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**Reminder: last days for public feedback on Representation Review
(Phase One)**

Phase One of Invercargill's Representation Review on how Councillors should be elected and whether there should be community boards closes on Monday, Policy Advisor Janette Malcolm said today.

Ms Malcolm said this meant people had until 5pm on Monday 8 June to lodge their views with her.

"People can also give Council their feedback through a submission form in the Voice Your Choice booklet – available in Council's silver information boxes at supermarkets and The Warehouse, or by filling in an on-line form at Council's website www.icc.govt.nz," she said.

Ms Malcolm said over the past month Council had held five public meetings about the Representation Review in North and South Invercargill, Myross Bush, Otatara and Bluff. A hui was also held at Murihiku Marae. She thanked those people who had attended the meetings and hui, and those who had made submissions, saying they were playing an important part in the democratic process.

"The next step is that, taking into account public feedback made in Phase One, Council makes a decision at its Council meeting on 11 August about its preferred option of representation in the city. Following this meeting, there will be a month during which members of the public can make formal submissions on the preferred option.

"Council will continue to keep people well informed about the process and how they can participate," Ms Malcolm said.

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