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I wish to speak in support of my Submission: (No)

Submission Summary:

- I support the return of ECAN to a fully elected council.
 - On “community of interest” grounds, I request that Banks Peninsula Ward be moved to Mid Canterbury Constituency and the four Christchurch city constituencies rearranged to even up their populations per member.
1. The basis of my interest is that I have lived in Christchurch as an adult for 40+ years and am concerned that ECAN functions well in representing all of its residents, and fulfils its mandate to protect the wider Canterbury environment.
 2. I support the return of ECAN to a fully elected council as that is a democratic method of chosen representation by the people ECAN serve.
 3. I note that the legislation requires “communities of interest” to be recognised as far as possible and that constituency boundaries follow territorial authority boundaries as far as possible. Although Banks Peninsula Ward lies within Christchurch City, its community of interest is more Mid Canterbury.
 - a. The consequence of retaining Banks Peninsula Ward within Christchurch South can be seen as follows. If two “urban-focused” members are elected, then Banks Peninsula residents will have no-one representing their unique viewpoint. If one “urban” and one “rural” members are elected, then Banks Peninsula residents will be over-represented and the urban folk of Christchurch South under-represented.
 - b. I suggest that Banks Peninsula Ward be allocated to Mid Canterbury, and the Christchurch City constituencies be rearranged to ensure an even spread of representation. This change would have a minimal effect on population per member; Mid Canterbury would change from 46,720 to 51,080, and the aggregated Christchurch City constituencies would change to 46,625. Both of these are within the +/- 10% range of 42389 to 51,807.