



# **ATTACHMENTS**

**Ordinary Council Meeting  
Under Separate Cover  
Friday, 31 July 2026**



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**Consultation name:** Head Start consultation

**Dates opened/ closed:** 6 July – 5pm 24 July 2026

**Webpage:** [timaru.govt.nz/headstart](https://timaru.govt.nz/headstart)

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## Head Start submission form

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Organisation (if applicable)

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Which district do you live in? \*

Other (please specify)

If you live outside of South Canterbury, where?

Wellington

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☐ Yes

### Your views

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**Option E - Other**

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Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

Timaru + Waimate + Mackenzie + Waitaki (not including Waihemo ward). Southern boundary will be at Shag Point, northern boundary Rangitata river.  
Ashburton District should be combined with Selwyn. Waimakariri, Hurunui and Kaikoura can form a northern Canterbury block.  
Christchurch city should remain as its own unitary authority. Waihemo should be rejoined with Eastern Otago.

**Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☒ Unsure

**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

The new unitary council must have community boards in each local area - with more authority than present CBs. Budget, Income streams. Unitary council needs to take over all social housing and schools. It will become the real 'go to' local government for the people's daily lives and concerns. Unitary council needs to have authority to charge resource use levies, for example, water use, quarrying, factories et c., Let's call it 'Aoraki'?

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Say yes to Ashburton.

Say no to Waitaki.

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Bailey

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Design of representation is key and should represent industry and catchments and population in three dimensional matrix. Bigger is not always better, but scale enables investment in technology and innovation and AI and efficiency which must be pursued and delivered.

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Deborah

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Barron

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Address

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If you live outside of South Canterbury, where?

Tick here if you want to speak to your submission at a Council Hearing on 31 July.

☐ Yes

### Your views

Q1. What matters most to you in any future local government structure? (select up to five)

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**Option D - Do not submit a Head Start proposal and enter the Backstop process**

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**Option E - Other**

4

Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

Only selected this above Backstop as there should be some sort of Head Start proposal rather than none.

**Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?**

- ☒ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Unsure

**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

After watching the council's Head Start workshop I'm surprised you deigned to include Waitaki in any options. Some comments, particularly from the mayor and CE, came across as condescending and snobbish. If nothing else, having Ashburton and Waitaki included may temper some of Timaru's "big fish in a small pond" attitude that unfortunately rears its ugly head too often.

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Last Name \*

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Last Name \*

Bennett

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My concern that if no options are selected then the region may be forced into an option that no one really wants.  
I feel there is greater cohesion with option A. Larger is not always better

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Margaret Linda

Last Name \*

Bennie

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Last Name \*

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**Option E - Other**

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Do the headstart, but set a realistic timeline to work through the details without being hastily pressured by central government.

**Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?**

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**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

Water catchment is one of the main drivers of this process, so control of catchments is essential for governance.

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Maintenance of Infrastructure is imperative.

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Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

Based on Catchment Boundaries - the Council comprised of the Timaru District Council, the Ashburton District Council and a partition of the MacKenzie District at the top of Burkes Pass. The line of this partition would extend southward along the crest of the Rollesby Range to the head of the Hakataramea Valley and extend northward along the top of the Two Thumb range until it intersected the boundary of the Timaru District Council overlooking the Upper Rangitata region. This would mean that all catchments east of this "divide line" will flow eastward and not westward into the MacKenzie basin.

**Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?**

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**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

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## Head Start submission form

### Your details

First Name \*

Angela

Last Name \*

Blair

Organisation (if applicable)

Geraldine.nz (Geraldine District Development and Promotional Association Incorporated).

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Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

As we are a member funded association we dont wish to express an opinion on which merger is most preferred by our members.

**Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?**

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Date: 23/07/2026

## Submission to Timaru District Council on the proposed Local Government merger

### Submitted by Geraldine.nz

Geraldine.nz appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed local government merger.

As a **member-funded organisation representing the interests of Geraldine's business community**, we do not advocate for any particular merger option. Our members represent a diverse range of businesses that contribute significantly to the economic, social and cultural wellbeing of Geraldine and the surrounding district.

Rather than supporting a particular governance model, this submission focuses on the principles that we believe should underpin any future local government structure.

### Principle 1: Strengthen local democracy

This process presents an opportunity to strengthen local democracy by embracing the **principle of subsidiarity**—ensuring that decisions are made at the lowest appropriate level by those closest to the communities they affect. Effective local government should empower communities, strengthen accountability, and enable meaningful participation in decisions that shape their future.

### Principle 2: Protect Geraldine's community of interest

Geraldine and its surrounding rural area are a distinct **community of interest** with a unique identity, economy, history and way of life. Any future governance arrangements should recognise and protect these characteristics, ensuring local knowledge, community leadership and local priorities continue to influence decision-making.

### Principle 3: Ensure effective local representation



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Any future governance model must provide strong and meaningful representation for smaller communities. While larger governance structures may offer opportunities for efficiencies, they should not come at the expense of effective representation or diminish the influence of communities such as Geraldine in decisions that directly affect them.

**Principle 4: Support business, rural communities and economic growth**

Local government should enable businesses and rural communities to thrive. Reform should support investment, productivity and confidence by reducing unnecessary barriers to growth.

**Local government reform should not result in unnecessary increases in rates, additional compliance costs, or reduced service levels that make it more difficult to invest, employ people and contribute to the district's prosperity. The objectives of reform should include reducing complexity, compliance costs and rates while maintaining or improving service levels.**

**Principle 5: Invest in the foundations of prosperity**

The district's future depends on continued investment in the infrastructure and services that support productive businesses and resilient communities. Roads, water, community facilities, emergency management and other essential services should continue to reflect the needs of both urban and rural communities.

**Principle 6: Measure success by community outcomes**

The success of any merger should not be measured solely by organisational efficiency or administrative scale. It should be measured by whether it strengthens local democracy, protects communities of interest, improves representation, supports economic growth, delivers value for ratepayers, and enables communities to shape their own future.

**Principle 7: Foster collaborative tourism development**

Tourism is a significant contributor to Geraldine's economy and identity. Any future governance arrangements should encourage collaboration in tourism planning, promotion and investment across the whole of the new district—whatever its final boundaries—while recognising and supporting the unique visitor experiences and strengths of individual communities.



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Geraldine.nz encourages Timaru District Council to ensure these principles remain central to its consideration of any future governance arrangements.

Finally, we are concerned that the central government's stated wish to "simplify local governance", may not create the outcome we all need. Instead the focus must be on ensuring that whatever structure is adopted will be designed to create a more effective local government, held accountable by clear KPI's, based upon meeting the needs of all the communities it serves. Geraldine.nz's expectation is that Geraldine's unique identity, business community, rural economy and community voice continue to be recognised, respected and effectively represented.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.



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Harriet

Last Name \*

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Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?

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John

Last Name \*

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Organisation (if applicable)

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Email \*

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Which district do you live in? \*

Timaru District

If you live outside of South Canterbury, where?

Tick here if you want to speak to your submission at a Council Hearing on 31 July.

☐ Yes

### Your views

Q1. What matters most to you in any future local government structure? (select up to five)

- ☒ Affordable rates   ☒ Quality services and infrastructure   ☒ Keeping decisions local  
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Option A - South Canterbury Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries

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This would consist of the current Timaru + Mackenzie + Waimate councils

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**Option C - Mid-South Canterbury and North Otago Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries**

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**Option D - Do not submit a Head Start proposal and enter the Backstop process**

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**Option E - Other**

Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?

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☐ No  
☐ Unsure

Q4. Do you have any other comments?

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First Name \*

Tim

Last Name \*

Blyth

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**Option C - Mid-South Canterbury and North Otago Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries**

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**Option E - Other**

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| <b>First Name *</b>                | <b>Last Name *</b>                 |
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| <b>Which district do you live in? *</b>      | <b>If you live outside of South Canterbury, where?</b> |
| <input type="text" value="Timaru District"/> | <input type="text" value=""/>                          |

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### Your views

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**Q2. Which option do you prefer?**

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**Option A - South Canterbury Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries**

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This would consist of the current Timaru + Mackenzie + Waimate councils



**Option B - Mid-South Canterbury Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries**

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**Option C - Mid-South Canterbury and North Otago Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries**

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**Option D - Do not submit a Head Start proposal and enter the Backstop process**

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**Option E - Other**

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John Nigel

Last Name \*

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Nick

Last Name \*

Boyd

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☐ Yes

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Last Name \*

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Organisation (if applicable)

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### Your views

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Geraid

**Last Name \***

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Our councils, who have failed to provide affordable rates, must not continue to ride roughshod over the silent majority who have been beaten into submission by continual changes/ propositions. There is a perception that decisions are predetermined by councillors or hierarchy within.

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First Name \*

Robyn

Last Name \*

Brien

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Howard

Last Name \*

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Timothy

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River catchments are included so the whole ecosystem is protected

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**Option E - Other**

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Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

Only part of Waitaki District which includes the Waitaki River catchment and Oamaru township

**Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?**

- ☒ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Unsure

**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

Including the catchment ensures protection for the whole river

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This unitary Council area, is a totally apt area and presents as a very feasible area of governance. The Strong rural farming sector, produces very similar product lines across the entire area. So there is your wealth creation, your centres of population essentially exist to support and service the above farm production/ The above strong production and wealth creation ties this unitary area into an easily manageable territory. Just make it happen.

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**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

Good governance requires the selection of very competent staff, in all managerial positions. Select only those who are proven their former appointments. This is an opportunity to utilise the wealth production of this South Island Central Unitary Council area and make this area the envy of the nation. It just requires enlightened leadership to make it hum.

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Mid South Canterbury and part of Selwyn with perhaps Selwyn River as boundary

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Q4. Do you have any other comments?

At the public meeting I attended the council representatives talked about joining Council that are showing growth. Ashburton clearly shows strong growth - far more than South Canterbury and North Otago.  
I think only some of Waitaki should be included A lot of the District is in Otago region.

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Like option C but without Ashburton - especially if Ashburton decides not to join with the other councils.

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Q4. Do you have any other comments?

The inclusion of river catchments should be considered where this makes sense with regard to regional council functions.

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A North Otago - South Canterbury Unitary. We probably need scale for Government acceptance and sustainability. Any of the A B or C options are better than Government control.

**Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?**

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**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

Only within its boundary. The boundary river will require joint management. It must be defined and practical with co-operative decisions.

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**Timaru DC submission July 2026**

I am impressed with the approach and options being presently considered for future amalgamation of councils as requested by Government.

I believe serious consideration begins with analysing the real big issues that many people tend to ignore. These initial parameters of policy include river control which you have alluded to, along with adequate planning for sustainable green energy and sustainable water for both sensible irrigation and clean water for all other community use.

This in turn lifts the environmental achievement and our citizens health level outcomes which is the most important factor for every individual.

Sound results in these initial big issues lay the future foundations for prosperous and healthy citizens in a more sustainable and beneficial environment.

The final option accepted should be a sustainable model to achieve the best living for present and future generations.

**Option A**

South Canterbury Unitary based on territorial boundaries.

Simplest reform but depending on both South and North neighbour's attitude, and the Governments acceptance.

Regarding river boundaries I do not think it is advantageous to manage some of the neighbour's water catchment areas as if the river is a boundary it will need to be jointly managed anyway and this could be a very complex issue.



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For example, under boundary river management if an off the river storage dam was evaluated to draw water in serious floods

Whose side would it be on?

Where is an appropriate site?

Would all the water and green energy created be shared somehow?

The right land site would be critical, perhaps over time consideration to two smaller units, one each side of the boundary river may provide the best outcome for all concerned.

China has the world's largest water dam. The first aim in China planning that dam was to control their monsoons, with water supply and energy being a very important bonus.

Like it or not, major river management is an increasing issue for the future and new options should be included in discussion planning for future control measures.

It is preferable that environmentally, any water withdrawal storage from river flooding should be off river.

#### **Option B**

Could be made to work. What do the Government expect geographically? Ashburton may prefer to be identified with Christchurch? Need initial discussion with our neighbours.

#### **Option C**

May be more practical to progress major river management. Could make more geographical sense in the national arena.

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Ultimately depends entirely on our neighbour's attitudes. I think it is possible that Government expect this magnitude of change to achieve their ambitions.

#### **Option D**

In the circumstances the Government has made it clear this is not an option.

#### **Local control**

Local control is a very important and input should reflect reality of what can be achieved both environmentally and in improved health outcomes for our present citizens and future generations.

Like any undertaking it is the initial parameters that lay the foundations for future success and expected sustainability.

#### **Health Outcomes**

This is number one priority.

I realise that central Government plays a major role in health outcomes, but other factors contribute such as extremes in the environment, (Nitrates, 300 cases of bowel cancer annually in N Z ) and citizens expect good local governance policy that enhances their local constituent's standard of health.

#### **Standard of living.**

We all expect the best possible standard of living and the big issues previously alluded to lay the foundation to achieve a higher district standard of living.



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**My Experience**

I have had 10 consecutive years representing Canterbury at national level in fruit politics and have presented in recent years four serious submissions through to the Ministry for the Environment regarding Nitrate pollution and health repercussions, while promoting fully retaining the entire Dairy industry which generates valuable income for New Zealand.

**Progressing Discussions in boundary changes.**

I think the minimum change would be the South Canterbury identity, Option A but will that satisfy the Government?

Major issues like river management could be better addressed with North Otago and Ashburton Option C, but Option B with North Otago geographically may be acceptable.

Option C would probably be the best option geographically, scale, river management and common values. It is probably more like what the Government will accept.

We do not really want to be part of a Christchurch dominated identity and all the north area of their city. Geographically it is too big of a stretched-out identity to their north with overpowering large city dominance.

Keep up the good work. If it was helpful I offer to contribute to any type of discussion or comment on any thoughts to help you comply with the Government request and deliver the best sustainable identity for representation in the future.

If considered desirable, please do not hesitate to contact me

David Butler

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break up of ecan and taken over by local councils based on water catchment.

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Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

**Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?**

- ☒ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Unsure

**Q4. Do you have any other comments?****Upload files here** [Browse](#)

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Which district do you live in? \*

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If you live outside of South Canterbury, where?

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☐ Yes

### Your views

Q1. What matters most to you in any future local government structure? (select up to five)

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**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

Vital the Councils, through consultation, make their decisions by the deadline time.  
Efficiency and less duplication will come by getting rid of regional councils and absorbing their role into an efficient council compromising current local councils.  
Regional councils are too large and remote from much of the area they govern.

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## Head Start submission form

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Not taking on another area's issues/debt.

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**Option D - Do not submit a Head Start proposal and enter the Backstop process**

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**Option E - Other**

2

Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

South Canterbury/North Otago (Not Mid-Canterbury)

Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?

☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ Unsure

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## Head Start submission form

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Margaret

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Carmichael

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**Option E - Other**

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Last Name \*

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A unitary authority based on the Canterbury Region. This will provide a greater rating base across the region and will allow for effective provision of services like water management, river engineering and flood management, biodiversity protection, transport and quality science advice. My worry is that smaller regions as proposed will have high costs (for example servicing tourism driven infrastructure requirements in the Mackenzie Basin) with a smaller rating base. I also think that we risk losing the services provided by Environment Canterbury at the quantity and quality that they are currently. Small districts will struggle to resource flood management which could have catastrophic consequences for affected towns like Temuka.

**Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?**

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☐ No  
☐ Unsure

**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

We are a part of the Canterbury Region. Being split into small unitary authorities will not serve us or our communities well. Auckland Council serves around 1.8 million people and they manage representation. Freshwater management becomes exceedingly difficult if territorial boundaries do not follow catchment boundaries.

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Emma

Last Name \*

Carter

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### Your views

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Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?

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Last Name \*

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Organisation (if applicable)

Terry Clarke

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Will the present council debt remain with the area or will the debt be added to the combined option.

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John

Last Name \*

Clemens

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The larger the unitary authority is the better, this will ensure a larger rate base to provide for the wider regional issues like river management, air and ground water quality and regional development. Otherwise we will end up with three or four small authorities duplicating these activities and services, which will in turn increase delivery costs to the ratepayers. We must take a wider, more long term view and look at options for the greater Canterbury area.

Has there been any consideration to include Chatham Islands, they will need to be included in a larger authority? I understand the Chathams would come with its challenges, that are like to attract Central Government assistance. If Chathams were included in a larger authority, it would likely lock in service and support from this region, which is helpful for the local economy. We don't want to be forming unsustainable organizations and amalgamating again in another 15-20 years because of a narrow view at this time. The focus seems to be too much on the disestablishment of ECan, than the consequences of small inefficient authorities. I support the amalgamation of the activities, not at small scale.

**Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?**

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☐ No  
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**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

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## Head Start submission form

### Your details

First Name \*

Michelle

Last Name \*

Cogger

Organisation (if applicable)

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### Your views

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**Option E - Other**

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This would consist of the current Timaru + Mackenzie + Waimate councils



**Option B - Mid-South Canterbury Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries** 106

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This would consist of the current Timaru + Mackenzie + Waimate + Ashburton + Waitaki councils.

**Option D - Do not submit a Head Start proposal and enter the Backstop process**

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**Option E - Other**

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Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

Open to seeing what other options might surface following public consultation

Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?

- ☒ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Unsure

Q4. Do you have any other comments?

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Last Name \*

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Which district do you live in? \*

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If you live outside of South Canterbury, where?

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☐ Yes

### Your views

Q1. What matters most to you in any future local government structure? (select up to five)

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Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?

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Q4. Do you have any other comments?

What is wrong with the centre of the river being the boundary.  
I can find nowhere where this is not allowed.  
Solves a potential argument.

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**Option E - Other**

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Q4. Do you have any other comments?

This is completely dependent on knowing what adjacent council districts favour.

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**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

If combined with North Otago, do the other Councils have to cover their costs that are currently outstanding to update their infrastructure?  
i.e their consideration to increase rates up to 4590.

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Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

A more catchment-specific model taking in the Rangitata catchment and Ashburton township, divesting the northern part of Ashburton to Selwyn. Divulving the Waitaki Catchment as a whole to Oamaru, not South Canterbury Unitary Authority.

Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No  
☒ Unsure

Q4. Do you have any other comments?

Yes to Rangitata but No to Waitaki.

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First Name \*

Christine

Last Name \*

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### Your views

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## Head Start submission form

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| <b>First Name *</b>                    | <b>Last Name *</b>                   |
| <input type="text" value="Christine"/> | <input type="text" value="Crosbie"/> |

#### Organisation (if applicable)

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| <b>Which district do you live in? *</b>      | <b>If you live outside of South Canterbury, where?</b> |
| <input type="text" value="Timaru District"/> | <input type="text" value=""/>                          |

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### Your views

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#### Q2. Which option do you prefer?

Please rank all options. 1 = most preferred, 5 = least preferred.

##### Option A - South Canterbury Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries

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**Option B - Mid-South Canterbury Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries** 118

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**Option E - Other**

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**Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?**

- ☒ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Unsure

**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

There are already good relationships and arrangements between Timaru, Mackenzie and Waimate.  
 The Waitaki and Rangitata Rivers make natural territory boundaries.  
 I think the Waitaki Council should stick with Otago.

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Last Name \*

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Last Name \*

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**Option E - Other**

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- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

Q4. Do you have any other comments?

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This process is imposed by a failed government. Local government is just that. Local.  
The argument that costs will be reduced by amalgamation is being used by a government that has failed to provide any proof for its claim. More importantly, local representation will be seriously hindered by the enormity of workload of representative councilors. Because of this realisation come election time, who will be putting their hands up? The workload instilled on representatives in what would be a mega council would mean their role would be full-time, unlike the status quo of most councilors at present. If that was the case, they should be paid well. Then do we see career councilors versus those that live, work and have a true understanding of what matters in their neighborhood, town and rural community.  
Let us not be blinded by a government that takes little care for local decision making. Local government should be retained for the sake of democracy not to save pennies.

