

PRESENTATION SUMMARY

NELSON PUBLIC HEARING
DATED 11 MAY 2004
AT THE PRESTIGE LAKESIDE RESORT

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE PRESENTATION TO THE CITIZENS' ASSEMBLY ON ELECTORAL REFORM. IT ATTEMPTS TO CAPTURE THE KEY ISSUES AND ARGUMENTS THAT WERE PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING. IN SOME INSTANCES, THE PRESENTER HAS ALSO MADE A SUBMISSION TO THE ASSEMBLY AND THIS IS ACCESSIBLE VIA THE WEBSITE AT WWW.CITIZENSASSEMBLY.BC.CA BY CLICKING ON "GET INVOLVED". IF SUCH A SUBMISSION IS AVAILABLE, IT WILL BE NOTED AT THE END OF THIS REPORT.

Hanna Hadikin

DESCRIPTION OF PRESENTATION

A presentation in favour of proportional representation.

KEY THEMES

Ms. Hadikin stated the need for accountability and transparency to be introduced into the political system. The presenter discussed the shortcomings of the current FPTP system in terms of wasted votes, declining voter turnout and political participation, and the inadequate representation of women and minorities. Ms. Hadikin stated the belief that the quality of elected representatives would continue to discourage voter turnout under any electoral system.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Ms. Hadikin supported MMP along the lines of the New Zealand example.