



Please note that these minutes remain unconfirmed until the meeting of the Council on 21 August 2012

Report 12.354

02/08/2012

File: E/01/10/03

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

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(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

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(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).

Moved

(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</i>	<i>Rejected. The Local Electoral Act</i>

<i>members: Lower Hutt – 5, Upper Hutt – 2, Porirua-Tawa – 3, Kapiti Coast – 2, Wellington – 9. Wairarapa – 2.</i>	<i>2001 provides that the total membership of a regional council must be between 6 and 14 members (inclusive).</i>
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The motion was **CARRIED**.

The meeting closed at 11.51am.

FH Wilde
(Chair)

Date: