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To Whom it May Concern

I am deeply troubled by the proposal to deny the principle of one person one vote with the return of ECAN to democracy. In my opinion the stripping of the people of Canterbury of the right to elect the Regional Council in the first place was simply to aid and abet farmers in a grab for the water in Canterbury rivers and that is exactly what happened. Now they want to hang on to their power via an undemocratic system of representation. My objections to this proposal are set out here:

- 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.

Yours faithfully

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