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Fully support getting rid of environment canterbury –should have been done 20 years ago - good riddens to it.

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To Timaru Council

Council Big Reforms Decisions??

Council jargon:

A. Possible advantages -

- Builds on existing economic and community connections across South Canterbury.
- May be more deliverable within the Government's timeframe.
- Could support better integration of local and regional functions than current arrangements
- May provide stronger long-term planning for infrastructure, land use, freshwater, transport and economic development than current arrangements although with less scale than the larger options
- Gives local councils and communities more influence over the shape of reform than waiting for the backstop process
- Could reduce some duplication between district and regional council functions over time.
- The three councils broadly agree on this approach already.

Possible disadvantages or risks

B. Possible disadvantages or risks:

- Is likely to be too small to meet the Government's economies of scale measure
- Some regional functions, especially river and freshwater management, may still require cross-boundary arrangements.
- Detailed arrangements for assets, debt, staff, services and representation are not yet known
- Local voice arrangements would need careful design due to different population sizes in existing districts.
- Using only territorial boundaries would leave some river and catchment management issues to be managed through cross-boundary arrangements including for the Waitaki River....

My Feedback:

The language you've shared has several features commonly found in public consultation documents. That doesn't necessarily mean it is intentionally misleading, but it is written in a way that emphasizes administrative processes and potential benefits while making it difficult for many ratepayers to understand the real trade-offs.

Here are some observations.

Language Analysis

1. Heavy use of qualifying words The repeated use of words such as:

"may"

"could"

"likely"

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"might"

"potential"

This allows positive outcomes to be suggested without making firm commitments which is a problem.

For example:

"Could support better integration..."

This sounds positive, but it doesn't promise anything "measurable."

## 2. Positive framing versus cautious negatives

The advantages are written by using optimistic language:

- stronger
- better
- integration
- influence
- long-term planning
- economic development

Whereas the disadvantages are softened:

- "likely to"
- "may still require"
- "not yet known"

In effect the reader (The Ratepayer) comes away remembering the positives while the negatives appear temporary or manageable.

## 3. Administrative jargon

Terms like:

- economies of scale
- integration
- governance arrangements
- representation
- catchment boundaries
- territorial boundaries
- freshwater management

Mean little to many ordinary ratepayers.

The obvious question becomes:

How will this improve my town, my rates, my roads, my parking, my CBD, my services? When it comes down to the billions you propose on an "open Visa account."

Those questions are largely absent.

## 4. Missing the local impact

Almost nothing explains:

- Will Stafford Street improve?
- Will parking improve?
- Will Timaru CBD become more vibrant?
- Will rates go up?
- Will services improve?
- Will empty shops be filled?

Instead the discussion is about governance structures--empty.

For many people, governance is not the outcome they care about!

The biggest omission

The consultation appears to ask:

"Which governance structure do you prefer?"

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Rather than

"What outcomes do you want your council to achieve?"

Those are very different questions.

Many ratepayers may feel they are being asked to choose between five bureaucratic models without first establishing whether the current council has achieved its existing objectives.

Therefore, my rebuttal and submission Response is as follows:

After reading the consultation document, I am left with the impression that the discussion is centred almost entirely on changing governance structures rather than addressing the issues that matter most to ratepayers.

Throughout the document there is repeated use of words such as may, could, likely, and potential. These words create the impression of significant benefits without making "any firm commitments or measurable promises." While that may be appropriate from a legal perspective, it makes it difficult for ordinary residents to understand exactly what they are being asked to support.

The consultation appears to focus on how councils should be organised rather than what outcomes councils should deliver.

Before considering

Options A, B, C, D or E,

I believe the more fundamental questions should be:

- How will this improve Timaru's CBD?
- How will this reduce vacancies in Stafford Street?
- How will this encourage businesses to invest?
- How will this improve parking?
- How will this improve the visitor experience?
- How will this improve services while keeping rates affordable?

These are the issues residents experience every day and need to know.

Changing governance boundaries alone does not create vibrant town centres or stronger local economies.

Timaru's CBD should be one of the Council's highest priorities. A thriving town centre attracts visitors, supports local businesses, encourages investment and builds community pride. Yet the consultation gives little attention to these practical outcomes.

If Council wishes to seek support for structural reform, it should first demonstrate how any proposed model will deliver measurable improvements for communities rather than simply describing different administrative arrangements.

Good governance should be judged by visible results—not by organisational charts.

Until there is a clear vision showing how these proposed changes will improve the everyday lives of South Canterbury residents, I believe many ratepayers will remain unconvinced that changing council structures should take precedence over revitalising our town centres, improving infrastructure, supporting local businesses and delivering better value businesses and for ratepayers.

The discussion should then begin with the community's future, not with bureaucracy.

Stafford Street, for example, is at the heart of Timaru so why isn't this a larger part of governance entities? Where Council should demonstrate its ability to revitalise Timaru's existing CBD through practical projects, restructuring of the vitulization of Stafford Street which becomes more inviting, whereby, residents can see, use, and benefit from every day shopping and where the desire to remain in the CBD brings forth profit to businesses.

Look at a simple (ChatGBT architecturally generated design) of Stafford Street. Not the closure--but rather the utilization of how it can thrive. See Timaru's potential! Look at ways Stafford Street can attract people to stay in the CBD when the vibrancy becomes inviting. Timaru benefits; all is a win-win for who venture into the CBD of Timaru.

Please note--that plan

- A. 5.4 billion dallors,
- B. 8.4 billion dallors,
- C. 10.5 billion dallors,

Is at a prohibitive cost--particularly when you do not have the money on hand, whereby you once again have to barrow and take out a loan. Plus the fact, as ratepayers, we are over stretched beyond current projections.

So NO! You cannot keep spending borrowed monies and have this "run-away Visa" spend up!

Both

D and E is what needs to be looked at, particularly Option D.

If you "The Council were a business" you would have failed and gone bankrupt long ago and never survived.

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Tired of these spend ups without having the money saved over time.

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I prefer the larger options that include catchment. Therefore preferred option is the Waitaki catchment area in the south to the Ashburton catchment area in the North.

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I have always thought that each river catchment should be managed by one authority as one authority may have different management priorities than its neighbour. Local knowledge is important.

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**Option E - Other**

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**Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.**

**Governance and Representation**

Local government reform should not simply consolidate existing councils into a larger organisation. It should also modernise how local government is governed.

The Commission should consider governance models that move beyond the traditional ward-based committee structure and instead create a system that promotes strategic leadership, accountability and subject-matter expertise.

The objective should be to establish one organisation, one executive, one strategy, but locally delivered services.

**Elected Representation**

The amalgamation of councils provides an opportunity to reduce duplication in elected governance while ensuring communities remain represented.

**Option One – Canterbury Council**

A single Canterbury Council would comprise:

One directly elected Mayor.

Approximately 30 elected Councillors representing Canterbury as a whole through a combination of constituency and at-large representation.

Potential for one or more Iwi elected representatives.

Approximately six standing governance committees with delegated authority.

This would replace the current multiple councils and approximately 90–100 elected members across Canterbury, significantly simplifying governance while maintaining democratic representation.

**Option Two – South Canterbury Council**

A South Canterbury Council (Timaru, Ashburton, Waimate and Mackenzie, with the option for Waitaki to participate) would comprise:

One directly elected Mayor.

Approximately 16 elected Councillors.

Potential for one or more Iwi elected representatives.

Standing committees responsible for key council functions.

This would reduce the current number of elected members while providing governance at a scale appropriate for a population of approximately 125,000–150,000 people.

The exact number of elected members should ultimately be determined through representation reviews and community consultation, but the guiding principle should be efficient governance without compromising democratic accountability.

**Functional Governance Model (Preferred)**

Rather than organising decision-making solely around geographic wards, the new authority should consider a governance model based on service portfolios.

Councillors would continue to represent their communities but would also be appointed to committees responsible for defined areas of local government.

Suggested standing committees include:

Transport and Infrastructure

Environment and Water

Planning and Growth

Community and Facilities

Finance, Audit and Performance

Economic Development and Tourism

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## Regulatory Services

Each committee would receive delegated authority to make decisions within approved policy frameworks rather than merely acting as advisory committees.

This structure encourages elected members to develop expertise in their portfolios and focuses governance on outcomes rather than geographic competition.

## Executive Leadership

Operational management should remain the responsibility of professional staff.

The organisation should comprise:

One Chief Executive.

One Executive Leadership Team.

One Finance division.

One Human Resources division.

One Information Technology division.

One Legal and Governance division.

One Procurement function.

One Communications and Engagement team.

One Asset Management function.

One Regulatory Services management structure.

One Regional Planning function.

The greatest efficiencies from amalgamation will be achieved through the consolidation of management structures rather than reducing frontline services.

## Hub-and-Spoke Service Delivery

While governance and management should be centralised, operational services should remain community-based.

Existing council offices should continue as regional service hubs supported by a central corporate structure.

Examples include:

Building inspectors based throughout Canterbury.

Road maintenance depots retained in strategic locations.

Libraries and museums remaining locally operated.

Parks and recreation staff continuing to work from local depots.

Community halls managed through local service centres.

Customer service counters maintained within existing communities.

Residents should continue to receive services locally even though administration and strategic management operate as a single organisation.

This model delivers economies of scale while preserving accessibility and local knowledge.

## Cabinet-Style Governance

The Commission should also consider adopting elements of a cabinet-style governance model, similar to those used by several large unitary authorities internationally.

Under this approach:

The Mayor would provide overall political leadership.

Committee Chairs would hold clearly defined governance portfolios.

Each Chair would be accountable for the performance of their service area.

Full Council would continue to set strategic direction, budgets and major policy.

For example:

Portfolio Responsibility

Transport and Infrastructure Roads, transport, Three Waters, capital projects

Environment and Water Planning, biodiversity, climate adaptation, natural hazards

Community and Facilities Libraries, parks, recreation, community halls, social housing

Finance and Performance Budgets, audit, procurement, organisational performance

Regulatory Services Building control, licensing, environmental health, compliance

Economic Development Tourism, investment, regional promotion and growth

This model provides greater accountability by assigning clear governance responsibility for major service areas.

## Looking Beyond Existing Models

The Commission should not assume that a newly amalgamated authority must simply replicate the governance arrangements of today's councils.

Large unitary authorities overseas, including Cornwall Council in England, demonstrate that substantial efficiencies can be achieved by consolidating strategic governance while retaining strong local service delivery. Canterbury has the opportunity to design a governance model suited to the region's future needs rather than reproducing structures developed for much smaller councils.

Reform should therefore focus on:

Reducing duplication.

Centralising executive leadership.

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Maintaining locally delivered services through a hub-and-spoke model.  
 Strengthening accountability through functional governance portfolios.  
 Encouraging region-wide strategic thinking.  
 Preserving community identity while improving organisational efficiency.  
 Overall Vision

The goal of amalgamation should be more than administrative consolidation. It should create a modern, resilient and financially sustainable organisation capable of serving Canterbury for the next generation.  
 Whether implemented as a single Canterbury Council or a South Canterbury Council as an interim step, reform should embrace contemporary governance principles, centralised management, functional decision-making and local service delivery. By doing so, Canterbury can achieve the efficiencies of scale expected from amalgamation while retaining the accessibility, responsiveness and community identity that residents value.

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- ☐ Yes  
☒ No  
☐ Unsure

**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

No.  
 I do not consider river catchments, or rivers themselves, to be appropriate determinants of local government boundaries. Historically, many council boundaries have followed rivers because they were convenient physical landmarks. However, modern local government is responsible for delivering integrated services that increasingly extend across natural features. Using rivers as administrative boundaries can unnecessarily divide communities, infrastructure networks, transport corridors and economic areas. It may also create uncertainty over responsibility for assets, flood protection, river management and emergency response where responsibilities are shared between neighbouring authorities.

Instead, establish boundaries based on communities of interest, transport connections, service delivery, economic relationships and administrative efficiency.

Where practical, boundaries should follow surveyed cadastral boundaries or other clearly defined administrative lines rather than waterways.

This would provide:  
 Clear jurisdictional responsibility.  
 Simpler governance arrangements.  
 Reduced duplication between neighbouring authorities.  
 Greater certainty for residents, businesses and infrastructure providers.  
 Boundaries that are less likely to change over time.

River management should continue to be undertaken through statutory planning processes, inter-agency agreements and integrated environmental management, rather than by using rivers as political boundaries.

The primary objective should be to create logical and enduring administrative boundaries that support efficient governance and effective service delivery, rather than relying on geographical features that may no longer reflect how communities function or how public services are delivered.

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Should Geraldine not have a voice on the Unitary Council we would like one of the elected councillors appointed to represent the Geraldine area. Geraldine should at the very least retain a Community board, or similar, responsible for liaising with the elected member regarding local matters and ensuring we maintain a strong local voice. This board could be given responsibility to oversee more mundane local matters.  
Would the changes to boundaries reduce the number of MP's required and hence further reduce costs and simplify local governance?

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To:

Timaru District Council  
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Waimate District Council

Monday 20 July 2026

HEAD START SUBMISSION

**Next Generation Unitary Council Governance : A Proposal to meet Assessment Criteria 5 : Maintain Local Voice**

**A Collaboration presented by: The Timaru District Council and Mackenzie District Council Community Board Chairpersons and Deputy Chairpersons, in consultation with their respective board members (excluding Councillors).**

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We believe the attached Head Start submission allows Tier One elected councillors to concentrate on long-term unitary and regional leadership while empowering local communities to shape their own places through Community Councils (and possibly Community Trusts). Regional Assemblies provide the bridge between these two levels, ensuring that local priorities are acknowledged, coordinated and funded where appropriate without drawing the full Council into every community-level decision. This creates a 'flattened' governance structure that is scalable for a unitary council serving around 125,000 people (or less depending on size of amalgamation) while preserving strong community representation after the amalgamation of the former district councils.

What this process has brought to light, is the importance of connection with our neighbouring boards. Through this entire collaboration, it has been noted that the understanding of issues, projects and demographics has forged valuable relationships and has given strength and good foundation to this proposal. The open, honest discussion and debate has been enlightening and invigorating, allowing us to find common ground in a positive group of leaders who reside in completely different areas dealing with completely different issues, but are now on the same team. We feel it is important and truly beneficial to see 'cross-border' conferencing continue into the new unitary, to share ideas, challenges, successes, projects, and to ensure this relationship grows. We have noted this in the Annex.

We believe that this submission, '**Next Generation Unitary Council Governance**', meets the objectives outlined in Assessment Criteria 5 : Maintains Local Voice. Where communities continue to be represented fairly; where local decision-making is preserved where it matters; where Urban and Rural interests are balanced (Bishop C. Watts S, *beehive.govt.nz*, 5 May 2026).

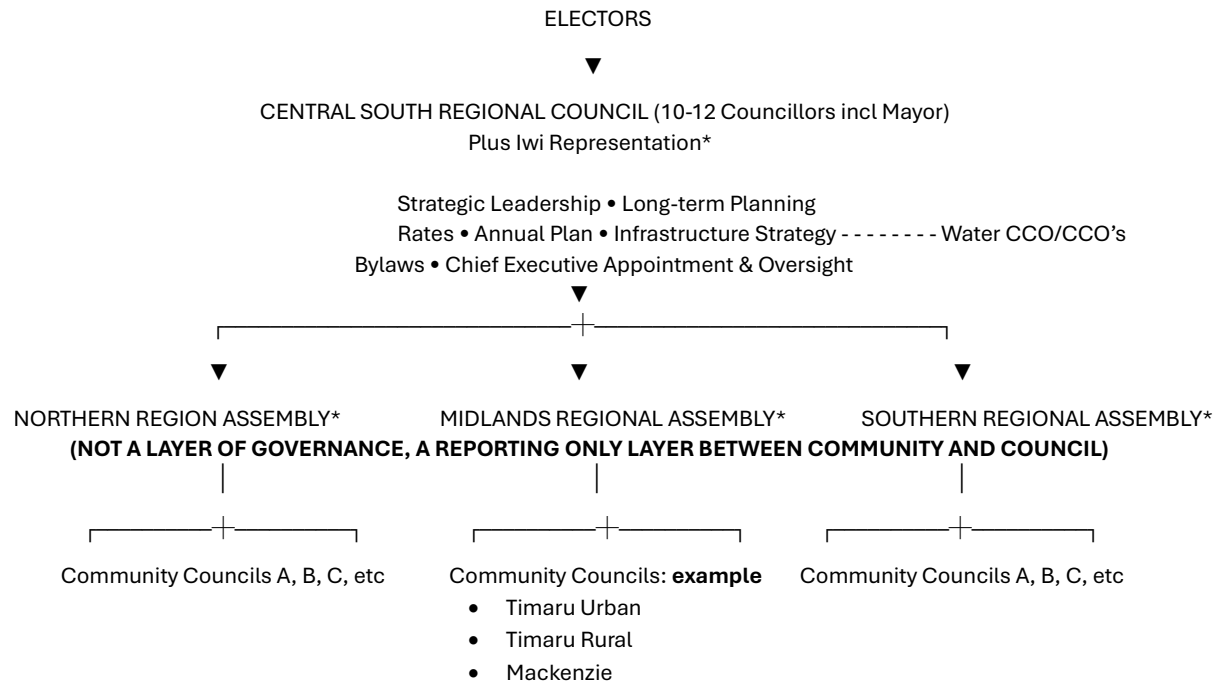
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Nicola Nimo, Temuka Community Board Deputy Chairperson  
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Tom Whittaker, Fairlie Community Board Deputy Chairperson  
Brent Swanson, Lake Tekapo Community Board Chairperson  
Mary Murdoch, Twizel Community Board Chairperson

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# **Next Generation Unitary Council Governance & Management Structure**

*(Using the Proposal of a 5 Council Amalgamation)*



NORTHERN REGION – based on Ashburton District Council boundary as an indication, plus any part of Selwyn Rural/Water Catchment areas, open for boundary adjustments/extensions.

MIDLANDS REGION – based on Timaru District & Mackenzie District Council boundaries merged, open for boundary adjustments/extension : possibly include areas beyond Pareora, possibly Makikihi and back to Hunter Hills.

SOUTHERN REGION – based on Waimate District and Waitaki District Council boundaries merged, open for boundary adjustments/extensions : possibility for Palmerston to join Otago area?

See Corporate Management Chart and notes for structure of Regional Assemblies.

CORPORATE MANAGEMENT CHART (Services Entire Governance Structure)



- All Groups provide services to:
- Central South Regional Council
  - Offices of Regional Managers
  - Community Councils



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**Governance Responsibilities****1. CENTAL SOUTH REGIONAL COUNCIL**

The Council remains the strategic governing body.

**Responsibilities**

- Long-Term Plan
- Annual Plan
- Rating policy
- Infrastructure investment
- Water Services (incl wastewater) (separate CCO business units)
- Transport and Roads
- District/Regional Planning
- Resource Management
- Stormwater
- Landfills
- Pest Control
- Regulatory Services (separate Building Authority business unit)
- Civil Defence
- Asset Management
- Chief Executive appointment
- Regional economic strategy
- Governance services

The Regional Council focuses on "big picture" governance rather than local issues.

\*Check Iwi Representation notes in the Annex.

Total 10-12 full time councillors.

