

# PRESENTATION SUMMARY

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KELOWNA PUBLIC HEARING  
DATED 24 JUNE 2004  
AT THE COAST CAPRI HOTEL

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.

# Grant Rice

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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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Mr. Rice discussed his experience as a canvasser for the Proportional Representation Initiative of 2002. The presenter shared with concern his observation of voter apathy among senior citizens on the bus.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Rice advocated the introduction of MMP on the grounds that it constitutes a fair means of representation for the people of BC. The presenter argued that the introduction of MMP would promote consensus politics in the legislature. Mr. Rice stated that while MMP may produce minority governments, this may be viewed as advantageous as it would promote compromise. Mr. Rice stated that changing the electoral system would be beneficial and need not result in detrimental changes to society.

*Quote: To make things better you need to get involved, you need to push for change, and you can't give up.*