**1. Introduction**

DMP is a voting system that combines the best of AMS and STV. It has the high proportionality of AMS, without needing a second category of member. It has the multi-member-constituency competitiveness of STV, but with much less dilution of the constituency link, and with simpler ballot papers.

**2. In the news**

In 2016 the Canadian province of Prince Edward Island held a Plebiscite on Democratic Renewal to choose a voting system for its 27-seat assembly. The ballot paper invited voters to rank FPTP, AMS, DMP, AV and FPTP+. The FPTP+ option was eliminated first, and then AV. The winning system was AMS, but DMP did extremely well in the voting, given its standing start.

**3. How does it work?**

As the name suggests, DMP has two seats per constituency. Ballot papers are as for FPTP and AMS. One seat in each constituency is allocated by FPTP. The other seats are used to achieve party proportionality across the region.

Details - with a strong Canadian twist - can be found here.

 <https://DMPforCanada.com>

I recommend watching the five-minute video about DMP here.

 [www.youtube.com/watch?v=5GiYwdMjAWE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5GiYwdMjAWE)

And for offline reference, you can download an 83-page report here.

 <https://dmpforcanada.files.wordpress.com/2016/01/dmp-report-updated-april-4-2016.pdf>

**4. The fundamental advantage**

DMP shatters the myth that high proportionality and local representation are mutually exclusive. In STV, proportionality depends on constituency size, which always ends up as an awkward compromise. In DMP, proportionality depends on *region* size, so the compromise is sidestepped.

**5. Co-terminosity**

By the same token, DMP decouples proportionality from constituency size. Even with some constituencies having considerably-more voters than others, party-proportionality is preserved, because it is imposed across the region. Hence DMP offers to unlock co-terminosity in Wales.

**6. Further input**

I Chris Travis offer this as an introductory submission, for first‑pass assessment of potential fit. I am in-touch with Sean Graham in Canada, who is the original proponent of DMP and the author of the 83-page report. Both I and he would be very happy to bring a more-detailed DMP submission to the Panel, if there is interest.