

PRESENTATION SUMMARY

VICTORIA PUBLIC HEARING DATED
10 JUNE 2004 AT THE WESTERN BALLROOM,
HARBOUR TOWERS

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.

Josephine Doman

DESCRIPTION OF PRESENTATION

About supporting proportional representation.

KEY THEMES

Josephine Doman described her experience as a canvasser during the Proportional Representation Initiative in 2002. She told the hearing that as she had canvassed she had encountered a great deal of support for proportional representation. Ms Doman described the enthusiasm of the young people she met while canvassing, but explained that often young people were unable to sign the petition because they were not registered as voters due to their disillusionment with the government and their belief that their votes did not count. She recounted that some of the other people that she canvassed were concerned that too many small parties would be elected, while some people felt that local representation was very important. Ms Doman told the assembly that she supported the proposal for change made by the Free Your Vote Pro Rep Society.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Josephine Doman supported the introduction of MMP in British Columbia, as proposed by the Free Your Vote Society.

Quote: "I am sure I will be happy with whatever system of proportional representation the Citizens' Assembly comes up with as long as my vote counts."

QUESTIONS, ANSWERS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PANEL

There were no questions or comments from the panel.

QUESTIONS, ANSWERS AND COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

SUBMISSION: NO