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**2. Regional Assemblies**

Reporting up and down, accountability, monitoring, guidance, coordination, communication, "big brother" activity.

Each Assembly consists of:

- 3 Councillors elected from that region (if the Mayor was elected from this region you would not expect him in this assembly, but they will always be invited)
- The Regional Manager
- The Chair (mini-Mayor) + one delegate from each Community Council in that region

Total: 12 members

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**Purpose**

Regional Assemblies ensure that decisions made by the Regional Council and Community Councils reflect regional priorities and community needs. Regional Assemblies aid in the delivery of advocacy from the top down and from the bottom up. Community Councils report directly to their Regional Assembly. A Regional Assembly can coordinate projects that span across multiple Community Councils in their regions and allocate funding accordingly, with a possible allowance to make decisions relating to a 'whole-of-region' project/issue. Meetings are conducted 6-weekly.

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**3. Community Councils****Governance Principle:**

**"Community driven governance, where decisions are made at the lowest level capable of making them effectively."**

Community Councils are the **grassroots voice of each community**.

Community Council members will be **elected through the democratic process**.

Community Councils would receive a **delegated budget and determine spending**.

Community Councils could approve:

- Community facilities
- Pensioner Housing (occupied council pensioner flat management)
- Libraries
- Museums
- Swimming pools
- Public transport
- Parks
- Recreation facilities
- Sportsgrounds
- Walking and cycling trails
- Regional events
- Arts and culture
- Tourism promotion ----- (collaboration with a Tourism Business Unit)
- Heritage projects

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- Community safety initiatives
- Regional beautification
- Environmental enhancement (excluding statutory planning)
- Fees and Charges relating to:
  - Hall, venue and parks/reserves hire in that area
  - Cemetery Plot Fees in that area
  - Lease assignments under that area (e.g. Lake Alexandrina leases in Mackenzie)
  - Pensioner Housing
  - Sports Grounds fees in that area
  - User Pays public toilets in that area

Community Councils **represent, advocate for, and strengthen local communities.**

Community Councils would:

- Listen to community concerns
- Identify local priorities
- Engage residents
- Support local organisations
- Promote community wellbeing
- Advocate to the Regional Assembly
- Monitor delivery of local services
- Encourage volunteer initiatives

**Importantly,** Community Councils would **not** make decisions on (but be consulted with):

- Roads
- Water supply/Wastewater
- Stormwater
- Spatial Planning
- Resource Consenting
- Regulatory matters
- Landfills

Those remain Regional Council functions.

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**Community Councils** will perform a large portfolio of duties and responsibilities. Community Council members would require those skills of what the current elected council members have now. We are assuming/broadly approximating a paid role of 25-35 hours per week for each Community Council member. Meetings are conducted monthly.

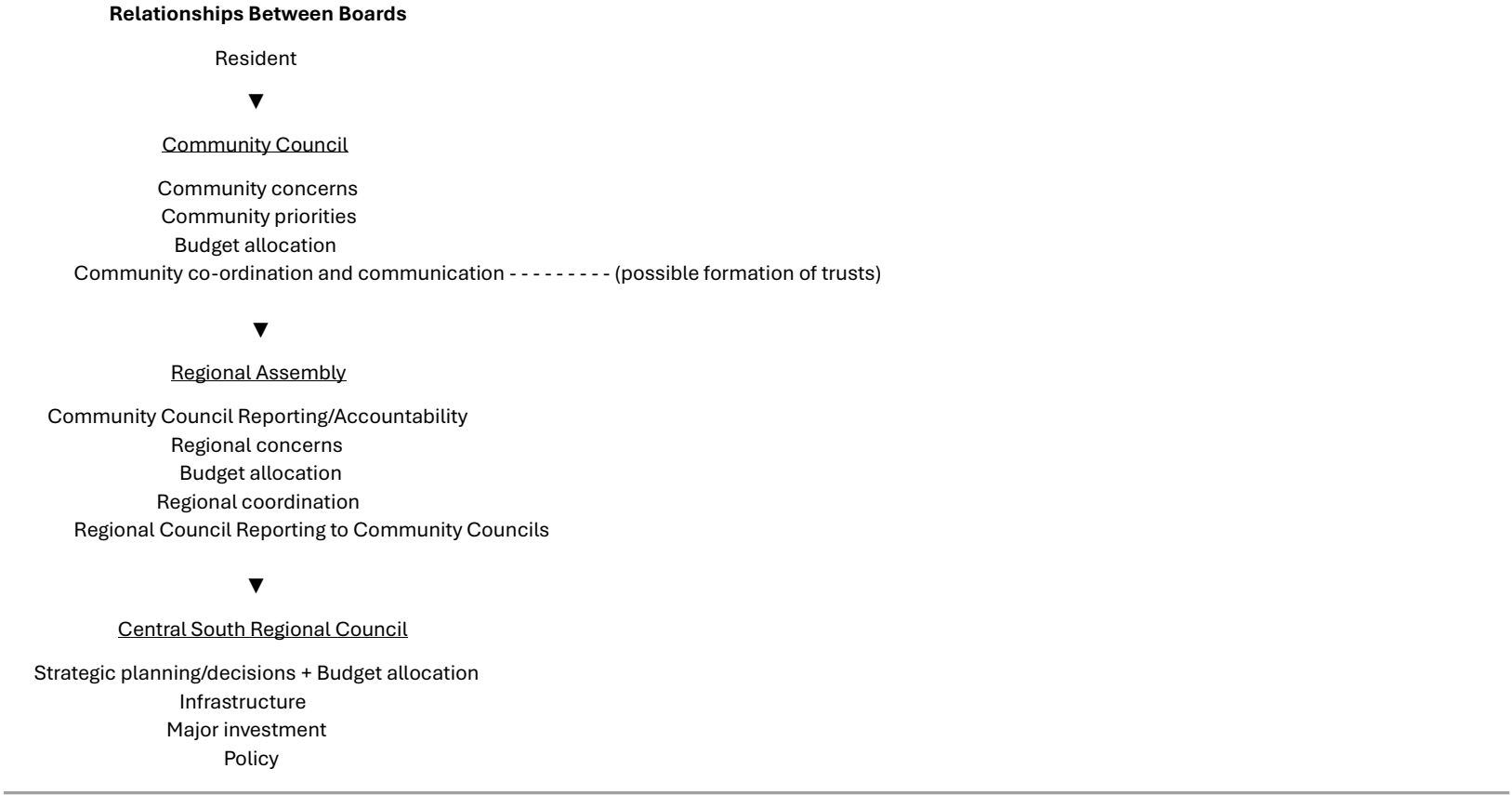
**Community Council specifications:**

Units:

- Regional Council to decide the best coverage of “how many Community Councils required in a region”.
  - Midlands Example:
    - Timaru Urban CC (Covers Timaru town to town boundaries)
    - Timaru Rural CC (Covers Pareora to Cave/Raincliff to Skipton to Te Moana/Woodbury to Peel Forest and Rangitata Gorge to headwaters/Geraldine to Rangitata/follow coast to Temuka/Seadown and around Timaru town boundary).
    - Mackenzie CC (Cover Mackenzie with the removal of eastern Raincliff Area).

Member Numbers:

- Regional Council to decide the best coverage of “how many Community Councillors required per Community Council”.
    - Midlands Example (broad approximations):
      - Timaru Urban CC – 3 x Timaru North, 3 x Timaru West, 3 x Timaru South = 9
      - Timaru Rural CC – 3 x Geraldine & Rural, 3 x Temuka & Rural, 3 x Pleasant Point/Cave/Rural to Pareora incl Raincliff/Taiko/Levels/Claremont = 9
      - Mackenzie CC – 3 x Twizel & Rural, 3 x Lake Tekapo & Rural, 3 x Fairlie & Rural=9 (excl eastern-Raincliff as that falls into above)
  - We support and recommend a formula that allows for recognition of population **and** geographic area – viewed on a case-by-case basis rather than having all Community Councils follow the same formula for required member numbers. It is necessary that those at the western-most and less populated places have a strong, if not stronger, voice at Community Council than those in highly populated areas as their needs can be unique due to their isolation and the attraction of high visitor numbers.
  - See notes in Annex re possible unelected members to fill gaps in demographic representation.\*\*
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## Elections

Our governance model proposes a **democratic election process to elect the following:**

### One

Election of the Governing Regional Council (Tier one).

This would elect:

- **10–12 Councillors** - Councillors would be elected from regional wards, likely providing:
- 3–4 Councillors representing each region

Ward boundaries would ensure equitable representation across rural and urban communities. ‘Ward’ boundaries could mirror Regional Assembly boundaries but there would still need to be balanced/even representation across those areas, i.e. what we have structured as Community Councils.

\*Iwi representation – We believe the addition of Iwi representation is necessary. Where Iwi representation should reside within the structure was not something we gave a lot of attention to, believing that Council will identify where it fits, what the LGA 2002 requirement is (Maori Wards, Local Iwi Working Groups that consult, or Iwi Consultants that sit in Council Offices, the employment of external Iwi Consultants, or a mix), what their purpose and function will be and how they can best serve the community. We do not believe Iwi representation will impact this structure proposal, rather enhance it.

### Two

Election of Community Councils (Tier two).

Each Community Council would/could broadly comprise:

- **8-12 elected members**
- Using Midlands as an example, the Timaru Rural Community Council may require 4 x members from Geraldine, 4 x members from Temuka and 4 x members from Pleasant Point/Cave/Rural to Pareora incl Raincliff/Taiko/Levels/Claremont to attain adequate, fair and balanced representation.

\*\*It has been noted by multiple Community Board Chairs that; because the role of a Community Councillor is a significant position, it may not be attractive to the younger to middle-aged candidate, they are generally committed to work, and children/families. It may be beneficial, in some Community Councils, in some areas, to provide a capacity-of-sorts to have the younger demographic sit unelected on Community Councils, where they have the same speaking rights and can address council and management and question policy and decisions like the elected members, but have no voting rights. While younger members may have less time to dedicate, they bring significant value to community leadership. They tend to have a strong long-term vision, focused on creating communities where their children and future generations can thrive. They also offer fresh perspectives on local issues, helping to ensure that the needs of younger families are considered alongside those of the wider community. They would not receive a regular Community Councillor’s wage, rather being compensated for each meeting attendance.



**ANNEX****1. Funding Notes for Consideration****Community Trusts**

- Community Councils request the establishment of 'Community' Trusts for Projects/Events/Grants Funding
- Fund the Trusts from sources available to the CC's (targeted rates, other annual allocations??)
- Trusts can raise more funds by applying to externals
- Trusts can accept donations, local sponsorship
- Trusts can accumulate funds over several years
- Trusts may fund/help fund:
  - Events/Festivals
  - Community events
  - Playground/green space initiatives
  - Local beautification
  - Youth initiatives
  - Senior programmes
  - Arts
  - Heritage projects
  - Environmental projects
  - Sports clubs/Club initiatives
  - Volunteer organisations
  - Small capital projects
- Two (2) Community Councillors will sit on each Trust board, they will have the ability to bring council initiatives to the trust, and will report activity back to Community Councils.

We believe the formation of Community Trusts will enable communities to deliver projects without relying on Council approval for every initiative.

- Being part of a larger region allows two or more Trusts to work together on possible joint projects, bringing more economies of scale, even more beneficial to communities.
- The funding that lies within a trust account, for whichever community, must stay ring-fenced to ensure balanced and fair delivery. For example, funding distributed to the Timaru Rural Community Council for Pleasant Point, as a direct collection from Pleasant Point residents, goes into a Pleasant Point Trust.
- Trusts will allow locals or any chosen party to quote for project-related work without having a 'council contractual agreement' to overrule.

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- Trusts will allow for locals to give their time/resources as donations towards projects and events.
  - Trusts are widely acknowledged as 'feel-good' organisations, takes away the "Council compliance/regulation" feel and allows for lots of voluntary involvement.
  - Trust board members may receive an honorarium of sorts.
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## 2. Other Notes for Consideration

### Alternative Two-Region Model

Should either **Waitaki District** or **Ashburton District** not become part of the new Unitary Council, here is a possible **two Regional Board model**.

Under this scenario the governance structure becomes:

- Northern Regional Board
- Southern Regional Board

\*Boundaries dependant on which districts amalgamate.

This maintains similar community representation while recognising the reduced geographic size and population of the unitary authority. The exact number and boundaries of Community Councils would be determined through the Local Government Commission's representation review process.

### Corporate Management Chart

There was minimal focus on the makeup of the Corporate Management structure, on the understanding that this will be something attended to by the new Regional Council and CEO to satisfactorily meet what is required. We are not recommending that the Group Managers cover those areas noted in the Group Management Chart (pg 2), rather using this chart just as an example. For instance, it may mean that an Infrastructure Group Manager has a Northern Rooding Manager, Midlands Rooding Manager and Southern Rooding Manager as direct reports, as an example, but we spent limited time on what the inner-workings need to look like.

### Cross-Border Conferencing

The cross-border collaboration on this submission has identified the need for a provision to ensure neighbouring Community Councils have their own space for understanding and support of each other. We recommend bi- or tri-annual conferences, where delegates from each Community Council attend a Cross-Border Conference, partially agenda driven and partially open floor around the table discussion. This gives an opportunity for further beneficial collaboration and opens the door for Community Councillors that have 'been-there' with different projects, to share their skills and experience and offer advice, encouragement and support, but also identify possible issues.

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### Your views

Q1. What matters most to you in any future local government structure? (select up to five)

- ☒ Affordable rates   ☒ Quality services and infrastructure   ☒ Keeping decisions local  
☒ More efficiency, less duplication   ☐ Rural areas and small towns are valued   ☐ Healthy environment  
☐ Urban growth is properly planned   ☐ Services are easy to access   ☐ Local character is protected  
☐ More transparency   ☒ Economic Development   ☐ Other

By sharing how important each of these principles are to you, you'll be helping us make sure the views and preferences of our residents and communities are considered as we develop our proposal further in the coming months.

If you selected "Other", provide more details here.

Q2. Which option do you prefer?

Please rank all options. 1 = most preferred, 5 = least preferred.

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**Option D - Do not submit a Head Start proposal and enter the Backstop process**

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**Option E - Other**

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Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

**Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☒ Unsure

**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

I support a locally led Head Start proposal rather than waiting for the backstop process. Option B strikes the right balance for South Canterbury: it brings enough scale to deliver genuine efficiency gains and reduce duplication between district and regional functions, without pushing decision making so far from our communities that local voice is lost. Option A, while the easiest to agree on, risks falling short of the Government's economies of scale test and may not solve the cost pressures we're facing. Option C adds useful catchment integration but at the cost of two further sets of external negotiation and a governance footprint that stretches too far from Timaru. Whatever option proceeds, local representation arrangements (wards, community boards, or local service centres) need to be clearly built in from the start, not left to a later phase.

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**Option E - Other**

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Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?

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Option C encapsulates the Heartland concept. There are iconic rivers that need protection. Each major centre has distinct and attractive elements and economic drivers. There is a port and a mix of light industry and Fonterra. The rugby "Hanan Shield Districts" could allow eventually for a development of some sort of area identity. The combined population gives a reasonable rate payer base.

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Option A should include river catchments. If this is pursued, it would make sense to include further parts of the current Waitaki District. Any solutions would need to consider what other Districts on the 'edge' i.e. Waitaki, Ashburton want to do

**Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?**

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**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

While this is early days, achievements of the various Districts should be maintained in the further process. In regard to the Timaru District for example, this would be the progress in the District Plan review like Significant Natural Areas, Outstanding Natural Landscapes and Features, Visual Amenity Landscapes and others. Similar for the Mackenzie District progress regarding the protection of the Mackenzie Basin landscape.

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## Head Start submission form

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Organisation (if applicable)

Timaru resident and rate payer

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You don't mention anything about debt? Does the amalgamated entity inherit all the debt associated with each district? If so, we (Timaru) need to refuse amalgamation with North Otago/Waitaki 100%.

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## Local Body Reform

I attended an information meeting concerning the changes about to happen to local bodies.

While the intent was to obtain feedback from ratepayers on the alternatives put up by government, much of the feedback concerned how ratepayers can continue to receive, or not receive, the services that they receive now. There was no comment on how this may be done or what are the best local body structures going forward or different ways of delivering services, whether existing ones or new ones.

The government has recognized that the whole local body system may no longer be fit for purpose and as a first step is requiring that there be far fewer local bodies. The initial steps are focused on what we need to exist, water and to a lesser degree, food. Once this issue is resolved then there has to be serious discussion about how the new entities will deliver services to the community and also what services need to be delivered now, and more importantly, in the future. The new entities offer almost a blank page and there is a pressing need to go right back to basics to work out how councils should operate in the future. The present systems may well not be viable in the larger councils and simply tweaking them to fit is head in the sand stuff. Parochialism must be totally rejected. I read that one councillor, probably in Timaru, suggested that Timaru should not merge with Waitaki simply because the latter is not in Canterbury. That councillor should be disqualified from any further involvement in this process and I must question that person's ability to be a councillor. What, if any, functions as well as water should be devolved to other entities existing or new? How would they be structured and who would own them?

Representation must be up for review. While the election of councillors will be dictated by statute the people below the councillors must be up for review. We have at present unelected people having voting rights as equals with our elected representatives. This practice is corrupting our Westminster system of democracy. Our democracy has its flaws but it is still the best system in the world unlike one we hear a lot of where it allows a virtual dictatorship. Whatever the reasons for allowing unelected voting, this must stop. Elected members need to be managed and that is the primary duty of any mayor. Beyond that his/her other duties must be up for review. What these duties may be will depend on the structures put in place and these could vary from council to council. Why should they be the same for every council when the needs vary so much? My suggestions for the proposed mid South Canterbury/ North Otago council are that modified and upgraded community boards or similar be set up and not just limited to built up communities but district communities as well, all of which may have more powers than at present and may be structured differently. They may well have some financial independence. They will also need to be advisory groups with direct lines to the councillors. All such groups can speak for all people who fall within these groups. We are looking forward and we want harmony in our society so there is no place for any racial groups, all races will be represented. Past history must be cast aside so that all voters are treated equally, that is democracy.

Councils will be thrown together so they must work as one and there should be no petty jealousies between the adjacent large councils as there appear to be now. We once divided a semi rural block into sections and we needed an access way constructed. The winner was the commercial arm of the neighbouring council. After winning the tender they came to me to tell



them what our council requirements were for this job. I was staggered. How could a tender be lodged without knowledge of the requirements? I told them that they had won the tender and they would have to go to our council to find this out. They simply did not want to do this. Petty jealousies. There is no place for these in New Zealand.

Certainly at this stage, social issues should not be considered. These issues should be addressed once the fundamentals of local body operations under the new regime are resolved.

A fundamental question is how should local bodies be funded. Are rates the best solution? Apparently water charges are to be separated from general rates if rates continue. A good move but for fairness, every user should be metered so every user pays for what they use. The upside is that there is an incentive to use less water which must be a big plus. We lived in a motorhome for three years and with limited water storage, our water use was kept to a minimum, far less than we now use and yet we stayed clean and hydrated and fed. What are the alternatives to rates? Has anyone seriously looked at alternatives?

