Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm very concerned at the proposal to increase the power of the rural vote in South Canterbury over that of the urban voter.

If this proposal gets the go ahead the rural voter will then be over represented and the urban voter under represented which would be most undemocratic.

The New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 and the Local Electoral Act 2001 guarantee fair representation for all voters, so please continue to adhere to those principles.

The proposed representation is so unbalanced that it breaches section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act (the +/- 1% rule) in four out of the seven constituencies.

So please do not go ahead with this proposal - remember, we in New Zealand live in a democracy.

Kind Regards, Malcolm Carr, St Martins, Christchurch.