

SOUTH ISLAND REPRESENTATION COMMISSION.

REPORT.

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Arthur William de Brito Savile, Earl of Liverpool, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over His Majesty's Dominion of New Zealand and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, the members of the South Island Representation Commission appointed by Your Excellency on the 28th day of August, 1917, have the honour to report that we commenced our sittings on the 11th day of September last for the purpose of dividing the South Island into electoral districts.

Notice of the boundaries as provisionally fixed by us under the authority of our Commission was duly published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the 11th day of October, 1917, and on the 7th day of November, 1917, the Commission again met, and the objections and suggestions that were received were duly considered and dealt with by the Commissioners in the manner set forth in the attached schedule. By the alteration of the provisional boundaries of a number of the electorates it was found possible to give effect to a large proportion of the objections and suggestions.

With regard to the objections of certain of the electors to the change of names, your Commission decided that the old name of "Bruce" should be retained, that "Buller" should be substituted for "Grey," and "Motueka" for "Buller," and the name "Hurunui" should be retained.

In accordance with the provisions of the Licensing Amendment Act, 1910, the Commission has declared that the Christchurch Licensing District shall comprise the Christchurch North, Christchurch East, and Christchurch South Electoral Districts, and that the Dunedin Licensing District shall comprise the Dunedin North, Dunedin West, and Dunedin Central Electoral Districts.

After due consideration your Commission found it impossible to include the licensed premises of Heriot in a licensed district, for the following reason: That by including Heriot in Wakatipu the Commissioners would be ignoring the provisions of section 17 (2) (e) of the Legislature Act, 1908—that is, community of interest, facility of communication, and topographical features.

Your Commission subsequently finally approved and confirmed the boundaries of the electoral districts, and now respectfully submit for Your Excellency's consideration the names and descriptions of the same, together with a map showing the actual and nominal populations respectively, agreeing with the totals as allotted by the Joint Commission.

Given under our hands and seals, this twelfth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

ROBT. T. SADD, Chairman [L.S.] HARRY QUANE [L.S.]
W. H. SKINNER [L.S.] HARMAN REEVES [L.S.]
THOS. BROOK [L.S.]

SCHEDULE OF OBJECTIONS.

No.	Electoral District.	Objections, Petitions, or Suggestions.	Name and Address of Writer.	Decision of Commission.
1	Wairau	Objecting to inclusion of portions of the Waimea Plains and the Motueka Valley in proposed Electorate of Wairau; also to the name of "Buller" being given to same, and requesting that the name of "Motueka" be retained	Walter Cowin, of Stanley Brook, and 41 others	Alteration of boundaries impracticable; name "Motueka" retained.
2	Wairau	Objecting to inclusion of portions of the Waimea Plains and the Motueka Valley in proposed Electorate of Wairau; also to the name of "Buller" being given to same, and requesting that the name of "Motueka" be retained	W. W. Cowin, of Thorpe, and 27 others	Alteration of boundaries impracticable; name "Motueka" retained.
3	Wairau	Objecting to inclusion of portions of the Waimea Plains and the Motueka Valley in proposed Electorate of Wairau; also to the name of "Buller" being given to same, and requesting that the name of "Motueka" be retained	K. B. Goodall, of Tadmor, and 24 others	Alteration of boundaries impracticable; name "Motueka" retained.