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To whom it may concern,

I object to the proposal for Representation for the 2019 Ecan elections. I feel that it is an unbalanced and anti-democratic proposal that greatly over represents rural voters and under represents urban voters. As it stands, this proposal makes the power of a vote in Central Christchurch worth up to 40% less than a vote in South Canterbury.

Fair representation is an essential part of democracy, guaranteed by the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 and the Local Electoral Act 2001. The 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.

Please reconsider your proposal, and come back with one that fairly represents the interests of all those involved.

Nga mihi,

Phil Constable.