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I was shocked to hear of the proposal to depart from the one person one vote principle for Ecan 2019 elections. I fully support the arguments made by Greenpeace on this matter, as per below:

- 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.

In 2010 the National Government sacked democratically elected Councillors and replaced them with Government appointed commissioners. Full democracy still seems a long way off with this proposal.

Please, in the name of democracy, reconsider and abandon this proposal for regressive representation.

Yours hopefully,

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