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Hi there,

I would like to make an objection against the current allocation of councillors suggested under the Representation Review as it gives far more representation per population to North Canterbury (13.34% over-representation) and South Canterbury (29.94% over-representation), while also resulting in a large under representation to the people of Christchurch (North Christchurch under-represented by 14.79%, West Christchurch under-represented by 9.41% and Christchurch Central under-represented by 18.41%.)

My vote as a Christchurch Central resident would now effectively be worth 0.59 of a vote made in South Canterbury.

This is completely undemocratic, and does not give fair democratic representation to the people of Christchurch.

19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001 states 'the territorial authority or regional council and, where appropriate, the Commission must ensure that the population of each ward or constituency or subdivision, divided by the number of members to be elected by that ward or constituency or subdivision, produces a figure no more than 10% greater or smaller than the population of the district or region or local board area or community divided by the total number of elected members'.

Clearly 19V(2) of the LEA Act is **clearly not being met**.

It is essential that when democracy is restored in 2019, Canterbury's population has the fairest democratic representation possible, which the proposed Review is in direct conflict with.

I advise the removal of the second councillor allocated to South Canterbury and leave the total number at 13 across the region.

Abraham Lincoln is quoted saying 'democracy is government of, by and for the people'. The current Representation Review goes against the core principle of democracy, which is fair representation.

Kind regards,

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