How will local bodies be structured? With distance working including working from home there must be benefits to be explored particularly as the larger local bodies will inherit offices scattered throughout their region with staff equally scattered. One obvious area is technology. The aim must be for one computer system for the entity, so saving quite a lot of floor space somewhere. A single system must bring staff savings as well. Boardrooms are scattered all around. Probably one will be enough with smaller meeting rooms in other places. The amalgamation of other functions should be possible but not before the structure of these functions and indeed the relationship of functions to each other has been explored with very open minds. If there are enough buildings to house present staff then there must be more than enough buildings to cater for a slimmed down staff. Do they all have to operate from one building? Of course not. Those at the coal face, out on the road and doing what is required to maintain our society, will probably not change but how they are managed must change. Can some sections be merged? Can some sections be split and recombined with other sections? All of these things must be possible. There must be rationalisations as well. Each present entity will have a departmental manager. When the functions are merged surely one competent manager will suffice. If not, then why?

My greatest concern is that much of the new systems will be worked through by existing local body staff who have a vested interest in keeping their jobs. There needs to be an external audit function to review and critique proposed changes. This is another problem. Who, outside of local bodies has the necessary skills and local body experience to do this? Overseas "experts" may not be so expert as the problems we have are also in many other countries. The forward thinkers are mostly in the private sector, busy making money from their forward thinking and so will not be tempted to become involved. I do not know the answer. Certainly central government is not an answer. If we think that local bodies are inefficient then just look at central government. This is crying out for major reform so there will be few if any suitable people there.

The changes must bring changes to how services are delivered and what is delivered. Some will be better and some will be worse. Which are which will depend on the opinion of the receiver of those services. One thing is certain, services and particularly the management of them will not be and must not be the same as they are now.

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P S An interesting unimportant issue is parochial. When the provinces have their anniversary days, there will be three different days within the new council, confusing and also counter productive, particularly for staff. Maybe it is time for one national provincial day or even stopping them all so that our country can be more productive. This is beyond the scope of this review.

Allan Gough

It has been reported that one councillor, perhaps in Timaru, suggested that Waitaki DC should not be part of the merger proposals because it is in Otago and not Canterbury. I am appalled that this has been put forward. Parochialism has no place in this issue. The issues concern the whole region, regardless of the provincial region. If the report is correct then I suggest that the particular councillor should be sidelined from the discussions as he/she has no concept of the matter. To me this is so bad that I must question that person's ability to be a councillor.

Option C plus the options seems to me to be the best geographical option as it combines the catchment of the three major rivers which should be homogenous. Also, it is the best geo political option as it avoids the major urban centres of Christchurch and Dunedin which have very different needs. Taking a long term view, Selwyn district is increasingly becoming a satellite suburb of Christchurch and so should best be part of that amalgamation.

This whole process must start with agreement on the principles as above and then working through the practicalities. It must not be the other way round as the practicalities must be subservient to the principles. There are sure to be road blocks put in the way by some who may have a vested interest or historical biases and these must be overcome in the interests of the overall concept. Otherwise we will have a "camel", a horse designed by a committee. Councillors are facing probably their most challenging situation and we will all be very interested to see which of them rise to the challenge.



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## Head Start submission form

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Russell

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If you live outside of South Canterbury, where?

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☐ Yes

### Your views

Q1. What matters most to you in any future local government structure? (select up to five)

- ☒ Affordable rates ☒ Quality services and infrastructure ☐ Keeping decisions local  
☒ More efficiency, less duplication ☐ Rural areas and small towns are valued ☒ Healthy environment  
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Q2. Which option do you prefer?

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2

This would consist of the current Timaru + Mackenzie + Waimate + Ashburton councils.

**Option C - Mid-South Canterbury and North Otago Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries**

1

This would consist of the current Timaru + Mackenzie + Waimate + Ashburton + Waitaki councils.

**Option D - Do not submit a Head Start proposal and enter the Backstop process**

4

**Option E - Other**

5

Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?

- ☒ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Unsure

Q4. Do you have any other comments?

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**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

Any of these options is going to have a negative effect as many people will end up without jobs - any amalgamations always does this! Regardless of anything else. Also, on the whole the larger things are the less efficient they become.

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Having to live on a fixed income (pension) we cannot afford rate rises.

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There has been no mention of the Chatham Islands. Should they be considered, Or are they someone's problem?

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Q4. Do you have any other comments?

Fewer councillors and one Mayor should mean a saving, but that saving will be spent on consultants and researchers!! Will there be un-elected council members with a vote at meetings.

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George

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**Option C - Mid-South Canterbury and North Otago Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries**

2

This would consist of the current Timaru + Mackenzie + Waimate + Ashburton + Waitaki councils.

**Option D - Do not submit a Head Start proposal and enter the Backstop process**

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**Option E - Other**

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**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

I believe there is simplicity and efficiency to be gained by unifying municipal and regional council functions. However, Council should not invest time and money into a highly uncertain and unpredictable configuration of local council amalgamation. Council's focus should remain on delivering its core functions. I also do not believe that larger scale is a silver bullet for solving council funding challenges. I think the root cause of infrastructure deficits is the rates-based funding model, which has historically been incentivised to remain artificially low due to electoral pressures. In my opinion, we need rates reform, rather than boundaries being redrawn.

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**Option D - Do not submit a Head Start proposal and enter the Backstop process**

2

**Option E - Other**

5

Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

Canterbury wide

Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☒ Unsure

Q4. Do you have any other comments?

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Hancock

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Waimate

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☐ Yes

### Your views

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Ashburton and Timaru should join that would then make Mackenzie, Waimate and Waitaki

**Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?**

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**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

Timaru could learn a lot from Ashburton, I moved from North island to Timaru in 2008 and moved to Saint Andrews in 2025. Timaru has not guts in there council it's lacking in inspiration. You should have bigger ideas the only big thing that it has going for it is the Rock and Hop. Shut the Main Street for traffic from Coffee culture through to the old bank at least. Green space for buskers, eateries with outdoor dining, boutique shops get the bars in there. You want to encourage people into central city not just bay hill or south end of town. Move visitors is more money look at events, the theatre and rugby grounds upgrade wasn't thinking big enough you had 10 years to build a stadium for national and international events when Christchurch was down but no instead you waste rate payers money on consultants and think small but pay large to turn around and change your minds. Look at Ashburton market every weekend is huge on main road, wheels month draws in lots of people, there bars and eatery's, more businesses than Timaru that locals support.

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**Option E - Other**

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Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

3. Would the "Otago" province be happy to have a local authority in a different province

**Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?**

- ☒ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Unsure

**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

Would it be called The Aoraki District or Regional Council. 1 May and (2 Councilors from each geographical area) 6-8 or 10 Councilors? Fully paid? 1 CE with a "Manager" in each region. 1 Council HQ Timaru would appear to be halfway meeting point. Meetings by wider bimonthly physical or if urgent issue Mayor and CE to decide unless Mayor and more than half elected members call for special meeting.

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Graham and Gill

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Harris

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## Head Start submission form

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5

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5

**Option E - Other**

5

Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?

- ☐ Yes
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Q4. Do you have any other comments?

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Tasmin

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Kimble

Last Name \*

Henderson

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Susan

Last Name \*

Henderson

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**Option E - Other**

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**Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?**

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☐ Unsure

**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

Worried about taking on other council's debt and how this would affect our rates. Worried about having to pay for other council's aging/ill maintained infrastructure and how that affects our rates. What happens if there is a change of government-will this continue or be thrown out? Would including river catchments increase our costs substantially?

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Tomas George

Last Name \*

Henderson

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### Your views

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4

**Option E - Other**

5

Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

I would like to see New Zealand taking a long view in future, this is a good start, but 4 years term would be better than 3 years for our future.  
3 years term of govt is not enough for our future, so I would like to have 4 years term.

Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?

- ☒ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Unsure

Q4. Do you have any other comments?

Local people with knowledge making decisions in future,  
We have to have Lake Opuha in to support Economics in future for South Canterbury

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David &amp; Catherine

Last Name \*

Henshaw

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We require ongoing practical and common-sense development of our South Canterbury region. This must be affordable with quality governance. If scale is forced on us, then Mid Canterbury is a strong favourite in our opinion.

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**Option E - Other**

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We submit that merging below the Waitaki should be strongly rejected. No community of interest and too many complicating issues South of the Waitaki.

We strongly believe ECan has had its day. They completely overreached on environmental and with administrative empire building. Please don't let that be replicated!!

**Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?**

- ☐ Yes
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- ☒ Unsure

**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

While it is desirable to have some oversight into the management of the Waitaki, Rangitata, (and/or Rakaia) catchments, this a costly exercise.  
A return to the South Canterbury Catchment Board structure should be researched as it worked well in terms of practical and affordable management. ECan has completely overreached on environmental!!

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Tony

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Heron

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Wendy

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Hicks

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**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

My submission sets out to provide feedback on how subsequent proposals can be designed to allow residents to make an informed choice on the options presented. At this stage, the assessment material underserves a decision of this level of significance for local governance.

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## Submission to Timaru District Council — Head Start Local Government Reform Consultation

Andy Hilton - [REDACTED], 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026

### Summary position

I support Council remaining actively engaged in the Head Start process rather than defaulting to the Backstop pathway, on the basis that participation preserves the greatest influence over how any future arrangement is designed. I have not ranked Options A–E as part of my submission, because the evidence currently available does not, in my view, support a meaningful ranking against the criteria that matter most: genuine value for money and maintained or improved service provision, as distinct from cost reduction alone.

Instead, this submission sets out considerations I believe are missing from the current assessment, and asks that they be carried forward as explicit, checkable commitments into the Detailed Design phase, regardless of which option Council ultimately favours.

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### 1. “Efficiency” is being treated as a synonym for scale, not tested as an outcome

Throughout the consultation material, “efficiency” and “value” are used almost interchangeably with population and financial scale. The evidence provided — population, GDP, asset value, debt — is thorough on cost and scale but says nothing about service. Consolidating back-office and governance functions can certainly lower the cost base; whether service delivery holds up against that lower cost base is simply assumed, not tested anywhere in the material I could source from TDC.

I think it important that “efficiency” be defined in terms of service outcomes, not cost reduction alone — and that this be measured against what a given service delivers to residents, not only against dollars saved.

Related to this, I can’t determine from the material how much of any claimed efficiency gain is genuinely only achievable through full structural amalgamation, as opposed to already being captured through existing joint arrangements between these councils (the Mackenzie–Timaru water arrangement, as an example). Without knowing what scale benefit is already banked, the additional benefit being claimed for amalgamation itself can’t really be considered.

I’d ask Council to press for efficiency to be defined (in future outline proposals and subsequent Detailed Design) in terms of service outcomes rather than cost reduction

alone — and for any proposal to show what efficiencies current collaborations are already delivering. With this information secured, the marginal case for full amalgamation can be judged on its own merits.

## 2. Local knowledge matters to service delivery, not just representation — and there's no baseline to test it against

The government's assessment criteria choose to treat “maintains local voice” as a democratic consideration that is traded off against efficiency as scale increases. I think that framing sells the issue short.

Local knowledge — of place, conditions, and community — can genuinely improve service delivery when it is used to inform it. Examples could be fewer planning appeals, better-targeted capital works, less rework. Losing local voice may carry a real efficiency cost, not just a legitimacy one, and the current scoring has no way of picking that up.

The option assessment is made harder still by a more basic gap: there's no comparative information anywhere in the material on how well residents in the proposed partner districts are being served today e.g. consenting times, road condition, water quality compliance, response times. The financial tables describe cost and assets, not service. Without that baseline, no option can be credibly tested against a “maintains or improves service” standard, because there's nothing to measure it against.

I'd ask that a comparative service-level baseline — not just a financial one — be established before any option goes further, and that this becomes the real test of whether an option delivers value, alongside the local-voice question above.

## 3. Funding and service redistribution risk

Two related practical risks sit underneath the scale and efficiency claims.

First, where partner councils currently sit at different service levels, any unified authority will move towards a common standard over time — this isn't cost-neutral, and the council starting furthest behind presumably becomes first claimant on the pooled resources of the others. A council currently ahead may see its relative position decline during transition.

Second, and worth noting as a related observation: regional functions currently funded and delivered by Environment Canterbury (rivers, coastline, pest management, elements of transport) are proposed to move into the new unitary authority, but the funding base supporting them shrinks sharply in the process — from the whole Canterbury region, including Christchurch's 410,000-plus population, down to roughly 125,000 people, none of whom include that urban base. This is a funding issue, but it also runs in the opposite direction to the amalgamation logic driving this process. Functions currently held centrally, with regional scale, are being pushed down to a smaller, more local body. This isn't something Council's submission is likely to change, as it appears to be a structural feature of the reform itself, but I'd like to record it as an observation.

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In both cases, redistribution is occurring — service standard in the first, funding and functional scale in the second — without the direction, cost, or timeframe of that redistribution being set out anywhere in the material provided. I'd ask that any further proposals be explicit about the service-level harmonization question, before "maintains service levels" is treated as a safe assumption.

#### 4. Process standard

Council's own officer report acknowledges this consultation doesn't meet the standard normally applied to decisions of this scale. Given that, I'd encourage Council to treat the ranked results of this consultation as a weighting based on incomplete information. Council will need to reach a view and weigh the responses as it sees fit, but the result is better read as an indication of preference under imperfect conditions than as a settled mandate.

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#### Closing

I recognise that some form of reform is very likely inevitable, and that active participation in Head Start is preferable to the uncertainty of the Backstop process. My concern is not with participation itself, but with ensuring that "efficiency" and "value" are tested against service outcomes and funding adequacy, not asserted on the strength of scale and cost data alone. I ask that points 1–3 above be carried forward as explicit, trackable commitments into the Detailed Design phase, whatever option Council chooses to progress.

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5

**Option E - Other**

3

Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?

- ☒ Yes
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- ☐ Unsure

Q4. Do you have any other comments?

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More accountability by council. I am concerned at the unnecessary use of consultants. Council staff who are paid and qualified to make decisions need on appropriate projects need to man up.

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Option "A" has been chosen because there is already a community of interest although Waimate may need to realise that parochialism needs to move aside for the greater good of the region. There is a better chance of better representation of communities under option "A" rather than "B" and "C". Choosing "B" or more so "C" would more likely encourage the likes of Ashburton and Oamaru to feel disadvantaged or left out on a limb if attention they perceive was not given to issues within their area. That was evidenced during the last amalgamation 37 years ago. South Canterbury is in a very unique position having electricity resources at our doorstep, having the a port that handles the wonderful produce that our farmers produce for export, have great industry that provides employment opportunities, have a rowing course that is world class and is now subject to further refurbishment, have strong communities that care for their environment and the people within it, When ships berth at Timaru wharf, where to they head? Geraldine of course, the Jewel in the crown. While council may think that central Government have a preference for a greater authority, I believe that we need to be brave and make a choice that better serves us rather than the government. Auckland Super City is a perfect example that proves big is not always better. Look at the mess they are in!! Option "A" is preferred by me.

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Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?

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Have own Environment Council for the District not ruled from Christchurch

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South Canterbury and North Otago would have 2 river catchments rather than 3 for option B

Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?

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Q4. Do you have any other comments?

Where would central office be?

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Maybe add Selwyn into the process

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**Option E - Other**

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Timaru, Mackenzie, Waimate, Waitaki

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My concern with Timaru, Waimate, Mackenzie, Waitaki and Ashburton option is the area is too big, and the smaller areas will lose their peoples voices.

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More transparency and alerts/notifications on community messages. I listen to radio stations in Timaru and never hear community notices, alerts, reminders. It is seldom you see Facebook activity, and I feel as the rates have increased so much that we can barely afford to pay, but there is less and less visibility and transparency to where this money is going.

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If suggested above and I have read correctly, the mid and south should be collaborated where ever possible. The way Mid Canterbury council is run is highly successful and praised, so South can't council would benefit immense from any form of co council operations

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**Option E - Other**

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**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

These are LOCAL government reforms. Reform may be inevitable and even necessary but it needs to be based on more than factors such as population. It is important that whatever form our new council will take it still feels local. A huge geographic spread such as suggested in option C will erode any local character, which in turn will not help residents engage. And it is hard to see how small towns and rural areas will have a clear voice. A local council needs to have some basis in local identity and a geographic boundary that makes sense. There is a clear South Canterbury identity so merging Timaru, Mackenzie and Waimate is the best option if these reforms are going ahead.

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I suggest, Waimate, MacKenzie, as they already align with Timaru, but also include Waitaki, a lot of people are already involved with Timaru, easier for Kurow district as well

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Concern over debts other councils / areas may have accrued.

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Two councillors for the Geraldine ward

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The previous two local authority amalgamations have resulted in a huge decline in services and amenities to rural areas and towns whereas Timaru has created more monopolies.  
Any large projects or decisions (eg. Theatre Royal, Alpine Shares, Showgrounds Development, Strathallan care) should have total ratepayers' input at same time as local body elections.

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A rising tide carries all boats. As Australia models have been referred to, I am referring to where I used to live, that being Somerset region, Queensland where 3 councils merged, but the land mass is large. After the merger all ratepayers get a yearly A4 sheet a map of capital expenditure planned for their locality attached to their Rates Notice, this gives them the information showing what is planned, and even a Staged progression to the final result. It keeps the resident informed that their locality is not forgotten in the use of Rates income.

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I don't normally do submissions and get involved in politics, but I am writing this submission primarily because it is a very important subject, and will affect how councils and local bodies are structured for the foreseeable future.

It is difficult to draw an immediate preference from the options provided, as there are quite a few, but very little information about them for a ratepayer to work with.

However, I have some thoughts and views:

1. It seems logical for me that the boundaries of the new entity are determined by natural features, and we have rivers to the south and north that work - the Waitaki, and either the Rangitata or the Rakaia (depending on the option).
2. However, it also seems important that the amalgamation works in with whatever amalgamation happens north and south of ours (if Waitaki don't merge with us, who do they merge with - and the same with Ashburton).
3. Our amalgamation plans should align with the neighbouring amalgamation plans, so there is a clear plan for this part of the country. If all the plans differ, Wellington may simply enforce their ideas, which may not suit anyone.
4. One of the challenges may be in the new entity being too big. The prospect of merging up to 5 local bodies, plus the regional council (Ecan) into one entity could be a huge task. There may be conflicts between the existing bodies, a lot of bureaucracy, and the prospect that a very large organisation may ADD levels of management, rather than reduce them.
5. The private sector usually do mergers and restructuring well, as they initiate it, they know what they want to achieve, they know how to achieve it, and they normally work to cull out the underperforming staff in the process.
6. The public sector often do restructuring and amalgamations badly, as they often don't initiate it (it's started by Ministers), they aren't sure what they are trying to achieve, or how to do it, and the underperforming staff stay, and many of the better staff leave as they get sick of the process.
7. It is imperative that the council know what they are trying to achieve, and how to do it, and have a plan that is achievable.

From these thoughts above, I tend to draw a conclusion that maybe the best amalgamation would be the smallest one - Timaru, McKenzie, and Waimate, plus the Ecan role.

It becomes a local body (Council) of South Canterbury. It is a clear geographical area. It is small enough to manage, and big enough to blend some of the roles, and reduce some roles/management.

I understand the view (from Wellington) that it may not meet their preference for size, but I think it's better to have something smaller than works, than create a monster that can't be controlled.

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As an aside - while Wellington is pushing to over-haul local bodies and councils and have less representation, has anyone asked them why NZ has 120 MPs for 5million people? Most developed countries have about 1 MP per 100,000 - so we only need about 50 MPs. Maybe they should be considering an over-haul of their own back yard?

Les Jones



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This is such a complex topic, and one that is very hard to see a big picture for the average ratepayer. I don't believe economies of scale are always the best option. Bureaucracy has a way of growing rather than shrinking, as we have seen with national government. I would like to see strong safeguards against this bureaucratic growth occurring put into place alongside the reforms.

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Q2. Which option do you prefer?

