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Subject: Refusal to antidemocratic representation system that gives more power to some citizens more than others.
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Good evening:

I greatly oppose the proposal for representation 2019

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.

For all of the above, I demand not to go further with it.

Kind regards,

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