



WEST COAST
REGIONAL COUNCIL

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Representation review concluded

West Coast Regional Councilors have approved the Council's representation arrangements.

The recently conducted representation review was on the agenda of today's WCRC meeting.

Chief Executive Darryl Lew has acknowledged the work staff put into developing the Initial Proposal about representation arrangements.

"The proposal was as pragmatic as possible within the confines of the legislation. We haven't received any submissions which suggests the community we serve saw it as a realistic solution."

The Initial Proposal was to retain the status quo for Council which is seven councillors with two coming from both Buller and Westland districts and three from Grey.

The Final Proposal was tabled today and approved. It will be publicly notified.

It will apply to the council for the local elections to be held next year and 2028.

The Local Electoral Act 2001 requires all councils to review representation at least every six years.

There were no changes to representation in reviews WCRC held in 2012 and 2018 either.

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More information

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