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Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to register my objection to the current plan for representation on the Environment Canterbury Regional Council.

There is a well-established democratic principle of every vote being of equal value in NZ. This will not be the case under the proposed plan, where Christchurch City voters would be significantly disadvantaged and their vote undervalued. Assuming the currently proposed 14 member Council arrangement stands, ECan's own population figures for the Canterbury region would suggest that Christchurch City should be entitled 9 members on the Council, not 8. Alternatively, a return to the more democratic 13 member Council, as was originally proposed, should be seriously considered.

The region has experienced the effects of having undemocratic vested interest decision making over recent years. Now is the time for a new start. Please do not revert to what would again be compromised democracy.

Linda Carroll