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To Environment Canterbury.

I write as a concerned resident of Christchurch.

As is well known in 2010 the National Government sacked democratically elected Councillors and replaced them with Government appointed commissioners. This has resulted in more commercial irrigation and industrial dairying. Full democracy has still not been returned to Christchurch residents.

I strongly object to the proposal for representation for the 2019 elections. It is very biased; it favours a few rural residents with commercial concerns over Christchurch residents who want to enjoy our beautiful location, clean water and waterways free of pollution. Is it fair, is it democratic that the power of a central Christchurch resident is 40% less than a rural voter?

Some irrigators now withdraw far more water than is their legal entitlement. Ultimately it will be the Christchurch residents who suffer.

The 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.

Fair representation is a critical pillar of democracy, guaranteed by the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 and the Local Electoral Act 2001. Currently Canterbury residents do not have such representation.

Yours sincerely

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