



Confirmed minutes of the Representation Review 2012 Hearing Committee meeting held in the Council Chamber, Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street Wellington, on Tuesday, 2 August 2012 at 10.30am

Present

Councillors Wilde (Chair), Aitken, Bruce, Donaldson, Glensor, Greig, Laidlaw, Lamason, McPhee, Ponter, Swain and Wilson.

Public Business

1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

2 Conflict of Interest declarations

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

3 Process for hearing submissions on proposed representation arrangements

Report 12.336

File: E/01/10/03

Moved

(Cr Wilde/ Cr Bruce)

That the Committee:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the contents of the report.*
- 3. Accepts the late submissions received on the initial proposed representation arrangements for consideration.*
- 4. Reports its findings and recommendations to the Council meeting on 21 August 2012.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

4 **Summary of submissions on proposed representation arrangements**

Report 12.337

File: E/01/10/03

Moved

(Cr Wilde/ Cr Bruce)

That the Committee:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the contents of the report.*
- 3. Considers the information in this report in determining its findings and recommendations to Council.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

5 **Hearing of oral submissions**

A timetable of oral submissions was circulated. There were changes to the scheduled timetable as some submitters were unable to attend.

Oral submitters were heard in the following order:

Thursday 2 August

Time	Submission No.	Name and organisation
10.35 – 10.40	2	Michael Gibson
10.41 – 10.52	6	Michael Grigg

The meeting adjourned at 10.52am and reconvened at 10.57am.

10.58 – 11.04	7	Upper Hutt City Council (Mayor Guppy)
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The meeting adjourned at 11.04am and reconvened at 11.35am.

The Committee undertook its deliberations.

6 **Summary of submissions on proposed representation arrangements**

The Committee completed its consideration of Report 12.337 (see item 4).

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(Cr Wilde / Cr Swain)

That the Committee:

1. As a result of consideration of submissions, recommends that the Council retains its current representation arrangements for the 2013 local authority elections.
2. Recommends that Council endorses the following reasons for the acceptance or rejection of submissions, as set out in the table below:

Issue	Reason for acceptance or rejection of submission
<i>That the proposed second Councillor for the Wairarapa Constituency be opposed.</i>	<i>Accepted. In accordance with the requirements of the Local Electoral Act 2001 this proposal provides fair representation for the electors of the Wairarapa Constituency.</i>
<i>That the proposed second Councillor for the Wairarapa Constituency be supported.</i>	<i>Rejected. This proposal does not meet the requirements under the Local Electoral Act 2001 for fair representation for the electors of the Wairarapa Constituency.</i>
<i>That three single-member constituencies for the area of Lower Hutt City be established.</i>	<i>Rejected. This proposal does not enhance fair or effective representation for the population of Lower Hutt City.</i>
<i>That the Council re-establish the Wairarapa Committee.</i>	<i>Rejected. The Council's committee arrangements fall outside of the representation review.</i>
<i>That the number of elected members be reduced to eleven.</i>	<i>Rejected. This proposal does not provide effective representation when compared with the Council's proposal.</i>
<i>That the Council's boundaries should not extend into Tararua District.</i>	<i>Rejected. Alteration of the regional boundary falls outside the ambit of the representation review.</i>
<i>That the Council should comprise 23 members: Lower Hutt – 5, Upper Hutt – 2, Porirua-Tawa – 3, Kapiti Coast – 2, Wellington – 9. Wairarapa – 2.</i>	<i>Rejected. The Local Electoral Act 2001 provides that the total membership of a regional council must be between 6 and 14 members (inclusive).</i>

The motion was **CARRIED**.

The meeting closed at 11.51am.

FH Wilde
(Chair)

Date: