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Sir / Madam,

in 2010 the back then National Government revoked the democratic process of Cantabrians electing their ECAN councilors. This process was and remains very controversial, and has resulted in unprecedented abuse of our natural resources in the interest of big framing. Now more then 8 years later you are proposing to 'reinstate democracy - but he proposal falls much short of restoring our rights. Instead the proposed process violates core democratic principles and values by giving different groups of people different degrees of say and power over their representation. As urban voter I would have only about 40% of the say as a rural voter. This is not in line with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 and the Local Electoral Act 2001. This unbalanced representation is in breach of section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act (the +/- 1-% rule) in four out of the seven constituencies.

As a citizen of New Zealand and proud and caring Cantabrian I deeply object to this proposal and with my strongest voice urge you to lead us back to democratic principles.

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