

Submissions on Representation Review Initial Proposal 2024

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Bedi, Manik

ID

1764

Date & time received

Jun 19, 2024, 07:30 AM

Do you wish to speak in support of your submission?

Yes	
No	1

Do you support the Initial Proposal?

Yes	1
No	

Why or why not? Please explain

Yes I do support as it makes sense.

Do you have any other comments or feedback?

No

Cronin, Eugene

ID

1765

Date & time received

Jun 19, 2024, 06:47 PM

Do you wish to speak in support of your submission?

Yes	
No	1

Do you support the Initial Proposal?

Yes	1
No	

Why or why not? Please explain

Agree with the representation of the wards. Also agree with the change in boundaries. Particularly Methven change, as the area between Methven and RDR including the Methven walkway is more part of Methven town than the rural farmland.

Do you have any other comments or feedback?

Fitzgerald, Megan

ID

1770

Date & time received

Jun 25, 2024, 09:16 PM

Do you wish to speak in support of your submission?

Yes	
No	1

Do you support the Initial Proposal?

Yes	
No	1

Why or why not? Please explain

I accept all except reducing the number of Methven Community Board members to four. With the growth of Methven and increase in the towns boundaries, five representatives will be needed in a matter of time. The last representation review was six years ago, and five members were consider okay then - so why with a huge amount of growth (and anticipated growth) is five no-longer needed?

The pleasant point community board is 2,200 people and represented by 5 elected members plus two by appointment.

The latest election was contested and who is to say all future ones will not be. Additionally, five people around the table allow for diverse perspectives and for more connection into the community. I find everyone around the table has different skills that have guided our decisions in an informative way.

Decreasing to four (six) makes an even number of people around the table. While not a major problem, in the case of hung decisions the chairperson will vote twice, resulting in their opinion being overrepresented.

Do you have any other comments or feedback?

Franz, Brenda

ID

1763

Date & time received

Jun 18, 2024, 03:01 PM

Do you wish to speak in support of your submission?

Yes	
No	1

Do you support the Initial Proposal?

Yes	1
No	

Why or why not? Please explain

It's logical

Do you have any other comments or feedback?

Holmes, Kelvin (Methven Community Board)

ID

1778

Date & time received

Jul 15, 2024, 08:46 AM

Do you wish to speak in support of your submission?

Yes	1
No	

Do you support the Initial Proposal?

Yes	
No	1

Why or why not? Please explain

The Methven Community Board wishes to submit against the proposed reduction to 4 elected members.

The Board believes this would be short sighted and the main reason that council has used is the lack of enough candidates in the 2019 & 2016 elections that then resulted in a by election. We see the councils actions are nothing more than interference to a system that has generally worked favourably since 1989.

We as a board believe that:

5 members bring differing skills, experience and thoughts to the board which is to the communities benefit. 5 members give the Methven community a greater of people to have conversation with.

4 is the wrong number from a democracy balance as it can create a situation where the chair may have to exercise the casting vote which is really the wrong signal to be giving the community.

Methven's boundary is being extended in time for the 2025 elections which will result in a greater number of properties and population able to vote in the future MCB area elections.

There are a lot of new activity happening in Methven which is involving the community a lot more and we believe that there will be enough candidates in the forthcoming years.

There is no cost saving to the community by reducing the number to 4.

We respectfully ask the council to maintain the status quo and to quote the old saying "If it ain't broke there is nothing to fix."

Do you have any other comments or feedback?

Hydes, Ronald

ID

1776

Date & time received

Jul 12, 2024, 06:17 PM

Do you wish to speak in support of your submission?

Yes	
No	1

Do you support the Initial Proposal?

Yes	
No	1

Why or why not? Please explain

Methven community board should remain at 5

Do you have any other comments or feedback?

Jacobs, Annie

ID

1785

Date & time received

Jul 18, 2024, 01:41 PM

Do you wish to speak in support of your submission?

Yes	
No	1

Do you support the Initial Proposal?

Yes	
No	1

Why or why not? Please explain

I am happy for the boundary for the Methven Community Board to be enlarged.

I do not agree with reducing the representation on the Methven Community Board. Methven is the tourism star in the Mid Canterbury crown and as such needs strong representation from a variety of people in the community. Reducing the number will not allow for this. Methven is great at having locals representing and giving their time to community and its important that this continue on the Methven Community Board (MCB). Once, a number of years ago there was not enough delegates for the MCB, however after calling a public community meeting, a number of people put up their hands with others in the wings expressing interest.

Do you have any other comments or feedback?

Marr, Stuart

ID

1782

Date & time received

Jul 16, 2024, 06:36 PM

Do you wish to speak in support of your submission?

Yes	
No	1

Do you support the Initial Proposal?

Yes	
No	1

Why or why not? Please explain

*I think the Methven community board should stay at 7 members.
It gives a much better chance of diverse views being represented*

Do you have any other comments or feedback?

Preston, Adam

ID

1760

Date & time received

Jun 14, 2024, 11:45 AM

Do you wish to speak in support of your submission?

Yes	
No	1

Do you support the Initial Proposal?

Yes	
No	1

Why or why not? Please explain

Cause we need a broad voice as the ADC don't really won't to know much about methven , our voice needs to louder not smaller

Do you have any other comments or feedback?

Sarah

ID

1766

Date & time received

Jun 19, 2024, 06:50 PM

Do you wish to speak in support of your submission?

Yes	
No	1

Do you support the Initial Proposal?

Yes	1
No	

Why or why not? Please explain

I agree with the proposed change in Methven boundary. We have a small lifestyle block in the proposed area and feel more part of the town than the rural farmland further out. We are also on the town water scheme and regularly use the methven walkway in and around town

Do you have any other comments or feedback?

Stoakes, Laura

ID

1762

Date & time received

Jun 18, 2024, 12:49 PM

Do you wish to speak in support of your submission?

Yes	
No	1

Do you support the Initial Proposal?

Yes	
No	1

Why or why not? Please explain

If you are going to extend the Methven community board boundary, it should be extended on both sides of Mt Hutt station Rd past Holmes Rd, or neither side and only extend it to include the golf course and up to Holmes Rd.

Do you have any other comments or feedback?

Swain, Richard

ID

1777

Date & time received

Jul 14, 2024, 01:08 PM

Do you wish to speak in support of your submission?

Yes	
No	1

Do you support the Initial Proposal?

Yes	
No	1

Why or why not? Please explain

Methven is growing and reducing the number of board members is denying local residents adequate and full representation. Methven people should make their own decisions and I oppose having appointed members.

Do you have any other comments or feedback?

Methven pays equal rates to Ashburton but maintenance performed in the town is woefully inadequate with gutters full of leaves, footpaths a health and safety risk and having a townsman only for the town centre is a backward step and a poor use of our expensive rates. We used to have a townsman who adequately did the whole town. Now the town square outside the medical centre is dirty and unkempt. After the millions spent in Ashburton surely Methven can get the health and safety problems fixed.

Watson, Jill

ID

1767

Date & time received

Jun 21, 2024, 05:41 AM

Do you wish to speak in support of your submission?

Yes	
No	1

Do you support the Initial Proposal?

Yes	1
No	

Why or why not? Please explain

I agree that the number of Councillors at 9 is working well. And that representation is well reflected across tge suggested changes.

Do you have any other comments or feedback?

No.