To: ECAN Councillors & Staff,

I am writing to express dismay at your proposals for changes to representation ratios of urban vs. rural voters

It is not only a case of "No taxation without (fair) representation", but also a fundamental right guaranteed by the Bill of Rights Act 1990 and the Local Electoral Act 2001.

Especially at this time, when much of NZ agriculture has become intensive agriculture, this change would lead to an increase in the enormous power already wielded by the those who are currently profiting from industrial & intensive agriculture, to the detriment of the environment (which in turn means to the detriment of all citizens, regardless of where they live, and of the small scale family farms).

Yours faithfully, Daniela Bagozzi Christchurch