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Hi there,

I am writing to make an objection against the current allocation of councillors suggested under the Representation Review. In terms of GDP, the current allocation over represents North and South Canterbury and under represents the people of Christchurch. This unfair and undemocratic approach has implications in the weighting of Canterbury residents votes, meaning that some voters would effectively be considered less important.

The Local Electoral Act 2001, section 19V2 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'.

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.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any further questions.

Kind regards,

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