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To: ECAN

I have just read 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.

- 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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