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Dear Environment Canterbury

Re: Representation Review Objection

I strongly object to the proposal for Representation for the 2019 elections.

It astounds me that whoever drafted such an anti-democratic proposal could blatantly ignore the clear messages of the Canterbury public over the last several years. This voice rejects all attempts to dilute our democracy and effectively create an unbalanced voting system.

Distorting fair representation, which at the very least creates an impression of political trickery, will simply ensure a growing and increasingly angry opposition to ECan's direction. If this, and no doubt hundreds of similar objections, fails to overturn this attempt at misrepresentation it will have perpetuated a genuine disservice to the relatively simple tenets of democracy.

Perpetuating a power and representation imbalance is deserving of contempt and will simply serve to widen the antagonistic gulf that has already been created between urban and rural voters.

Irrespective of the potential illegalities that may arise from sections of the Local Electoral Act 2001 and the Bill of Rights Act 1990, this objection process is an ideal opportunity to overturn the lack of democracy prevalent since the tragic introduction of Government appointed commissioners.

Please take it!

Regards

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