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1. What is your view on the five proposed research strands? Are there amendments or additions you would suggest?

I think the proposed strands represent a good balance of research projects. I welcome the inclusion of Strand E, and the space it gives for the inclusion of new questions and ideas.

2. Which of the research questions under section 4 would you consider most important and why?

I think the Constituency Review is most important.

The current system means that the commission must set aside a large amount of time and energy for regular constituency reviews. The population, and the number of TDs required by the constitution, is changing more rapidly than could have been imagined when the constitution was adopted.

The commission has the opportunity to propose a new system which is more suited to the needs of today, and the foreseeable future.

The constant changing of boundaries, constituencies that include elements of multiple counties, and the potential for constant increase in the number of TDs, are all factors that cause popular detachment from the political process.

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