

STAFF REPORT

TO: Mayor and Councillors
FROM: Administration Advisor
REFERENCE: E313
DATE: 3 August 2006
SUBJECT: Representation Review – Final Proposal

PURPOSE/REASON FOR REPORT

To provide further information and scenarios to assist Council to make a final proposal for the Tasman District Council Representation Review arrangements for the 2007 local body elections.

BACKGROUND

Council resolved its initial representation review proposal on 1 June 2006, being 13 Council members elected from five wards and the Mayor, plus the retention of the Motueka and Golden Bay Community Boards. This initial proposal was publicly notified inviting submissions, of which over 700 were received.

Council met on 31 July 2006 to consider those submissions, and agreed that a further meeting be convened to allow further deliberation on various options that were discussed in light of these submissions prior to deciding on a final proposal.

COMMENT/DISCUSSION

Appended are five different options, viz:

- (i) 5 Wards – 12 Councillors
- (ii) 5 Wards – 13 Councillors
- (iii) 5 Wards – 14 Councillors
- (iv) 5 Wards – 9 Councillors (based on K Marshall's submission)
- (v) 5 Wards – 9 Councillors elected by wards and 3 Councillors elected at large

Each option shows the variance to the $\pm 10\%$ population rule, as outlined in Section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolve its' final proposal, being:

- The number of wards
- The number of elected members
- The number of Community Boards

and that this final proposal be publicly notified inviting appeals and/or objections.

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