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Option A - South Canterbury Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries

3

This would consist of the current Timaru + Mackenzie + Waimate councils



**Option B - Mid-South Canterbury Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries**

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2

This would consist of the current Timaru + Mackenzie + Waimate + Ashburton councils.

**Option C - Mid-South Canterbury and North Otago Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries**

1

This would consist of the current Timaru + Mackenzie + Waimate + Ashburton + Waitaki councils.

**Option D - Do not submit a Head Start proposal and enter the Backstop process**

5

**Option E - Other**

4

Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

Mid, South Canterbury and Waitaki - could also include Selwyn

**Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?**

- ☒ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Unsure

**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

Any Local Authority amalgamation must include a focus on core business and achieving cost efficiencies from an economy of scale to control the financial burden on ratepayers. The promised outcome of this from forming the Auckland Unity Authority did NOT achieve its objectives, let's not repeat that mistake ourselves.

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## Head Start submission form

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Timaru District

If you live outside of South Canterbury, where?

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☐ Yes

### Your views

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Nicolas

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☐ Yes

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Lamphee

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### Your views

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## Head Start submission form

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Heather

**Last Name \***

Lawson

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Timaru District

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All of the above, but little of it happens now so why should we expect it.

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Q4. Do you have any other comments?

I know this will be ignored

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Rachel

Last Name \*

Leitch

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☐ Yes

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Garth

Last Name \*

Leslie

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Q4. Do you have any other comments?

Have it run by waimate council, they seem to be more sensible and honest

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Andrew

Last Name \*

Lester

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**Option E - Other**

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Lewis

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Organisation (if applicable)

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Other (please specify)

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Christchurch

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☐ Yes

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**Option E - Other**

4

Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

The option of Timaru/Mackenzie/Waimate/Waitaki, with the southern part of Ashburton going south, & the northern side to the North with Selwyn, with the boundary perhaps along the line of the Hinds River. There is a degree of logic of splitting Ashburton as increasingly it is going to look North to the Rolleston/Christchurch conurbation.

**Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?**

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**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

The population of the largest option, Option C, is not dissimilar to non-metropolitan boroughs (150k) in the UK & substantially lower than the lowest US state population (588k) which are treated as unitary governance areas, & within the range of other democratic states in Europe. The comparison with Australia is relatively small rural councils but with very large land areas so no comparison is perfect, however across the range of comparators the combined land area and the population size of Option C both seem manageable and sustainable in a democratic representative environment, with strong governance structures as part of the "package".

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### Your details

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Bruce

Last Name \*

Livesey

Organisation (if applicable)

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Address

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Timaru District

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☐ Yes

### Your views

Q1. What matters most to you in any future local government structure? (select up to five)

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Less bureaucracy and rates money spent on infrastructure not nice things to have and maintain what we have  
 Have environmental decisions made by the people that live there alongside practical people with logical outcomes

Q2. Which option do you prefer?

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**Option B - Mid-South Canterbury Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries**

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This would consist of the current Timaru + Mackenzie + Waimate + Ashburton councils.

**Option C - Mid-South Canterbury and North Otago Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries**

5

This would consist of the current Timaru + Mackenzie + Waimate + Ashburton + Waitaki councils.

**Option D - Do not submit a Head Start proposal and enter the Backstop process**

1

**Option E - Other**

2

Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

Have a south Canterbury council and the role which ECAN presently does should be split with public transport given to the local council and the environmental role run by a South Island based organisation with one set of rules alongside this organisation local catchment groups would have a lot of input into local decision making. The new entity would be small nimble and employ very few staff as the rules would be set for implementation and staff would live and work in the area this does happen to a certain extent at present but ECAN headquarters is far too top heavy and remote and do not listen to the local officials.

In many countries in the world the environmental role which our present day regional councils do is done at a national level this doesn't sound like you get local input but the guiding rules are all the same were ever you live but doing this you save 100s of millions of dollars on duplication and very disjointed and often bad outcomes both for the environment the economy and impact on people's life.

Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No
- ☐ Unsure

Q4. Do you have any other comments?

We need more time to come up with a progressive practical economic and environmental solution there is no doubt ECAN has run its course and is out of control with 1100 employees with high turn over and inept senior management the CEO has hardly been in in South Canterbury you can run an organisation from an ivory tower in Christchurch.

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## Head Start submission form

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Last Name \*

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Timaru District

If you live outside of South Canterbury, where?

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☐ Yes

### Your views

Q1. What matters most to you in any future local government structure? (select up to five)

- ☐ Affordable rates ☒ Quality services and infrastructure ☒ Keeping decisions local  
☐ More efficiency, less duplication ☐ Rural areas and small towns are valued ☐ Healthy environment  
☐ Urban growth is properly planned ☐ Services are easy to access ☒ Local character is protected  
☐ More transparency ☒ Economic Development ☐ Other

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Q2. Which option do you prefer?

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**Option E - Other**

Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

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☐ Yes

### Your views

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☐ Yes

### Your views

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**Option E - Other**

5

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Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?

☐ Yes

☒ No

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Q4. Do you have any other comments?

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Phone (landline or mobile)

Address

Which district do you live in? \*

Timaru District

If you live outside of South Canterbury, where?

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☐ Yes

### Your views

Q1. What matters most to you in any future local government structure? (select up to five)

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Q2. Which option do you prefer?

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**Option C - Mid-South Canterbury and North Otago Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries**

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**Option D - Do not submit a Head Start proposal and enter the Backstop process**

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**Option E - Other**

2

Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

A South Canterbury plus Waitaki District Unitary Council

Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?

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☐ No  
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## Head Start submission form

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Sophie

**Last Name \***

Lyons

**Organisation (if applicable)**

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**Email \*****Phone (landline or mobile)****Address****Which district do you live in? \*****If you live outside of South Canterbury, where?**

Other (please specify)

Queensland, Australia

**Tick here if you want to speak to your submission at a Council Hearing on 31 July.**☐ Yes

### Your views

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**Option D - Do not submit a Head Start proposal and enter the Backstop process****Option E - Other**

Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?

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Q4. Do you have any other comments?

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Caroline

Last Name \*

MacKay

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☐ Yes

### Your views

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**Option D - Do not submit a Head Start proposal and enter the Backstop process**

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**Option E - Other**

Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?

- ☒ Yes  
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Q4. Do you have any other comments?

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☐ Yes

### Your views

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Q2. Which option do you prefer?

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Option A - South Canterbury Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries

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**Option B - Mid-South Canterbury Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries**

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**Option C - Mid-South Canterbury and North Otago Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries**

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**Option D - Do not submit a Head Start proposal and enter the Backstop process**

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**Option E - Other**

5

Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?

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River management and flood protection

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try and do the best for existing council staff within the merger process, i realise there will be duplications of roles but maybe consider sub-offices for local inquiries smaller scaled back from what is exiting. Think about the need for travel for some I.E building inspectors again working out of sub-offices but to the same set of rules. Not everything can be done electronically, sometimes a person and face is what is required. Do not lose that sense of community even in the more remote parts, have the ability to fund smaller projects in those areas. Bigger Towns funding projects should not be at the expense of smaller areas or communities.

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Address

Which district do you live in? \*

Timaru District

If you live outside of South Canterbury, where?

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☐ Yes

### Your views

Q1. What matters most to you in any future local government structure? (select up to five)

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**Option E - Other**

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Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?

- ☒ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Unsure

Q4. Do you have any other comments?

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### Your views

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People in council who aren't part of what appears to be the Timaru "old boys" club of old business men who sell local assets and waste millions of dollars on wasteful consultation projects for theatres - bring council back to basics

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**Option E - Other**

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Combine Timaru, McKenzie, Waitaki - leave ashburton to the northern councils

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☒ Yes☐ No☐ Unsure

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Waitaki should be included in the group of Timaru, Waimate & Mackenzie

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**Option E - Other**

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Collect information from your rate payers before making a decision.

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- ☐ Yes  
☐ No  
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Not to rush, wait to gather information and ideas on how would this work.

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Paul

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**Option E - Other**

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Modify Option C to exclude Palmerston. The Southern boundary would be down the Kakanui range to Shag point.

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**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

Piecemeal arrangements ie multi group responsibility mean that no authority really has a constructive overview.  
If many are 'responsible' then in reality no-one is. (Like communist block toilets)  
The assumption (!) is that there will be expert (not the inexperienced in offices) input for concrete decisions.  
Too often we see suggestions and no follow through.  
This applies to all suggestions around long term planning and the more immediate responses re: climate change consequences.  
Big thanks and appreciation to those responsible for constructing and circulating this excellent document, and to the Timaru Courier for its convenient layout.

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**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

I don't know the gov't proposed deadlines re the opposition to the idea of a unitary council. I think within South Canterbury it would work alright, in Temuka having the community Board on the TDC and representation we have been served well and I think the TDC has done a great job overall with things such as infrastructure and recreational reserves. The rate hike has been hard having a low income, however, I recognise this is happening nationwide. I can see Ashburton might be out on a limb as in I think they have more connection with ChCh than with us further south, however, chch may be big enough in and of itself. Going wider than South Canterbury I think will prove logistically harder as although small in population the Sth Is is big geographically and the regions as they are have diverse interests both social (demographic) and economic so building such diversity into one council would be cumbersome and time consuming and difficult to determine priorities for, alongside equitable outcomes. Oamaru also has other organisations whose primary network in terms of support and head offices are Dunedin based so to have this distinction and then to have a council that is Mid or Sth Cnty centric would not prove beneficial for their cohesion as a community.

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Matheson

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**Option E - Other**

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- ☒ Yes
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- ☐ Unsure

Q4. Do you have any other comments?

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First Name \*

Hugh

Last Name \*

McCafferty

Organisation (if applicable)

Self-employed

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Email \*

Phone (landline or mobile)

Address

Which district do you live in? \*

Timaru District

If you live outside of South Canterbury, where?

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☐ Yes

### Your views

Q1. What matters most to you in any future local government structure? (select up to five)

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Please rank all options. 1 = most preferred, 5 = least preferred.

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**Option D - Do not submit a Head Start proposal and enter the Backstop process**

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**Option E - Other**

5

Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?

- ☒ Yes
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Last Name \*

McConway

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## Head Start submission form

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First Name \*

Peter and Stephanie

Last Name \*

McCullough

Organisation (if applicable)

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Rates are getting out of control and making home ownership difficult. Farmers are paying exorbitant rates for the lack of services they receive. Targeted rates are not reviewed or offered to the communities for consultation with a very small number of people make decisions that affect a large number of people

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We believe that we already work well with Waimate and McKenzie we would hope that you would work together and respect the expertise of these others who are already experts in their area and that no more staff is needed.

**Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?**

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☐ Unsure

**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

Waimate can teach us lessons on finance which will have long term benefits without penalising the ratepayers. We can utilise other peoples infrastructure to achieve our goals.

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## Head Start submission form

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First Name \*

Donald

Last Name \*

McFarlane

Organisation (if applicable)

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**Option E - Other**

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Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

North Otago should be half go South and the northern section join the Central South Unitary.

**Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?**

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**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

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**SUBMISSIONS REGARDING TIMARU DISTRICT  
REORGANISATION****Don McFarlane**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

1. I am submitting as an individual ratepayer but with experience as a past Strathallan councillor; past member of ECAN South Canterbury Committee; past Chair Aoraki Business Development Board; past President SC Federated Farmers; past Chair of Hunter Downs Irrigation; past Director Opuha Water and Rangitata South Irrigation, past Chairman CRT; Cloughs; NZ Honey Coop. Currently director Moeraki Investments Ltd; Trustee MacKenzie Charitable Foundation and some private companies and Trusts.
2. I support the strategic direction of the proposed reforms which is well summarised by the excellent submission from the SC Chamber of Commerce. The benefits of the ECAN functions being governed and delivered locally is a key driver although I don't think people have grasped the magnitude of this challenge. The opportunity for one stop simplification of many ECAN and District council functions and services is huge.
3. However, the devil is in the detail and most mergers fail to deliver not because of wrong strategy but because of poor execution.
4. This is an unique opportunity to implement a zero-based budgeting and delivery programme. To build from the bottom up based on defined needs. To avoid the current duplication of many positions.
5. Undoubtably there are gains from scale and centralization in many areas such as Finance; River and water management; Purchasing; Roding; IT etc. However, many mergers result in customer(ratepayer) dissatisfaction because of poorer services; changed relationships and perceived distancing of contacts.
6. Generally successful mergers are those where the organisation implements a flat; decentralised structure with decision making delegated as far as possible. Ratepayers feel connected and staff culture is enhanced. Ratepayers have a contact who can get things done.

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7. To further strengthen this relationship Community Boards will need to have governance and financial control of certain key programmes and services in each local community.
8. If the reorganisation gets the green light then the development of a transitional plan is critical for success. This would address issues of debt; electoral and rating weightings for sectors and the smaller entities; valuations and implementation issues. There will be a period of maybe two electoral cycles where specific exceptions and special arrangements apply. The political case needs to be as strong as the business case for integration.
9. If there is agreement on engaging a single independent party to provide a merger blueprint this is the best option rather than each council battling it out with their team. The work done before date of commencement will determine its success. The new councillors and management should be appointed well before this date as BAU runs in parallel. The first 100-day plan is critical.
10. Reorganisation has been discussed for years and attempts at voluntary cooperation have never worked. So criticism of this rushed process is a bit rich.
11. Consultation is useful for informing councillors and providing feedback. But it is not a mini referendum, and the counting of numbers and percentages is meaningless. Councillors are elected to make decisions mindful of the many complexities and statutes in local government. They should get on with it without looking over their shoulder all the time.

Don McFarlane.  
July 20<sup>th</sup> 2026.

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## Head Start submission form

### Your details

First Name \*

Nick

Last Name \*

McIlraith

Organisation (if applicable)

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☐ Yes

### Your views

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 ☐ Economic Development  
 ☒ Other

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That any change is of benefit to all people in the area. I do not think these changes will have any cost benefit to anyone

Q2. Which option do you prefer?

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**Option C - Mid-South Canterbury and North Otago Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries**

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**Option D - Do not submit a Head Start proposal and enter the Backstop process****Option E - Other**

Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?

- ☒ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Unsure

Q4. Do you have any other comments?

I believe that Waitaki District should remain in the Otago region more in line with Electoral boundary

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## Head Start submission form

### Your details

First Name \*

John

Last Name \*

McKenzie

Organisation (if applicable)

Timaru Ratepayer &amp; Resident

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### Your views

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A unitary council over the entire Canterbury region with the exception of the greater Christchurch urban area, (recognise the community of interest with Chch city), then the rest of the region goes into the 'rural' balance area of a unitary council.

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**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

It will be hard to sell South Canterbury parochialism in Wellington. It's very likely that river catchment boundaries of regional councils will a basic determination for the decision makers, so including the Waitaki river catchment across that river would be a realistic proposition. The same principle for the Rangitata and Rakaia catchments. Obviously, reserve funds and debt relating to individual districts needs to be 'ring fenced' to stay in those districts or communities.

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First Name \*

Jude

Last Name \*

McKenzie

Organisation (if applicable)

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- Cultural values are incorporated at a decision making level.
- Local iwi to be part of/ represented on the Council.

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☐ Unsure

**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

Natural boundaries (rivers/ mountains) should define regional decision-making. South Canterbury/ Waitaki/ North Otago and Mackenzie is the logical geographic region (the Rangitata to the Waitaki R and up to Aoraki).

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First Name \*

Jennifer Frances

Last Name \*

McMillan

Organisation (if applicable)

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If not five councils then my second option would be four councils but including the Waitaki catchment.

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## Head Start submission form

### Your details

First Name \*

Daniela

Last Name \*

Mello

Organisation (if applicable)

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Mackenzie District

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☐ Yes

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## Head Start submission form

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Lucy Millar

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Millar

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Any new Authority has to be large enough to counter what has been a very Christchurch urban-centric Environment Canterbury weighting. Yet localised enough to not lose touch with its roots.

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Sandra

Last Name \*

Mulvihill

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When Geraldine amalgamated with Timaru years ago we were promised that things would be better for us but in truth we lost everything, it was worse. Our roads, bridges and lots of other facilities have not been maintained and I can see the same thing happening with the proposed changes. All the small country towns will lose any rights they have at the moment.

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Leslie

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The bigger the option the bigger the debt. Satellite offices?

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I am not in favour of this change. The local bodies should be left to make their own changes.

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☐ More transparency  
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Q2. Which option do you prefer?

Please rank all options. 1 = most preferred, 5 = least preferred.

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This would consist of the current Timaru + Mackenzie + Waimate councils



**Option B - Mid-South Canterbury Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries**

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2

This would consist of the current Timaru + Mackenzie + Waimate + Ashburton councils.

**Option C - Mid-South Canterbury and North Otago Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries**

1

This would consist of the current Timaru + Mackenzie + Waimate + Ashburton + Waitaki councils.

**Option D - Do not submit a Head Start proposal and enter the Backstop process**

5

**Option E - Other**

4

Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

**Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☒ Unsure

**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

A single corporate services, management, and council governance functions will reduce waste, duplication and provide economies of scale for smaller councils. It will be easier to staff those services for smaller councils. However it's critical that practical hands on resourcing is visible and accessible, that services remain high and areas can grow and develop with a more vision and support. If local representation, voices and problem solving are lost through this process, it will never work.

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☐ Yes

### Your views

Q1. What matters most to you in any future local government structure? (select up to five)

- ☐ Affordable rates
 ☒ Quality services and infrastructure
 ☐ Keeping decisions local  
☐ More efficiency, less duplication
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Inclusion of the river catchments in any amalgamation

Q2. Which option do you prefer?

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**Option E - Other**

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Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

the current South Canterbury area plus Waitaki

**Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?**

- ☒ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Unsure

**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

The river catchments' inclusion in any option is essential. The rivers are essential to the area of any amalgamation, both environmentally and spiritually. They will be there long after us, and must be included and protected.

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**Option E - Other**

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**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

The right thing to do is to take on the Waitaki. On paper it isnt the smart decision but it is the right thing to do and the short term pain will turn to a much bigger long term gain as we consolidate the entire central south island. Any other option eventually weakens us. Long term thinking here please and even though it isnt palatable to many, bring in the Waitaki, with us they have a voice, if they end up with Dunedin they will languish. Its the right thing to do.

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**Option E - Other**

4

Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

The area south of Oamaru including Palmerston and its catchment area should not be included and should go south to align more with its catchment area  
Waitaki boundary to south should only apply to Waitaki river catchment area and Oamaru  
This would need to be part of my option 1

Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?

☒ Yes☐ No☐ Unsure

Q4. Do you have any other comments?

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Mark

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Oldfield

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**Option E - Other**

Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

**Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?**

- ☒ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Unsure

**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

Rates shared if catchments shared . Meridian already makes a large contribution on the Waitaki catchment . Rakaia would be shared with Selwyn or new Greater Chch ! Economy of scale gives reasonable finance for catchment & environmental considerations .

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Oliver

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School, Hospitals, housing, the economy doesn't run on charity. Our aging population is my greatest concern. People come to Timaru and Geraldine for the lifestyle. Lumping us in with Mid Canterbury jeopardises that.

Q2. Which option do you prefer?

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**Option C - Mid-South Canterbury and North Otago Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries**

4

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**Option E - Other**

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Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

As a Geraldine resident who pays rates to TDC, does business in Tamaru it is bad enough the we have to be lumped into the Waitaki Electorate that has NO benefit to Geraldine what so ever.

**Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?**

- ☒ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Unsure

**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

PLEASE - DON'T MAKE MISTAKES OF THE PAST. IF THIS DOESN'T Go anywhere before the election and there is a change of government (like I hope there is) where will leave it leave the TDC, what is costing, probably whole lot more that it's trying to save.

