

CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

NOTES OF A SEMINAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

**Held in the Council Chamber, Tuam Street
on Tuesday 28 February 2006 at 9.30am**

- PRESENT:** Councillor Broughton (Chairperson),
The Mayor,
Councillors Graham Condon, Barry Corbett, David Cox,
Anna Crighton, Carole Evans, Pat Harrow, Bob Shearing,
Gail Sheriff, Sue Wells and Norma Withers.
- APOLOGY:** An apology for absence was received and accepted from
Councillor Sally Buck.
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Anusha Guler, Yani Johanson and Claire Sullivan.

ECAN ELECTORAL REVIEW

Presenter: Max Robertson

Councillors were presented with additional information that had been requested at the 7 February seminar.

Councillors generally agreed that the officer's report that would go to the full Council should take into consideration the following:

1. The Council wants to send a strong message that it does not support the continued use of the current electoral system and wants to initiate a review to find a better way to ensure fair and equitable representation of area councils, large and small.
2. The Council recognises that the legislative change necessary to achieve 1. is a complicated and lengthy process, therefore, until that time, the Council would support option 3 (8 representatives) of the four presented by staff (the "fuzzy edge" proposal being the fourth).
3. The Council requests that under the current system, representatives be elected at large.

The seminar concluded at 10.30am