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To: ECAN

I have just received a document from Greenpeace with some worrying information about your proposals. I share their concerns (if their information is correct) and reiterate them here. You would no doubt have received a great many more objections if we had known about the review earlier than the day before submissions close.

ECAN does not enjoy a good reputation for democracy. The received wisdom is that it cares more for irrigators than it does for the environment, and cares little for urban residents' issues if the bus service review is anything to go by!

- I object to the proposal for Representation for the 2019 elections.
- It is an unbalanced and anti-democratic proposal that greatly over represents rural voters and under represents urban voters.
- 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.

Regards

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