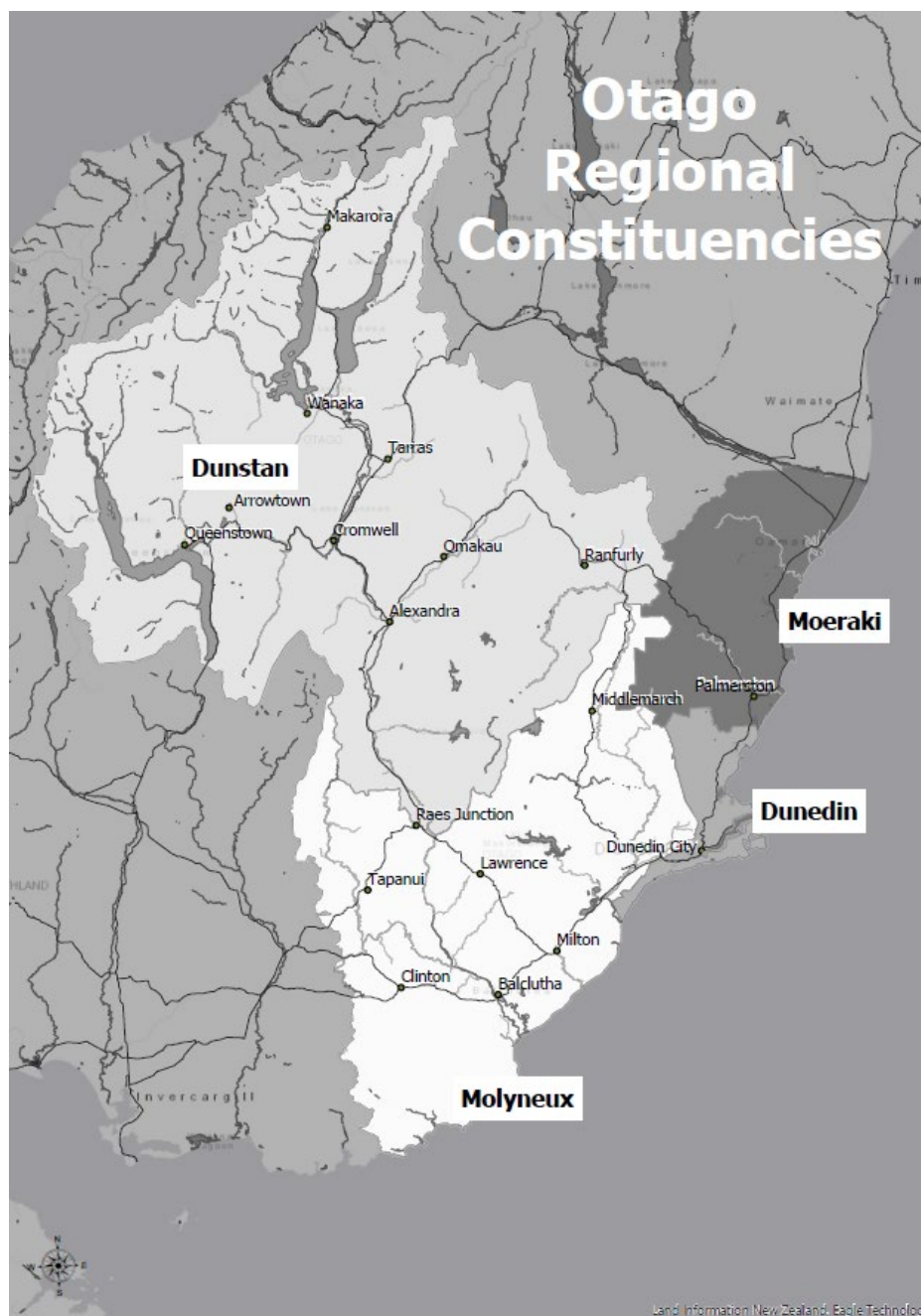


REPRESENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

Basis of Election of Members of a Regional Council

The Local Electoral Act 2001 requires regions to be divided into constituencies for electoral purposes. Each member of a regional council must be elected by the electors of the constituency that they represent.

There are four constituencies in the Otago Region: Dunedin with six representatives, Dunstan with three representatives, Molyneux with two representatives, and Moeraki with one representative. The number of members who represent each constituency must be determined with regard to effective and fair representation.



Review of Representation

Under the Local Electoral Act 2001, councils are required to review their representation arrangements at least once every six years. At the review, the Council must determine by resolution the proposed number of constituencies, the proposed name and boundaries of each constituency, and the number of members proposed to be elected by the electors of each constituency.

A review of representation was carried out in 2018, the results of which were adopted by Council on 31 October 2018 and maintained existing representation arrangements. The next review will be conducted in 2024.

Maori Constituencies

The Local Electoral Act 2001 gives the Council the option to consider establishing a separate Maori constituency. Council has considered establishing a separate Maori constituency, and in November 2017, resolved not to in consultation with the four Papatipu Rūnanga of Otago.

Council has not received any public requests to establish a separate Maori constituency.