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Hello, I wish to let you know my families objection to the proposal being put forward. Surrounding the Canterbury Rivers and possible irrigation schemes.

We must look at the long term effect of these projects and not the short term gain.

We share the concerns listed below.

- We 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.

Kind regards

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