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Donna

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Oshea

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☐ Yes

### Your views

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Q2. Which option do you prefer?

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**Option C - Mid-South Canterbury and North Otago Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries**

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**Option E - Other**

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Competent Council

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**Option E - Other**

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Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

Dont have any control/dealings with Lake Ellesmere

Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?

☒ Yes

☐ No

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Q4. Do you have any other comments?

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- ☐ No
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**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

I am opposed to national or local governance which involves any special rights or privileges based on an individuals ancestry or cultural affiliation. So equal rights for all who wish to represent us either nationally or locally. Also, no to any form of so called co-governance or unelected decision making rights for Ngai Tahu or any other tribal entity.

As far as I'm concerned, many problems our nation faces today are the result of 40 odd years of rampant globalisation. Our nations very day to day existence & security on many levels, is now totally dependent on foreign goods/services, natural resources, banks, corporations & powers. So, with an eye on increasing global insecurity, ensuring New Zealand's food, energy, resource, manufacturing & infra-structural security will be crucial for our long term independence & survival.

This why I am now a firm believer in much more effective national unity governance & radical localisation. So, as I see things, how NZ is governed needs reforming from the top down, not just locally. But such a process would need to be coupled with the creation of a sustainable, self reliant, long term national vision.

I'm also very much in favour of simplifying local government, but more along the lines of small, lean, nimble & beautiful. Such a devolutionary philosophy could be woven into changes in both national & local governance.

Also, when making changes on a local level Empire building should also be avoided. Historical regional boundaries should be respected, especially as every region of New Zealand has it's own geography, local climate, resources, unique past & stories, so strengths & weaknesses.

Having said all this, the only option that appeals to me is D. But of course, I'm also very much in favour of developing options, so E as well.

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**Simplifying Local Governance Submission**

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M. John Overton – 19.07.2026

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John C.

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### Your views

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**Option E - Other**

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Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

The TDC should fight to retain their autonomy. Central Government has no mandate to coerce these changes. If Amalgamation is good local authorities should be left to let things evolve.

**Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?**

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No  
☒ Unsure

**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

See above.

My experience of the effect of amalgamations is that they usually have negative results especially for small entities on the margins. Local knowledge leads to efficiency and good communications between local bodies and citizens.

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☐ Yes

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**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

Keeping it small and local is incredibly important. South Canterbury is a desired destination for many. Timaru has been a fantastic place to live, with an excellent council. I have been a ratepaying resident here since 2017. I was also a homeowner and resident of North Otago/Waitaki for many years, and there is a noticeable difference in how we are viewed as ratepayers with the services and infrastructure offered. Currently, the Waimate and Timaru district councils are working very effectively; both communities seem to have their ratepayers on board and taking an active interest in what is happening, and there was a large turnout at the Waimate public meeting. However, as you know, Waitaki has had much recent community backlash over huge rate increases, and the transparency of this process has undermined faith in the council and mayor. It would be a dire shame to merge with a council in this position with the community. Why create issues?

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**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

My preference is for Timaru, Waimate MacKenzie & Ashburton. What the council's & our citizen's preferred option for amalgamation is, may not be what other neighboring councils want. i.e they may be looking to go without including Timaru District.

The TDC needs to look at all other council's proposals, not just one, including other councils further afield. For example if Waimate is considering going with Dunedin & Ashburton is considering going with Christchurch we may be better off going with Christchurch.

The infrastructure costs for a small rate payer base with a large geographical area, such as TDC MDC ADC & WDC may make it difficult to keep rate increases low in the future.

Each councils current & projected debt before amalgamation should be a consideration. If each councils current / projected debt is to be ring fenced for the rate payers base of those areas into the future then this would not be an issue. Don't burden rate payers in Timaru with any other council's current or projected debt

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☐ Yes

### Your views

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**Option D - Do not submit a Head Start proposal and enter the Backstop process**

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**Option E - Other**

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Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No  
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Q4. Do you have any other comments?

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☐ Yes

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**Option E - Other**

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Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

Shared services rather than amalgamation

**Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?**

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☒ No  
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**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

Don't merge the Council's. Learn from the big muck up that Auckland and the various Council's became when the Super City was formed. They were forced into it by the Government in 2009/2010. No referendum.....and no referendum within five years of it forming.....to see how it was going....or should it be dismantled. Many Aucklanders from that time would say it should never have gone ahead and needed dismantling now.  
 It has not improved services/rates/etc., as it has been more costly in the long run.....services are now nearly non existent.....it now looks like a slum over lots of areas in Auckland.....there are now more staff than there ever was before when each Council had their own staff.  
 BIG MISTAKE.....don't do this.

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Which district do you live in? \*

Other (please specify)

If you live outside of South Canterbury, where?

Waimate Council

Tick here if you want to speak to your submission at a Council Hearing on 31 July.

☒ Yes

### Your views

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**Option E - Other**

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Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

- I believe Waitaki, Waimate, Mackenzie, Timaru should amalgamate.
- This new Council to be called Aoraki.
  - The Kakanui mountains form a natural southern barrier and watershed.
  - I would suggest that the bottom end of Waitaki county would be better joining with Dunedin. Palmerston is south of the Kakanui range and therefore should be included in any Dunedin proposal. Dunedin is also the local people's 'community of interest'.
  - If the people in the Hampden and Moeraki ( and maybe further north) area wish to be part of Dunedin, then perhaps a boundary could be created north of Hampden that runs from the sea to the mountains along say Mile Flat Road or similar.
  - However, I must emphasise that it is for the locals to make that decision.
  - To the North I would exclude the Ashburton County as it has close ties to Selwyn and Waimakariri counties further north.
  - The Rangitata River North Catchment is a comparatively small area of Ashburton and may be an area of co-operation between the eventual two local authorities.
  - It would be in Ashburton's best interests to amalgamate with Selwyn and perhaps the rural part of Waimakariri and let Urban Christchurch be its own council.
  - The urban areas of Selwyn and Waimakariri surrounding Christchurch could join with Christchurch
  - These are just my thoughts, and it is important for local people to make local decisions.

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**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

- Perhaps it is time for all the old provincial boundaries to be put aside, and decisions be made on the future rather than the past.
- In the past unbridged rivers were the natural boundaries. However today it is the mountain ranges which are the natural boundary, as transport links through them are much more difficult.
  - Also, mountain ranges stop the creation of 'communities of interest' much more than now bridged rivers.
  - One of the most important aspects of amalgamation is to keep communities of interest and that means keeping Rural and Urban areas in separate councils.
  - I see both Timaru and Oamaru as rural based urban areas whose livelihood is very intertwined with their rural areas.
  - Christchurch is its own economy and culture. I would very much oppose any scheme that included Christchurch.
  - Ecan's running of Canterbury as a whole suffered badly from the sheer numbers of urban representation drowning out the Rural Voice. The issues faced by the communities are quite different and need to be handled differently.

I do not live in Timaru, but Maungati, which is closer to Timaru than Waimate and therefore our main centre. Also, I am a ratepayer in Timaru.

I will also be submitting this proposal to Waimate council.

Yours etc  
Barrie Payne

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**Option E - Other**

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Same as option A, include Waitaki District

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**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

This should include the district health board coverage over these areas

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## Head Start submission form

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Bill

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### Your views

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This would consist of the current Timaru + Mackenzie + Waimate + Ashburton councils.

**Option C - Mid-South Canterbury and North Otago Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries**

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This would consist of the current Timaru + Mackenzie + Waimate + Ashburton + Waitaki councils.

**Option D - Do not submit a Head Start proposal and enter the Backstop process**

5

**Option E - Other**

Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

**Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?**

- ☒ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Unsure

**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

As a unitary council it is essential that river catchments be included. Councils notoriously look to escape responsibilities and there must be no opportunity for councils to pass the buck.  
 The larger groupings are not favoured because Ashburton looks to Christchurch as its neighbour and Oamaru to Dunedin.. A Timaru based council could not do justice to either of these centres.

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- ☐ Yes
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- ☒ Unsure

Q4. Do you have any other comments?

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Karen

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All of the rest of the options combined!! If you want anything in the new Council, you want it all and with more people available to pay rates there should be more to go around if spent where needed.

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**Option E - Other**

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Anything but this B.S. excuse of a Government deciding for us.

Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?

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Q4. Do you have any other comments?

4 - Yes because those river catchments are part of the communities that are in this new region and as such should be included.

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|                                              |                                                        |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Which district do you live in? *</b>      | <b>If you live outside of South Canterbury, where?</b> |
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**Option B - Mid-South Canterbury Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries**

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This would consist of the current Timaru + Mackenzie + Waimate + Ashburton councils.

**Option C - Mid-South Canterbury and North Otago Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries**

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**Option D - Do not submit a Head Start proposal and enter the Backstop process**

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**Option E - Other**

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Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

I think that with a larger area we would have a better chance and less delaying and maintaining south Canterbury , Better for the rate payers and better knowledge and experience with what are presently other councils

Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?

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Q4. Do you have any other comments?

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Lesley

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Pincombe

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The locals should know what works best and economic development will occur by default if the basics are well set up and maintained.

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**Option E - Other**

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Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

A Hurunui to Waitaki bigger option includes a lot of rural and DOC land so will need the population base of Chch to help fund. Currently Chch is the regions base for large events so we should be able to utilise them. BUT the rural communities can't be under represented just because less people live there. Population should NOT be the basis for representation.

**Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?**

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☐ Unsure

**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

The headwaters to the sea need to be looked after by the same body for continuity. As does pest control - you can't remove pests from one area and leave them unchecked in another.

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**Option E - Other**

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Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

SI, is so diverse the balance of headwaters to coastal waterways vs large urban areas is complex. The ECAN model was to support this in conjunction with district councils. The govt will looking at Option C through to Kalkoura, Christchurch unfortunately will be part of this! A higher level has been agreed within govt!!

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**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

Canterbury plains and river catchments raises unknown dollar costs as climate change increase with increased flows with need for additional protection to people, property and stock. How is this done across whole of easter side of alps? What happens to existing uneven debt levels in existing districts?

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Alan

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Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?

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☐ No  
☒ Unsure

Q4. Do you have any other comments?

Our rate base is to small to fund river catchment. we need government funding.

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**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

Good work on the options presented. I think the Ashburton to Oamaru area, with the catchment areas of the Waitaki and Rakaia gives the greatest advantages, with respect economies of scale, protection of fresh water assets, tourism activities etc. I used to have a distribution business selling fruit juices and covered virtually the Rakaia river to Oamaru including the Mackenzie basin. Its not that big an area, but it all holds similar ideals and values

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**Option B - Mid-South Canterbury Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries**

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**Option C - Mid-South Canterbury and North Otago Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries**

3

This would consist of the current Timaru + Mackenzie + Waimate + Ashburton + Waitaki councils.

**Option D - Do not submit a Head Start proposal and enter the Backstop process****Option E - Other**

Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?

- ☒ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Unsure

Q4. Do you have any other comments?

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☐ Yes

### Your views

Q1. What matters most to you in any future local government structure? (select up to five)

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 ☒ Quality services and infrastructure  
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I fail to see how important decisions like this can be finalized without critical information about what happens to our assets, the local staff. Can we protect our local assets and amenities without having to share them with everyone else??

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Other (please specify)

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## Q4. Do you have any other comments?

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback to Timaru District Council on the proposed local government reorganisation options. The Fuel Companies have recently had the opportunity to consider the consultation material and would appreciate the following feedback being considered.

bp Oil New Zealand Limited, Mobil Oil New Zealand Limited, and Z Energy Limited (the Fuel Companies) operate nationally and own, lease, occupy and maintain fuel terminals, bulk fuel facilities, service stations, truck stops, aviation fuel infrastructure and associated distribution networks across New Zealand. The Fuel Companies regularly engage with both territorial authorities and regional councils on planning, consenting, compliance, infrastructure and environmental matters and, as a result, have extensive experience navigating a wide range of local government structures and regulatory approaches throughout the country.

One of the greatest challenges experienced by the Fuel Companies under the current system is the inconsistency in planning frameworks, consenting processes, capability, and regulatory interpretation between jurisdictions. Consolidation into fewer, better-resourced organisations has the potential to improve consistency, efficiency, and decision-making.

The Fuel Companies support local government reform options that:

- reduce unnecessary duplication of local government functions;
- improve coordination of planning, infrastructure and environmental management functions;
- provide access to greater technical capability and specialist expertise;
- result in more consistent regulatory outcomes across regions; and
- do not increase the number of entities exercising regional functions.

The Fuel Companies support the option to amalgamate councils within the Mid-South Canterbury Region into a single unitary authority, as this is consistent with the objective of simplifying local government by reducing duplication, retaining integrated regional functions, providing a single point of accountability, and delivering greater consistency in planning, infrastructure and regulatory decision-making across this part of Canterbury. Options to retain or create multiple organisations exercising regional functions, increases the potential for duplication, fragmented decision-making, and inconsistent regulatory outcomes across the Canterbury Region. For businesses operating across multiple districts and regions, a single unitary authority provides the clearest pathway to a simpler, more coordinated and more efficient local government system.

Thank you for considering this feedback. If you have any questions or would like to discuss any aspect of it further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Rich

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**Option E - Other**

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Need to consider a wider Canterbury option, including Waimakariri and Hurunui catchment. Divide Canterbury into two unitaries - "Greater Christchurch" Urban including Rangiora, Kalapoi, Woodend/Pegasus, Rolleston, Prebbleton and Lincoln and Provincial Canterbury including South, Mid, North and the remaining balance of Selwyn and Waimakariri. Should include Waitaki River catchment too.

Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?

☒ Yes☐ No☐ Unsure

Q4. Do you have any other comments?

Option B and C should include Rakaia catchment.

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No connection to Oamaru Council. They have insane rates rises and very unhappy community and a council that is so out of touch with the average person.

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Communities of interest... strong communities work better together. A lot of sporting interactions already occurs with Oamaru. All 5 Councils serve rural communities and therefore think similarly. There is a nice balance with large communities in the middle and ends of the district... with only a hours drive between each centre - this will make for more balanced decisions. Good balance of economic activity, tourism farming, fishing, ports.

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Waitaki river catchment should be in, but not the Rakaia catchment. The cost of managing these major river systems needs shared.

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Robb

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**Option D - Do not submit a Head Start proposal and enter the Backstop process**

5

**Option E - Other**

Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☒ Unsure

Q4. Do you have any other comments?

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AJ &amp; MA

Last Name \*

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☐ Yes

### Your views

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**Option E - Other**

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Murray

Last Name \*

Roberts

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Private Citizen

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### Your views

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Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No  
☒ Unsure

Q4. Do you have any other comments?

Q3: River catchments (if a territory border) should be a shared territory (pro-rata based on population) - if at all possible.

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Stazirae

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### Your views

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Rather than more efficiency, less duplication I would explain it as better internal communication, clear rules that are practical and easy to interpret

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**Option C - Mid-South Canterbury and North Otago Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries**

2

This would consist of the current Timaru + Mackenzie + Waimate + Ashburton + Waitaki councils.

**Option D - Do not submit a Head Start proposal and enter the Backstop process**

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**Option E - Other**

3

Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

South Canterbury and North Otago

**Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?**

- ☒ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Unsure

**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

Integrated decision-making and communication across all council functions is essential planning, consenting, compliance and environmental monitoring should work together so they all understand intended meanings and outcomes. A unitary council should provide a more coordinator, efficient and accountable service with clear ownership of decisions. If the unitary council includes major River catchments we will need more environmental/E can money to manage this

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Last Name \*

Robertson

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**Option E - Other**

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**Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?**

☒ Yes☐ No☐ Unsure

**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

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## Head Start submission form

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Kathryn

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Robinson

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**Option E - Other**

4

Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

Similar to option C above but without the Rakaia river catchment (sort of Waitaki + Timaru + Waimate + Mackenzie)

**Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?**

- ☒ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Unsure

**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

I think it is really important that the unitary council should follow the river catchment boundaries. Will be messy during the setup phase but more efficient long term.  
I also think its really important the Ashburton and North Otago communities voices are heard and they go the way they prefer - we might like to include them but if they'd prefer to go in another direction it should be their choice.

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Richard

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Robinson

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N/A

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**Option E - Other**

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Seems a very natural fit with Mid & South Canterbury to the Alps using river boundaries

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First Name \*

Bradley

Last Name \*

Rogers

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Lisa

Last Name \*

Rogers

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☐ No  
☒ Unsure

**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

I think including Oamaru/waitaki is a terrible idea. The river forms a natural boundary and they are, and always have been more aligned with Otago. Keeping Canterbury together makes more sense. Their ratepayers are disgruntled with mismanagement and massive rates increases, which we don't want to see here.

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### Your details

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|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>First Name *</b>                 | <b>Last Name *</b>                    |
| <input type="text" value="Gordon"/> | <input type="text" value="Rosewall"/> |

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| <input type="text" value=""/> | <input type="text" value=""/>     | <input type="text" value=""/> |

|                                              |                                                        |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Which district do you live in? *</b>      | <b>If you live outside of South Canterbury, where?</b> |
| <input type="text" value="Timaru District"/> | <input type="text" value=""/>                          |

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### Your views

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**Option E - Other**

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## Head Start submission form

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First Name \*

Fraser

Last Name \*

Ross

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### Your views

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☐ More efficiency, less duplication
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Please retain existing protection for the environment such as the Significant Natural Areas programmes and their associated relief of rates for these areas. Throughout the Timaru District there are Council owned reserves or managed by them such as Claremont Bush, Waitohi Bush, Oliver Reserve and many others - these must be given legal protection status so that they remain important remnants of our former extensive natural environments.

Q2. Which option do you prefer?

Please rank all options. 1 = most preferred. 5 = least preferred.

Option A - South Canterbury Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries

1

This would consist of the current Timaru + Mackenzie + Waimate councils

**Option B - Mid-South Canterbury Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries**

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This would consist of the current Timaru + Mackenzie + Waimate + Ashburton councils.

**Option C - Mid-South Canterbury and North Otago Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries**

This would consist of the current Timaru + Mackenzie + Waimate + Ashburton + Waitaki councils.

**Option D - Do not submit a Head Start proposal and enter the Backstop process****Option E - Other**

Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

**Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?**

- ☒ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Unsure

**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

Catchments must be included to ensure their important functions are treated equally on each side of the river. As well as their primary function to carry water they provide important habitats for native wildlife, fish and have recreational uses as well. The whole river catchments must be sustainably managed as the whole river system plays an important part in making our overall landscapes attractive and scenic.

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Teresa

Last Name \*

Roxburgh

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Email \*

Phone (landline or mobile)

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Which district do you live in? \*

Timaru District

If you live outside of South Canterbury, where?

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☐ Yes

### Your views

Q1. What matters most to you in any future local government structure? (select up to five)

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**Option E - Other**

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I don't really have any qualifications, apart from living here, to make a decision about this matter. I am pleased that you are going to be investigating a full range of options. I just quite like the idea of the rivers and catchment areas, providing the boundaries.  
In all honesty, what I don't like is the way the current government keeps pushing their ideas through without full consultation so I am grateful for the fact that they do seem to be allowing some local input this time. I don't really understand the full implications of the changes.  
I wish you all the best in your considerations and hope you can come to an agreement that works the best for all areas.

