

Report 12.72

Council

Minute extract from meeting held on 13 June 2012

Initial representation proposal for the 2013 triennial elections

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(Cr Wilde / Cr Donaldson)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*

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(Cr Wilde / Cr McPhee)

That the Council:

3. *Notes the four options outlined in section 3.1 of this report, and determines that with the inclusion of a fifth option, being an option of a 14 member Council based on the current constituencies, with two members elected from the Wairarapa Constituency, these options represent the range of reasonably practicable options for consideration.*
4. *Notes that any resolution to change the existing representation arrangements must include an explanation for the reasons for the proposed change.*
5. *Having assessed the five options in terms of the requirements for effective and fair representation, determines that it is necessary to depart from the population formula of section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001 in order to provide:*
 - i. *effective representation for the distinct communities of interest of Kapiti Coast and Upper Hutt, and*
 - ii. *effective representation for the communities of interest of the Wairarapa through the election of two members for the Wairarapa Constituency, taking into account:*
 - a. *the large land area of the Wairarapa Constituency, being 74% of the area of the Wellington region*

- b. *the significant amount of Greater Wellington work undertaken in the Wairarapa Constituency, together with the increased focus on water quality and land management issues in the Wairarapa Constituency via Government and other processes, which is requiring greater elected member involvement*
- c. *the diverse, relatively sparsely populated and widely spread communities that make up the Wairarapa Constituency.*
6. *Resolves its initial representation proposal for the 2013 triennial elections, providing for a Council of 14 members, elected from six constituencies, as follows:*

<i>Constituency</i>	<i>Number of members</i>	<i>Community of interest represented by the constituency</i>	<i>Population per Councillor</i> <i>(Average: 34,836)</i> <i>(+/-10% range from the average: 31,352 to 38,320)</i>
<i>Wellington</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>The area of Wellington City, excluding the area of the Tawa Community</i>	<i>37,040</i>
<i>Porirua-Tawa</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>The area of Porirua City, and the area of the Tawa Community of Wellington City</i>	<i>33,800</i>
<i>Kapiti Coast</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>The area of the Kapiti Coast District</i>	<i>49,800</i>
<i>Lower Hutt</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>The area of Lower Hutt City</i>	<i>34,333</i>
<i>Upper Hutt</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>The area of Upper Hutt City</i>	<i>41,500</i>
<i>Wairarapa</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>The area of South Wairarapa District, Carterton District and Masterton District, and that part of the Tararua District that falls within the Wellington region.</i>	<i>20,300</i>

7. *Resolves to establish the Representation Review 2012 Hearing Committee and adopts the terms of reference for the Committee, as set out in Attachment 3 to this report.*
8. *Appoints Crs Aitken, Bruce, Donaldson, Greig, Glensor, Laidlaw, Lamason, McPhee, Ponter, Swain, Wilde and Wilson to the Committee and appoints Cr Wilde as Chair.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

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