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For the past few years we Christchurch people have for the most part been denied true democracy in that we have been forced to pay rates to the council, but, have been disenfranchised by the powers that be. This has to change. The principle of "one person, one vote" based on population must be applied to future elections involving the make up of Ecan. The wish of many to diminish the vote of city dwellers is contrary to the idea of democracy. There has never been a proper reason given for the appointment of non elected persons to OUR council. There is no reason to continue to deny us our vote in full just measure.

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