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Russell

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## Head Start submission form

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Kirsty

**Last Name \***

Russell

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Timaru District

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## Head Start submission form

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Kathleen

Last Name \*

Ryan

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Last Name \*

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Last Name \*

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Phone (landline or mobile)

Address

Which district do you live in? \*

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☐ Yes

### Your views

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Last Name \*

Saunders

Organisation (if applicable)

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☐ Yes

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P John

Last Name \*

Saywell

Organisation (if applicable)

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Keith

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## Head Start submission form

### Your details

First Name \*

Rebecca

Last Name \*

Scott

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Address

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 7910

Which district do you live in? \*

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**Option E - Other**

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**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

Without knowing what the attitude of Mid-Canterbury is I believe that Option C is the only option that makes sense given the Government's expressed direction. Must however establish a Customer focus 'can do' culture under the new business model and eliminate the constant road block of can't do prevalent in Timaru.

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Expanding beyond the Waitaki south or the Rangitata North creates a management structure that won't be in touch with all the communities within it

Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☒ Unsure

Q4. Do you have any other comments?

Last option. Build a wall, keep the rabbits out.  
But seriously, Combining large areas into one control catchment will implement "blanket" style control measures which don't fit the full area suitably.

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**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

Option C is good idea but keep Rakaia River on the south side as a boundary which would keep out the complex sites such as Te Waihora / Lake Ellesmere. Leave to another unitary council. All councils have had enough time to get on and do it. It is wasting money on legal reforms. The longer it is left the more indecision and costs incur.

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**Option E - Other**

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Leave local government structure as it is at present. Ratepayers should have their rates benefiting their community not going many kilometres away to establish facilities in a far away locality. Bring back borough and county councils. Furthermore, councils should not bother with so called consultants or contractors but have people of this nature on their staff, e.g. road construction gang - does job at cost.

Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?

☒ Yes☐ No☐ Unsure

Q4. Do you have any other comments?

Bring both local borough and county councils. Local government should mean local facilities for the locals.

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All of the above but 'Basic Human Needs' must come first (see Maslow's Hierarchy of Human Needs). A healthy human = a RESPONSIBLE human, safe children, healthier homes and safer communities. A RESILIENT Community is a strong community. Structure is Key. What matters most in terms of Government is Truth, Transparency and Structure. What matters most in terms of Civil Defense is PRESERVATION OF LIFE.

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**Option E - Other**

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**Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.**

My preferred option is for New Zealand to become a Constitutional Republic. In relation to this submission, Option C.

I have spent the last 1.5 years training, planning and writing the Constitution of New Zealand with Lee Taituha along with an 8-Step Economic Reform Plan ([www.unitenz.org](http://www.unitenz.org)). We are a peaceful Reformation movement. People come to us through the Education we provide on Civics and Kiwi Economics modelled on MMT (<https://moslereconomics.com/mmt-white-paper/>). Warren explains more here: [https://youtu.be/W97s3zbFKvc?si=j6OMBqvt9GT\\_xyck](https://youtu.be/W97s3zbFKvc?si=j6OMBqvt9GT_xyck)

We need to DEFINE, CONFINE, and REFINE the Structure of Government and I welcome you to review this body of work; there is plenty there to draw from. While others may fear change, I do not. I believe in progress, but progress must be democratic and it can be done peacefully.

It is time to really pay attention to textualism and the systems, laws & policies that govern us. Help people to take responsibility and participate more actively in civics, especially at the local level.

I believe this can be achieved by Local Government leveraging off the existing Co-ordinated Incident Management System (CIMS). We can't run out of Dollars but we can run out of people if they become too sick and/or disillusioned by the current system of Governance.

We need a ground-up 'Basic Human Needs' approach (refer to Maslow's Hierarchy of Human Needs) parallel to Central Governments top-down CIMS approach.

RULE OF 3: Human beings can last approximately 3 minutes without oxygen, 3 hours without shelter from extreme heat/cold, 3 days without water and 3 weeks without food.

Oxygen = Psychological Survival Skills: understanding the Nervous System Response.

Shelter = Building NEW homes Water = Efficient management

Food = Supporting our farmers, entrepreneurs and small business owners

The Emergency Management Training Centre already offers two excellent modules:

Emergency Preparedness: CDEM Structure and Function & CIMS

Psychological First Aid

These two modules are a great start and should be offered free of charge to civilians by utilising a 'Train the Trainer' approach. Volunteers today can become the leaders of tomorrow and this is also one way you close the Feedback Loop for communication, adaptation and progression.

Transform Councils into Local Commerce & Civics Centres as the place for education and training for anyone willing to step up and learn.

The blueprint already exists, just extend it by recruiting Volunteers from the rural and remote areas. Make local learning - adult education - more convenient for people to attend.

The Geraldine Community Board formulated 8 Key Objectives in its last plan; from a CDEM perspective, these objectives are 'Functions' and those functions are important to Locals.

Having helped instigate the formation of 'Community Response Hubs' in Woodbury and Tripp Settlement, Peel Forest and Pleasant Valley I can now say from direct lived experience that this is where you should invest more money and not less in order to cast the network of communication and civil service far and wide across our newly formed region. Think Farmy Army.

In closing, as of today over 460 people have pledged their support for New Zealand to become a Republic. The data is telling me that a strong majority of them nationwide were born between 1970 and 1980 indicating that these generations are geared for change and willing to step up. We remember what life was like before the internet, raised by parents with a No. 8 wire mentality; the cornerstone of NZ Culture, Kiwi ingenuity, resourcefulness, and a 'can-do' attitude.

Having studied genetics and genealogy for many years now, I know this region has no shortage of pioneering spirit, fresh ideas, or natural leaders. What we need - as you know - is a solid foundation to our structure and I am more than happy to volunteer my time to this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity—for the future of my children and all New Zealanders.

I believe this education approach can address concerns about losing rural community voices while also stimulating real participation from younger generations in our incredibly special region. God defend New Zealand.

**Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?**

- ☒ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Unsure

**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

Always full of new ideas and free any time to chat.

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Which district do you live in? \*

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☐ Yes

### Your views

Q1. What matters most to you in any future local government structure? (select up to five)

- ☐ Affordable rates ☒ Quality services and infrastructure ☒ Keeping decisions local  
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☐ Urban growth is properly planned ☐ Services are easy to access ☐ Local character is protected  
☐ More transparency ☒ Economic Development ☐ Other

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Q2. Which option do you prefer?

Please rank all options. 1 = most preferred, 5 = least preferred.

Option A - South Canterbury Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries

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This would consist of the current Timaru + Mackenzie + Waimate councils

**Option B - Mid-South Canterbury Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries**

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This would consist of the current Timaru + Mackenzie + Waimate + Ashburton councils.

**Option C - Mid-South Canterbury and North Otago Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries**

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This would consist of the current Timaru + Mackenzie + Waimate + Ashburton + Waitaki councils.

**Option D - Do not submit a Head Start proposal and enter the Backstop process****Option E - Other**

Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

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Q4. Do you have any other comments?

Either take the Waitaki District as a whole or leave it alone. Don't just cherry pick the river catchments

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**Option C - Mid-South Canterbury and North Otago Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries**

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**Option E - Other**

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**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

There is no information provided on the debt level of each current council. However Waitaki, from what I have read in the media carries a lot of debt. South Mid Canterbury councils seem to be a good fit using the Waitaki and Rakaiia Rivers as natural boundaries, including their catchment areas. Option B councils should not take over the significant debt of another council.

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**Option E - Other**

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We need to control our water resource, if you go with mackenzie then the other logical area is Waitaki to ensure we have a sustainable source of water for future development and growth for the entire region.

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☐ Yes

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**Option E - Other**

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### Your views

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**Option E - Other**

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**Option E - Other**

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The South Canterbury Chamber of Commerce surveyed members and received a minimal number of responses!  
Of the few that responded the focus centred on communities of interest and the need to work with districts based upon similar economies. Districts with aligned challenges and opportunities, that had the capability through population and contribution to GDP to appropriately influence and work with other third parties.  
A sound collection of stable economic drivers from across this region. (Agriculture, food processing, manufacturing, export and imports, aquaculture, construction, tourism & hospitality,  
Highly valuable water asset's and renewable power generation assets.  
Strong tourism numbers and room for future tourism demand.  
A similar rural outlook across all regions (not a metro focus).  
Concern has been raised regarding the costs of implementation and the skill sets required to govern and deliver improved and enhanced services.  
Plus the need for local voices to be heard.

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### Your views

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**Option E - Other**

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Another solution is shared services, not forced political amalgamation.

Councils can already share:

- \* IT systems,
- \* accounting platforms,
- \* GIS,
- \* procurement,
- \* payroll,
- \* records management,
- \* web services,
- \* and specialist expertise,

without abolishing local governance or stripping communities of representation.

Modern systems are specifically designed for multi-entity environments. Economies of scale can be achieved operationally without destroying local accountability.

**Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?**

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Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the future governance arrangements for local government in South Canterbury.

### **The Process**

Government has asked councils to design a new local government system without first defining the rules by which it will be judged. While the purpose of this submission is not to argue that change should not occur, I am concerned at the Government's unmandated and unfunded directive. Councils and their advocacy group LGNZ should have pushed back against the policy or at least the time frame. This "forced" amalgamation has come on top of significant water reforms and significant changes to the RMA. The process is a minefield for councils, let alone ordinary ratepayers. With no business case, few defined criteria, and many fundamental questions still unanswered, what exactly is the submission process expected to reveal? Once again the consultation feels more like a procedural exercise than a genuine opportunity to influence outcomes.

The consultation document itself admits that the detailed arrangements for costs, services, staff, assets, debt, boundaries and representation would only be worked out later. It also admits that the time frame is too short for the type of full consultation normally expected for a decision of this scale.

The consultation does not provide enough evidence for ratepayers to make an informed comparison between the options. No forecast has been supplied showing the effect on rates, debt, staffing costs, service levels, borrowing capacity or infrastructure liabilities. While a unitary authority could simplify planning, remove some governance duplication and create a larger rating base, most of the claimed benefits remain assumptions rather than demonstrated outcomes. The detailed matters that will determine whether amalgamation succeeds—assets, debt, staff, services, representation and transition costs—are all being deferred until after councils decide whether to submit a proposal. The public is therefore being asked to select a structure without knowing its financial or practical consequences.

Most ratepayers simply want affordable rates, reliable everyday services, effective regional services, a strong local voice, and transparent decision-making. Those aspirations are universal, they do not help determine whether one amalgamation model is better than another. The benefits people actually want are likely to come from how the council is run, not where the boundary is drawn. Does having the lakes as part of the Unitary authority make any measurable difference to the Timaru ratepayer.

The consultation is largely centred around what regions should merge and seeking the public's preferred model based on very light arguments. For example Council cites an advantage - "Could reduce some duplication between district and regional council functions over time"

The information needed to judge the competing models is incomplete. That makes it difficult for the public to provide meaningful, evidence-based submissions.

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That said, knowing that change is inevitable we should be looking at the best time long term solution for not only Timaru citizens but our close neighbours as well. Having accepted that the Government has determined that local government reform will proceed, it is equally important that the Review Panel considers the broadest range of practical options before recommending a preferred structure.

The debate appears to be focused on "who should be grouped together", while the more important issues like funding, governance structures, and the powers the new authority will have, have been ignored, yet these factors are likely to affect people's lives far more than whether the boundary ends at the Rangitata or the Waitaki.

In conclusion, I do not believe the case for widespread local government amalgamation has been convincingly demonstrated, the expected benefits remain largely unquantified and there are no clearly defined evaluation criteria against which success can be measured. The Government has embarked on a major restructuring of local government without first obtaining a clear public mandate for doing so. Three months is simply insufficient to undertake this task properly.

LGNZ and Councils could have played a significant part in exposing these issues, canvassing for a longer time frame and looking at alternative solutions. LGNZ are guilty - again - of supporting Government Policy when they are supposed to be representing Councils.

### **The Environment Canterbury functions**

This is an area that deserves more attention than it has received. ECAN is regarded as a behemoth, which it is. but it does have broad responsibilities.

A successor authority would need to assume responsibility for functions such as:

- flood protection and river management;
- stop banks and drainage schemes;
- biosecurity and pest management;
- environmental monitoring;
- air and water quality monitoring;
- public transport planning (where applicable);
- regional hazard management;
- resource management planning and consents.

Has consideration been given to how these specialised functions will be integrated into a new authority without disrupting the service? The public have yet to see any evidence how this will be achieved.

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**Regional Assets**

A combined authority encompassing Timaru, Waimate, Mackenzie, Ashburton and Waitaki would create one of New Zealand's most diverse regional economies.

Agriculture would remain the economic foundation of the region, making a significant contribution to New Zealand's GDP. However, the region's strengths extend well beyond farming. It combines internationally recognised tourism destinations, recreational opportunities, manufacturing, food processing, energy infrastructure, transport networks and major public facilities within a single geographic area.

A combined region would offer an exceptional range of attractions including Aoraki/Mount Cook, Lake Tekapo, Mt Hutt Ski Area, hunting and fishing, motor racing, international-standard sporting facilities, heritage attractions and outdoor recreation. Together these provide significant opportunities to further develop tourism and attract investment.

The "new" region would feature an extensive portfolio of strategic assets, including:

- \* Port Timaru
- \* Timaru Hospital
- \* Richard Pearse Airport
- \* Alpine Energy
- \* Levels Raceway
- \* Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park
- \* Lake Tekapo
- \* Ski Areas - Mt Hutt, Dobson, Tekapo, Ohau
- \* Fonterra processing plants
- \* Major irrigation schemes
- \* State Highway 1 and key freight corridors
- \* Tertiary education facilities
- \* Major sporting venues
- \* Heritage and cultural attractions
- \* Electricity generation

Timaru Hospital already serves a large regional population. A unified local authority would provide an opportunity to advocate more effectively for expanded regional health services, reducing the need for residents to travel to Christchurch or Dunedin except where highly specialised treatment is required.

The relevant question is "how a larger regional authority could leverage these strategic assets to strengthen economic development, improve public services and enhance the long-term prosperity of the entire region."

**Preferred South Canterbury Model**

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My preferred option is "C" - A Mid-South Canterbury & North Otago Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries.

While Timaru, Waimate and Mackenzie Districts represent the obvious South Canterbury core, planning should not begin by limiting the assessment to the smallest combination of councils capable of satisfying Government expectations.

That assessment should include:

- \* Timaru District
- \* Waimate District
- \* Mackenzie District
- \* Ashburton District
- \* Waitaki District

These authorities already share significant economic, transport, agricultural and community connections.

Timaru functions as the principal regional service centre.

Ashburton shares many commercial and transport links with South Canterbury.

Waitaki has important relationships with both South Canterbury and North Otago and should be evaluated as part of the overall assessment rather than treated as an afterthought.

Considering all five authorities from the outset would provide the Review Panel with the greatest flexibility to determine the most appropriate long-term governance structure.

Each of these districts shares varying degrees of economic, social and infrastructure relationships with South Canterbury and each deserves consideration before future governance boundaries are determined.

Timaru naturally functions as the principal regional service centre. It provides the largest concentration of commercial activity, professional services, secondary and tertiary education, health services through Timaru Hospital, transport infrastructure, manufacturing and logistics. PrimePort Timaru serves a significant hinterland extending beyond district boundaries, while Alpine Energy's network reflects long-established regional connections.

Waimate and Mackenzie have developed close relationships with Timaru over many decades through agriculture, business, education, health services and transport. These relationships provide a logical foundation for any future South Canterbury authority.

Ashburton also shares many characteristics with South Canterbury. Both districts possess strong agricultural economies, irrigation infrastructure, food processing

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industries, freight movements along State Highway 1 and the Main South Rail Line, and common economic interests. Ashburton would significantly strengthen the scale, capability and long-term sustainability of any combined authority.

Waitaki presents a more balanced picture. Its communities maintain longstanding relationships with both South Canterbury and North Otago. That should not exclude Waitaki from consideration. On the contrary, its position reinforces the importance of undertaking a comprehensive assessment before conclusions are reached. Excluding Waitaki at the outset risks overlooking opportunities that may prove beneficial both strategically and economically.

Should Ashburton ultimately determine that its long-term interests are better served elsewhere, the remaining councils would still have examined the implications of a four-council model, including Waitaki, rather than beginning that analysis only after other options had fallen away. Waitaki should not be seen as a contingency option considered only after other possibilities have been exhausted.

Where councils enter an amalgamated structure with significantly different debt positions and revenue generating assets, arrangements should ensure that these are appropriately attributed and do not unfairly disadvantage other communities. In the interests of long term partnerships these should likely be absorbed in the longer term.

A comprehensive assessment should therefore examine the implications of all five councils participating, recognising that the final configuration may differ following consultation and negotiation. The choice should not be complicated by debt considerations, state of the infrastructure, or other parochial concerns we need to aim for the top and sort these issues out later.

### **Water Reforms**

If the end goal was larger, more efficient local government units, the water decisions should have been made after the new boundaries were settled. Instead, councils have built different water arrangements that may soon have to be reconciled with each other.

Why haven't Councils asked this obvious question - why wasn't the water reforms left until amalgamation had been finalised. This shouldn't present a stumbling block to any amalgamation but it is a clear indication that the whole process has not been well thought out.

As it stands:

Timaru has committed to a water CCO (with Mackenzie).

Ashburton operates water services in-house.

Waimate operates water services in-house.

Waitaki has chosen to participate in the Southern Water Done Well CCO.



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That means any new unitary authority would inherit three different water delivery models.

That is clearly administratively awkward, and it is likely, the new authority would seek one model across the whole district for consistency.

If a larger customer base is the objective, should councils first evaluate whether a larger in-house water business would achieve similar economies without creating a CCO?

As Waitaki has already committed to a Southern water arrangement, there are obvious questions:

Would Waitaki withdraw?  
What would be the contractual consequences?  
Are there exit provisions?  
What happens to assets?  
What happens to debt?  
Who pays any break costs?

These could be significant issues and withdrawal could be very costly depending on how far implementation has progressed.

This should not exclude Waitaki from a potential South Canterbury based unitary authority.

### **Community Values, Governance, Democracy and Representation**

People are more important than boundaries, amalgamation requires more than financial considerations. It also depends on whether the communities involved share similar values and similar democratic expectations.

For example:

Representative democracy through free and fair elections.  
Equal voting rights, with elected representatives accountable to all residents.  
Equality before the law, regardless of ethnicity, religion or cultural background.  
Respect for cultural diversity, while ensuring that no culture is afforded greater political authority than another.  
Transparent and accountable decision-making.  
Efficient use of public funds.  
Fair and equitable provision of public services.  
Opportunities for public participation in local decision-making.

We are fortunate that the amalgamating communities share in these underlying principles. If neighbouring districts have significantly different expectations about governance, representation or decision-making, those differences should be

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identified and openly discussed. Partnerships with self interested ethnic groups should be disestablished.

Smaller centres have an interest in retaining their local identity and decision-making, the "big brother" approach - full on amalgamation- risks overlooking local priorities and alienating the smaller districts. It is essential they retain their identity and representation. I believe this is key to providing communities of their need to be heard, strong local boards need to be established, not unlike our existing Community boards but with greater powers and responsibilities. They need to be able to control their local amenities - walkways, cycleways, swimming pools, libraries. Elected representatives on the community boards are then chosen by the community to represent them at Council level.

### **Concluding Observations**

I support Option C - A Mid-South Canterbury & North Otago Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries. The premise behind this is not based on a comprehensive financial analysis, it is not based on the "bigger is better" model, it is simply based on intuition. For me personally, the boundaries are largely immaterial, what is important is that we join with people who have shared values, democracy and equality are paramount and where people are not elevated based on their race, religion or other esoteric beliefs.

However, there are many unanswered questions

How will representation be determined?

What powers will community boards or local committees have?

How much will transition cost?

What savings are realistically expected, and when?

