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I oppose the suggested changes for the following reasons,

- 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.

I grew up in South Canterbury, and back in the early 90s it was common knowledge that swimming in the Temuka river wasn't a good idea, but the Opihi was ok. Now fast forward to 2018 and the Opihi is shot as well with water levels so low it's barely flowing anymore and after floods it's just as toxic as the Temuka.

I want my kids to be able to swim in that river one day, and if we don't draw a line in the sand and actually deal with our dairy obsession there will be nothing for our children to have in their futures.

(I don't have children yet because I'm so scared for the future they will have I don't know if it's responsible to even have them knowing what I do).

Thank you for reading my comments.

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Sent from my iPhone