



# ORC Representation Review



# Overview - Representation Reviews

Councils are required to review how their community is represented every six years.

ORC is doing theirs now.

Dunedin City Council will review its representation arrangements in 2026.

The review covers:

- the number of constituencies (electoral areas) and their boundaries
- the number of elected members representing each constituency.





# Overview - Representation Reviews

- The ORC is required to consider several matters in determining their arrangements.
- There must be constituencies – can't be elected 'at large'.
- Community of interest – sense of belonging to a clearly defined area; where people look for social, service and economic support; sense of community identity and belonging, local history of the area.
- Plus or minus 10% rule - population per councillor, fair representation – population of each constituency divided by the number of members elected is a figure of plus or minus 10 %.





# ORC current arrangements

There are 12 Councillors elected from four constituencies:

Constituency		2018 popn	ratio	%	2023 popn	ratio	%
Dunstan	3	57,400	19,133	+2.41	78,800	26,267	+23.80
Moeraki	1	20,400	20,400	+9.19	22,300	22,300	+5.11
Molyneux	2	35,600	17,800	-4.73	38,300	19,150	-9.74
Dunedin	6	110,800	18,467	-1.16	115,200	19,200	-9.51





# ORC Initial Proposal

The population in the Dunstan constituency is estimated to be 78,800, an increase of approx 18,600

ORC are proposing to:

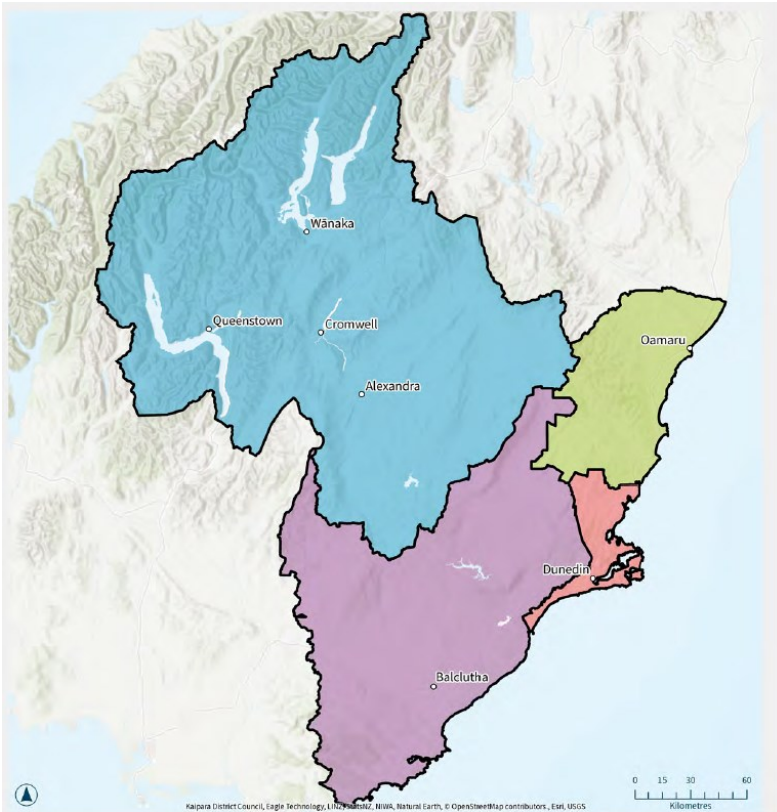
- retain the current electoral boundaries based on the existing communities of interest (this means that the Strath Taieri community and Mosgiel Taieri Community remain in the Molyneux boundary)
- retain the current total number of councillors at 12
- reduce the number of councillors in the Dunedin constituency from six (6) to five (5)
- increase the number of councillors in the Dunstan constituency from three (3) to four (4)



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Constituency	Population	Members	Population Member-Ratio	Difference From Quota	Difference From Quota %
Moeraki	22,300	1	22,300	1,083	5.11%
Dunedin	115,200	5	23,040	1,823	8.59%
Dunstan	78,800	4	19,700	-1,517	-7.15%
Molyneux	38,300	2	19,150	-2,067	-9.74%
Otago Region Total	254,600	12	21,217		

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# Issues

- The Dunedin City Council boundary area is split over two constituencies – Molyneux and Dunedin
- Does the Council want to argue that the community of interest for both Strath Taieri and Mosgiel Taieri is Dunedin City, bulk of the population is in Mosgiel – where is its community of interest?
- Some members of the Mosgiel Taieri Community board have indicated a wish to stay in the Molyneux constituency – rural interests, flood and drainage issues, large area – 2 councillors fairer.



