I object to the proposal for Representation for the 2019 elections:

-It is an unbalanced and anti-democratic proposal (generally known as gerrymandering) 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.

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