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Morena,

I would like to briefly state my objection to the Representation proposal for the 2019 local government elections.

It is my understanding that the current proposal, while attempting to ensure fair representation for South Canterbury, results in an unbalanced proposal overall because it means that the power of a vote in Central Christchurch is 40% less than a vote in South Canterbury. This is not democratic and goes against the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 and the Local Electoral Act 2001, which guarantee fair representation.

While I don't want those who live in rural areas to feel marginalised because there are far more people living in urban areas, I think it's also important to note that decisions made about land and water in rural areas also affect all those who live in the city, not just those who live in close proximity. A holistic view should be taken to ensure that overall, our region has as close to equal representation as possible.

The original proposal with one Councillor in South Canterbury achieves this better than the current proposal, which skews power to rural seats.

Thanks for your consideration,  
Rosalee