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To whom it may concern,

The proposed number of councillors for South Canterbury and Christchurch is undemocratic, and is not how democracy should return to the region.

It is unbalanced and will give rural residents much more power than those in the cities.

Fair representation is a critical pillar of democracy, guaranteed by the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 and the Local Electoral Act 2001.

This representation proposed is so unbalanced that it breaches section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act (the +/- 1-% rule) in four out of the seven constituencies.

It urgently needs reconsidering.

Yours sincerely

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