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To whom it may concern,

I am writing as I would like to make it known that I object to the proposal for Representation for the 2019 elections.

The proposal sets out the number of Councillors that can be elected by people living in different areas in Canterbury. **In the proposal, votes from Christchurch residents will generally count for much less than votes from rural residents.** Sometimes by as much as 40%.

- 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.



More and more stories are written in NZ media about the environmental impact of dairyfarming, nitrogen use, importing palm kernel husk, Chinese conglomerates bottling water, over-irrigation and the degradation of Canterbury rivers.

It is simply not in NZ's best interest to hand over an disproportional amount of power to decide the future of Canterbury's environment to the farmers who make a profit by directly contributing to the environment's downfall.

Thankyou for your consideration in rejecting this proposal.

Yours faithfully,

Kate Tully