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Dear ECan,

I am very concerned that ECan plans a proposal which sets out the number of Councillors who can be elected by people living in different areas in Canterbury.

I object to the proposal of Representation for the 2019 elections as it is unbalanced and undemocratic, greatly over representing rural voters and under representing urban voters.

The power of a vote in Central Christchurch would be 40% less than a vote in South Canterbury.

This proposed representation is so unbalanced that it breaches section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act (the +/- 1-% rule) in four of the seven constituencies.

Fair representation is a critical pillar of democracy, guaranteed by the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 and the Local Electoral Act 2001.

Please reconsider this proposal.

Regards,

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