

# PRESENTATION SUMMARY

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UCLUELET PUBLIC HEARING  
MAY 15, 2004 AT SEAPLANE BASE  
RECREATION CENTRE

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.

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## DESCRIPTION OF PRESENTATION

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The presenter stated that PR and the inclusion of minority parties would not be a bad thing. The problem would be how to avoid having a myriad of parties like in Italy and Israel.

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## KEY THEMES

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The structure of our voting system tends to emphasize the conflicts in the province. A PR system with minority parties would not be a bad thing, but how would we avoid problems like in Italy and Israel where there are many parties?

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Adopt a PR system.

*Quotes: "I would like to see a voting system that will push the opposition parties to come down from ideologies and deal with practical issues."*

*"What kind of system would promote realistic cooperation?"*

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## QUESTIONS, ANSWERS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PANEL

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Q	If we do go for PR, we may look at bigger districts, are you in favour of that?
A	Jayun: ridings don't matter. Jeff: I don't see any problem with having larger ridings. Greg: I get nervous when I think about bigger ridings, we get lost enough as it is now.

## Comment from panel

My understanding is that the audience wants some change.

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**Comment:** I would like to have someone to call and to say this is my voice, a local member is important. I think it is complex to rank candidates as in STV.

**SUBMISSION: NO**