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- I object to the proposal for Representation for the 2019 elections.
- I hear it is an unbalanced and anti-democratic proposal that greatly over represents rural voters and under represents urban voters. More people live within the boundaries of the city than rurally and this should be reflected in the power to vote as such.
- The power of a vote in Central Christchurch is 40% less than a vote in South Canterbury.
- 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.
- If the chch council decides to charge city dwellers for water in the future by metering it when they are still granting consents for huge irrigation schemes that consume 90 % of Canterbury's water then they better be ready for people to fight back as it's not democratic.