How will debt and assets be apportioned?

What criteria will the Government use to accept or reject a proposal?

This region has significant tourist potential, whether you arrive by boat or by plane, by road or rail it is all catered for. Whether your interests are simply sight seeing, dining, skiing, fishing or hunting or a combination of those it can all be provided. The combined tourist value of the 5 regions should not be underestimated.

In reality, boundaries are the easiest part of the exercise.

The real challenge will be creating a local authority that is financially sustainable, democratically accountable, operationally efficient and capable of serving its communities for decades to come.

If reform proceeds, it should be measured not by the number of councils that disappear, but by whether the people who live in the region receive better services, stronger representation and better value for the rates they pay.

The objective should never be simply to create a larger organisation.

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It should be to create a better one.

Graeme Spencer



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**Option E - Other**

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Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

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☒ Yes☐ No☐ Unsure

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Clean and Green?  
Regional Councils have done a terrible job protecting our environment!!

Change is needed!!!  
Our rivers are our most precious resource.

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I support Option B – a Mid-South Canterbury Unitary Council because it strikes the right balance between achieving the scale needed for future local government while retaining a strong connection to the communities, industries and values that define our region. Mid-South Canterbury shares common economic drivers, particularly in agriculture, food production, tourism and rural enterprise. We also share a strong sense of identity, built on resilient communities, a collaborative approach and an understanding of the opportunities and challenges that come with living and working in a predominantly rural region. This makes it a logical fit for integrated planning and decision-making.

I also support the inclusion of river catchment boundaries where appropriate. Water is fundamental to the future of our region, and managing it within natural catchments provides a more strategic approach to environmental stewardship, infrastructure investment and long-term economic development.

Most importantly, Option B provides the scale to deliver better outcomes without losing the local knowledge, identity and practical decision-making that our communities value. It will help ensure future governance supports sustainable economic growth, productive land use and thriving communities, while keeping decision-making close to the people and communities who understand Mid-South Canterbury best."

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I wish this wasn't being rushed! This is significant work that should be consultative and should have some access to the proposed RMA changes! It wasn't telegraphed ahead of the last election! However, if this is a way of creating less duplication + keeping costs down, great. But where has that happened? I'm skeptical!

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There is no way we should join with Waitaki how has huge fiscal debt, high rates and fluoride in their water. They are also part of Otago and they support the wrong rugby team.  
I've been told about the drainage boards and think that we should have the catchments added as long as the drainage boards are in existence.

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Reinstating the drainage boards would be a good idea. You're talking about the possibility of having river catchments as part of the new council and that is the only way it would be a feasible idea.

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The idea of joining with debt laden Waitaki is a terrible option. It's very highly likely you have already made your decision. Look at what happened with the Alpine Energy farce. You had a buyer/buyers already lined up before the overwhelming majority of against submissions were even looked at.

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I am concerned about Waitaki being taken into the proposed amalgamation. They have huge fiscal debt, fluoridated water and unaffordable rates. They are also in Otago and over the other side of the Waitaki so it makes no sense. Unsure about the river catchments as this would mean the question needs to be asked if this means the old drainage boards will be re-established, if it's a yes then that would be a yes from me. Will the special character of South Canterbury be retained when amalgamation happens as this is something I think needs to be maintained.

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1. Re river catchments, better management if included, but rating feasibility a question mark.
2. Only elected councillors to have voting rights. All ratepayers to be treated equally.
3. All ratepayers/parties to be consulted, including but not only Iwi.

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## BIG REFORMS DECISIONS SUBMISSION

Submitter Peter Stray



I have read through the head start consultation document and the Councils own report. Other than the catch phrase "economies of scale" there has been no data provided that identifies how much that Timaru or in fact any existing Council would save ( or not save) by amalgamation. I am sure that until the Council or Government can clearly demonstrate with actual figures the savings to Ratepayers of any amalgamation, not one thinking Rate payer or elected Council representative is in a position to agree or disagree that so called "better value" will be the result.

If economies of scale can deliver so much benefit why isn't New Zealand under one authority which on a population basis, it would be in many countries in the world.

New Zealand has set up local bodies due to a sparse population and a geographically challenged country which is exactly why we have districts specific requirements that need local control. The joining of a few Councils together may never produce meaningful savings but will definitely mean that a larger city will subsidise the ratepayers that choose to live in smaller remote areas.

Our district often struggles to make logical financial decisions that affect our current ratepayers, imagine what will happen if we are not in control of what happens here and we have to consider the effect of our decisions on all of our current neighbouring ratepayers. This would be similar to four or five families joining their finances and budgets together then arguing who gets what each year.

Logic says that other than physical costs of using maintaining and replacing infrastructure which are largely unavoidable and may be reduce slightly by joining with others however the majority of a Councils costs are people related whether it be consent related, planning or administration. As Councils can already combine to buy the water pipes and other large items they need, then the theory behind amalgamation is to reduce staff costs to such an extent to make the savings.

Irrespective of whether we retain the status quo or amalgamate, ratepayers of the future are going to have to accept services and infrastructure of less quality or pay higher rates and obviously it is better to pay as we go and spread costs over the life of the assets with provisions for replacement rather than face horrendous infrastructure costs such as can now been seen in Wellington. The days of capital expenditure that affects every ratepayer and benefits only a few are long gone as Councils face not only replacing infrastructure but making it a lot more resilient and therefore costly.

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Those employed by the Council should already automatically be contacting other Councils if there is a big project being contemplated to see if some purchasing could be combined to give a better price. If Councils are already employing the correct number of people to reach targets on functions they are responsible for then no amount of amalgamation will reduce the workforce unless AI is being seen as the way to reduce employees and therefore cost to the Council. This can already be obtained within the District and does not need amalgamation to achieve those savings.

No private business would ever make costly restructuring decisions with such a lack of real financial analysis including projections to ensure there would be a net gain to that company. Unfortunately this highlights the difference between a company making decisions that are viable for survival, and central and local government where the taxpayers and ratepayers pick up the tab for any poorly considered ideas.

It is very easy to just vote for amalgamation on the hope that it would benefit Timaru however lessons learned by many restructures in the past show that often the savings are not there and another restructure occurs. Unless projected income and expenditure budgets can show the advantage of Timaru being a major diluter of costs for it and other Councils in the region I submit that Timaru should DEFER TO THE BACKSTOP PROCESS which allows more time to understand the Governments proposed reforms which will then give our Councillors actual facts to make an informed decision.

Even if central government makes some decisions for us they will be forced to use their resources to come up with a proven plan and not just a generalised concept that bigger is always better for everyone which seems to underline their rush to restructure without any real evidence.

In addition I agree that an analysis should be made between the responsibilities of current and regional Councils to ensure there is no duplication and more streamlining but this does not need amalgamation just legislation changes and common sense.

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Focus on KISS principle - keep it simple smartarse! And IF Ashburton were to be included in same body as Waimate and Mackenzie, then going bigger and bringing in Oamaru is the way to go so that the "centre of gravity" of the council remains balanced. It also makes river catchment management less complex.

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Q1. What matters most to you in any future local government structure? (select up to five)

- ☒ Affordable rates ☒ Quality services and infrastructure ☐ Keeping decisions local  
☒ More efficiency, less duplication ☒ Rural areas and small towns are valued ☐ Healthy environment  
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If you selected "Other", provide more details here.

Q2. Which option do you prefer?

Please rank all options. 1 = most preferred, 5 = least preferred.

Option A - South Canterbury Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries

5

This would consist of the current Timaru + Mackenzie + Waimate councils

**Option B - Mid-South Canterbury Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries**

588

2

This would consist of the current Timaru + Mackenzie + Waimate + Ashburton councils.

**Option C - Mid-South Canterbury and North Otago Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries**

5

This would consist of the current Timaru + Mackenzie + Waimate + Ashburton + Waitaki councils.

**Option D - Do not submit a Head Start proposal and enter the Backstop process**

1

**Option E - Other**

1

Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

Q4. Do you have any other comments?

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## Head Start submission form

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Which district do you live in? \*

Timaru District

If you live outside of South Canterbury, where?

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☐ Yes

### Your views

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**Option D - Do not submit a Head Start proposal and enter the Backstop process****Option E - Other**

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## Head Start submission form

### Your details

**First Name \***

Stephanie

**Last Name \***

Switalla

**Organisation (if applicable)**

N/A

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**Email \*****Phone (landline or mobile)****Address****Which district do you live in? \***

Timaru District

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### Your views

**Q1. What matters most to you in any future local government structure? (select up to five)**

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This would consist of the current Timaru + Mackenzie + Waimate + Ashburton + Waitaki councils.

**Option D - Do not submit a Head Start proposal and enter the Backstop process**

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**Option E - Other**

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Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?

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## Head Start submission form

### Your details

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Tina

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☐ Yes

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**Option E - Other**

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## Head Start submission form

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Angela

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Which district do you live in? \*

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☐ Yes

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## Head Start submission form

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Lynda

Last Name \*

Taylor

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Phone (landline or mobile)

Address

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Which district do you live in? \*

Timaru District

If you live outside of South Canterbury, where?

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☐ Yes

### Your views

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Q2. Which option do you prefer?

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**Option C - Mid-South Canterbury and North Otago Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries**

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**Option E - Other**

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Which district do you live in? \*

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☐ Yes

### Your views

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**Option E - Other**

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James

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Which district do you live in? \*

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☐ Yes

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## Head Start submission form

### Your details

First Name \*

Jane E.

Last Name \*

Thomas

Organisation (if applicable)

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Address

Which district do you live in? \*

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**Option C - Mid-South Canterbury and North Otago Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries**

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**Option D - Do not submit a Head Start proposal and enter the Backstop process****Option E - Other**

2

Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

The Canterbury Regional Boundary should be included from the Kakanui River to the Lindis Pass. This is a common interest of the Waitaki River System.

Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?

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## Head Start submission form

### Your details

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Mike

Last Name \*

Thomas

Organisation (if applicable)

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☒ Yes

### Your views

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**Option D - Do not submit a Head Start proposal and enter the Backstop process**

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**Option E - Other**

2

Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

I would like that the Southern Boundary for a new Council be the old Canterbury Regional Boundary. And include a small portion of Otago to the Sea.  
The Canterbury Regional Boundary should be included from the Kakanui River to the Lindis pass. This is a common interest of the Waitaki River System.

Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?

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## Head Start submission form

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Joanne

Last Name \*

Thomson

Organisation (if applicable)

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Which district do you live in? \*

Timaru District

If you live outside of South Canterbury, where?

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☐ Yes

### Your views

Q1. What matters most to you in any future local government structure? (select up to five)

- ☐ Affordable rates ☒ Quality services and infrastructure ☒ Keeping decisions local  
☐ More efficiency, less duplication ☒ Rural areas and small towns are valued ☒ Healthy environment  
☐ Urban growth is properly planned ☒ Services are easy to access ☒ Local character is protected  
☐ More transparency ☒ Economic Development ☐ Other

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Q2. Which option do you prefer?

Please rank all options. 1 = most preferred, 5 = least preferred.

Option A - South Canterbury Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries

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This would consist of the current Timaru + Mackenzie + Waimate councils



**Option B - Mid-South Canterbury Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries**

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This would consist of the current Timaru + Mackenzie + Waimate + Ashburton councils.

**Option C - Mid-South Canterbury and North Otago Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries**

3

This would consist of the current Timaru + Mackenzie + Waimate + Ashburton + Waitaki councils.

**Option D - Do not submit a Head Start proposal and enter the Backstop process****Option E - Other**

Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

**Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?**

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No  
☒ Unsure

**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

Option B is my favourite purely based on Rates income. Including ADC would increase the overall income received by rates. Option A, TDC has the largest rates income out of the three districts, this would then be shared across a large geographical area. Option C has plus's and minuses. We need to consider the work ECAN carries out and the rural area's included in the new Unitary Council. We will also need to consider the resources in these area's and the spread of services.

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Ruth

Last Name \*

Thorne

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**Option B - Mid-South Canterbury Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries**

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This would consist of the current Timaru + Mackenzie + Waimate + Ashburton councils.

**Option C - Mid-South Canterbury and North Otago Unitary Council based on either territorial or river catchment boundaries**

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This would consist of the current Timaru + Mackenzie + Waimate + Ashburton + Waitaki councils.

**Option D - Do not submit a Head Start proposal and enter the Backstop process**

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**Option E - Other**

1

Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

I'd like the combination of Timaru, Waimate, Mackenzie and Waitaki districts to be considered as an option

Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?

- ☒ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Unsure

Q4. Do you have any other comments?

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Karen

Last Name \*

Tilley

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☐ Yes

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**Option D - Do not submit a Head Start proposal and enter the Backstop process**

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**Option E - Other**

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Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

**Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?**

- ☒ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Unsure

**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

I lived for 8 years in Marlborough with its unitary council, and a population of about 50,000. The system seems to work very well. I think it will be difficult to have 2 entities trying to cooperate over river catchment issues. I think option 2 or 3 will require more communication to prevent people in different towns from feeling isolated from decision making.

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Adrienne

Last Name \*

Todd

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Q2. Which option do you prefer?

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**Option D - Do not submit a Head Start proposal and enter the Backstop process**

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**Option E - Other**

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Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

I think that with a larger area we would have a better chance at delaying and maintaining south Canterbury , Better for the rate payers and better knowledge and experience with what are presently other councils

Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?

- ☒ Yes  
☐ No  
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Q4. Do you have any other comments?

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## Head Start submission form

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First Name \*

Miles

Last Name \*

Trent

Organisation (if applicable)

Retired

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☐ Yes

### Your views

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**Option E - Other**

4

Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

I don't have a specific goal under this option. However I rank it ahead of Option D because it will (hopefully) let us have a voice in choosing the eventual result.

Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?

- ☒ Yes  
☐ No  
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Q4. Do you have any other comments?

No, thank you.

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First Name \*

Rob &amp; Amanda

Last Name \*

Tulley

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☐ Yes

### Your views

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## Head Start submission form

### Your details

First Name \*

Keith

Last Name \*

Tyler-Smith

Organisation (if applicable)

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☐ Yes

### Your views

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**Option E - Other**

Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?

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## Head Start submission form

### Your details

First Name \*

Angela

Last Name \*

Valentine

Organisation (if applicable)

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☐ Yes

### Your views

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Q2. Which option do you prefer?

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**Option D - Do not submit a Head Start proposal and enter the Backstop process**

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**Option E - Other**

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Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

North boundary Rangitata river as in option A and maybe sharing the green optional extension with Ashburton (or not). South boundary North Otago as in option C.

Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?

- ☐ Yes
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Q4. Do you have any other comments?

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## Head Start submission form

### Your details

First Name \*

Kathy

Last Name \*

Van de Wiel

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A council that will actually listen to what the public have to say.

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**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

Dealing with TDC is a nightmare so anyone else added into the mix has to be a good thing surely? Will we be voting again once this has been decided? I don't have a clue as to which option will be better. And it really doesn't matter does it. You lot don't listen. We are in so much DEBT now, what's a few more mill.

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## Head Start submission form

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First Name \*

Michelle

Last Name \*

van Heerden

Organisation (if applicable)

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This would consist of the current Timaru + Mackenzie + Waimate + Ashburton + Waitaki councils.

**Option D - Do not submit a Head Start proposal and enter the Backstop process**

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**Option E - Other**

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Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?

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Q4. Do you have any other comments?

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**Option E - Other**

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**Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?**

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**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

Stop employing clowns. Shut down "Timaru Holdings Ltd" who buy properties and sell them at a loss. Councillors who have a conflict of interest in projects should not be allowed to vote e.g. Theatre Royal Project.

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**Option E - Other**

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No amalgamation.

**Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?**

- ☒ Yes  
☐ No  
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**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

Having lived through the evolution of Auckland Supacity, where the idea was sold on the basis of cost saving and reduced bureaucracy with greater efficiency, all too predictably none of this has come to pass. Any economies re staffing and bureaucratic overheads was short lived. The cynic in me suggests that without extreme care and astute management, the same mistakes will be made.

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Leave things as they are which is what people are saying will happen if we get a different government next election. So this issue will effect voting.

**Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?**

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**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

Amalgamation will not save money. It will just make it easier to open-up development. I lived through the amalgamation of Auckland Supa(?)City, living in rural Pukekohe and losing Franklin County. After 15 years the consensus is that the amalgamation improved public transport, it freed up land for development and selling off water meant they could borrow for infrastructure. The integrated computer systems failed and took years to balance out.

Our improved (?) transport system meant Pukekohe train station was closed for two years and our lovely old train station replaced with a glass and plastic one to match the others at Papakura and Manukau City. (Many commuters converting back to cars.) All this at the expense of the loss of our district heritage, good growing land and identity. Pukekohe Hill, protected under Franklin Council for it's market garden growing facilities, now has two exclusive retirement villages with fabulous views planted on it.

Improved public transport between districts is not an issue for the South Island. Selling off/giving away water rights should not be in the gift of any government as it is vital for life. Different districts should look after their own pieces of river.

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**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

Both options keep the new council within a coherent South Canterbury / Canterbury footprint that shares an existing regional council (Environment Canterbury), a common economic geography (Christchurch-oriented trade, transport and services links), and long-standing community-of-interest ties between Timaru, Waimate and Mackenzie (and Ashburton under Option B).

Option A offers the tightest, most locally coherent grouping and is explicitly noted by Council's own consultation material as the option the three districts "broadly agree on" already — this matters for deliverability within the Government's tight 2028 timeframe.

Option B provides more scale (population ~100,900 vs ~63,500) which may better satisfy the Government's economies-of-scale requirement, without reaching outside the natural Canterbury catchment.

Both keep river catchment management (Rangitata, and optionally Rakaia) within a Canterbury-wide context rather than fragmenting it across a regional boundary.

Stay away from waitaki, Option C would pull Waitaki District (North Otago) into a Canterbury-based unitary authority. North Otago belongs with Dunedin, not Timaru. Oamaru's people, hospitals, university pathways, media and sporting loyalties all point south to Otago, the same way Timaru's point north to Christchurch — and Otago's own reform conversation already treats Waitaki as part of Otago's future, not South Canterbury's. Absorbing North Otago on the strength of one shared river catchment, while ignoring that underlying pull, is exactly the "local voice" mismatch the consultation document itself warns against.

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**Option E - Other**

Tell us more about any "Other" option that you think should be considered.

Either Option A or B. are my preferred options. Option A has appeal because it appears the easiest, BUT the challenge of Option B gives incentive to grow and be more "doable" than Option C.

Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?

- ☐ Yes  
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Q4. Do you have any other comments?

Balance is critical, I think it's important to keep or improve on what each area has to offer. Being swallowed up by immalgamation on a large scale means loss of individuality and characteristics that have appeal and set one area apart from another. I want our area to stand out and be a "must see" or "go to" place.

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OPTION A AND B HAVE CATCHMENT AREAS WHICH ARE CONFUSING FOR INSTANCE B HAS LARGE AREA ABOVE THE GORGE AND ANOTHER SMALL AREA BELOW STATE HIGHWAY ONE. OPTION A WOULD SEEM MESSY IF OAMARU WAS EXCLUDED

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Bigger the better! Hopefully efficiency of scale works to reduce cost

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**Option E - Other**

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South Canterbury and North Otago = Timaru + Mackenzie + Waimate + Waitaki councils

**Q3. Do you think that the resulting unitary council should include the river catchments at the edge of its territory?**

- ☒ Yes  
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**Q4. Do you have any other comments?**

Q1's restriction to five preferences is a bit tight, there are several more I could have added.

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Waitaki and Twizel

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Winmill

Organisation (if applicable)

Govt superannuation

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