

# PRESENTATION SUMMARY

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SMITHERS PUBLIC HEARING  
DATED 7 JUNE 2004  
AT THE HUDSON BAY LODGE

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](http://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.

# Virginia Hoover

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## DESCRIPTION OF PRESENTATION

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A presentation in support of MMP.

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## KEY THEMES

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The presenter discussed the apparent delusion of governments who introduce measures that are clearly against the wishes of the predominantly Christian electorate. Ms. Hoover argued that the current system induces strategic voting, as citizens tend to vote against incumbent governments rather than for a set of policy ideas.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Ms. Hoover supported the introduction of MMP on the grounds of the belief that providing a party vote and a vote for an individual candidate would give voters a chance to indicate which policies they support.

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## QUESTIONS, ANSWERS AND COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

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Comment	It would be nice for voters to be able to vote their conscience rather than the worst of two or three evils, and I think that MMP may enable that.
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