors, and that option should be taken to permit South Canterbury a second Councillor. South Canterbury is geographically the largest of all the constituencies. It covers the largest number of district council areas. To have just one Councillor representing four districts is entirely unsatisfactory. I strongly urge Environment Canterbury to amend their proposal and give South Canterbury two Councillors.

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

No Answer

Public Hearings

Please tick those that apply

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