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Representation Review
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Christchurch City Council submission on Proposal to the Environment Canterbury Representation Review 2018

Introduction

1. Christchurch City Council (the Council) thanks Environment Canterbury for the opportunity to submit on the proposal to the Environment Canterbury Representation Review 2018.
2. The Council acknowledges the strategic partner relationship between the Council and Environment Canterbury and looks forward to representation supporting and growing this relationship.
3. The Council would like the opportunity to be heard in support of this submission.

Submission

4. Mana Whenua Representation

Mana whenua representation on Environment Canterbury provides real value and strengthens the strategic partnerships in Canterbury.

The Council strongly supports the proposed legislative approach to ensure a representation model that ensures mana whenua representation.

The Council supports the Environment Canterbury agreement to work with Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu to progress legislative change to continue to provide for mana whenua representation.

The Council acknowledges that mana whenua representation is being considered separate to this representation review process.

5. Christchurch City Representation

The Council supports the proposal for eight representatives from the Christchurch territorial boundary.

The Council acknowledges the challenges of offering fair and effective representation. It notes a preference for ensuring that the composition of the constituencies within the boundaries takes into account communities of interest, and considers differences and disparities between populations within them.

It is noted that the alignment of defined constituencies with Council constituent boundaries (i.e. wards) could contribute positively to respective elected members working collectively and effectively on localised issues of mutual interest.

6. Canterbury Representation

The Council supports the proposal to maintain three Canterbury constituencies of North, Mid and South Canterbury and the proposed representation as detailed below.

North Canterbury-Ōpukepuke - 2 members
Mid-Canterbury – Ōpākihi - 2 members
South Canterbury-Ōtuhituhi - 1 member

7. Dual Names

The Council supports proposed dual English/Māori names for each constituency.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this submission. The Council looks forward to presenting in support of this submission at the hearings in August.

For queries regarding this submission and with advice of hearings to be held please contact Beverley Mills, Executive Assistant to the Mayor of Christchurch, on 03 941 8559 or Beverley.mills@ccc.govt.nz



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