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The NWC believes that any electoral system should ~~be~~: adhere to the following principles:

- 1) inclusiveness, ^{proportional and inclusive} in terms of its outcome allowing for fair representation of all sections of its population and of all shades of democratic opinion;
- 2) accountable, in terms of providing a legislature which ~~takes~~ ^{must take} account of the interests and values of all sections of the community in policy agendas and decision-making.
- 3) effective, in terms of providing a legislature which is workable
- 4) intelligible, in terms of being easily understood by both parties and public
- 5) such as to minimise distance, in terms of allowing for party proportional rather than individual-territorial representation.

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Any threshold set for gaining a seat will thus set a limit to how proportional the main regional constituency-based portion of our mixed system.

The NISC believes these principles would be given best practical expression in the following structures:

→ A mixed system based on PR-STV and additional member formulae.

→ We envisage 9 constituencies electing 6 members using PR-STV, which would constitute 50% of the members.

→ We envisage an additional member tier of one All. wide constituency which would

elect a further 54 members
→ The formula for allocating seats at the NI region level would be largest remainder.

The threshold for election by such a formula would be 1.5%

Term of office hold only 1 post

→ The ballot paper in each constituency would thus contain two sections

(A) Constituency candidates to be selected by preferential voting;

(B) The regional ~~list~~ list should be selected by voting \times for a party.

Further, an independent electoral commission should be established, whose functions would include supervision of the conduct of elections, review of constituency boundaries and review of the electoral system.