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Hi,

We actually need more Rural seats, not less.

I am very much against the proposed changes. There are 2 main points that I would like to make.

1. Our Rural representatives (and when I say Rural I don't mean everything outside the metropolitan area boundaries, I mean those that are many kms away from the metropolitan) are extremely disadvantaged in that they are required to service their electorates as are the city candidates. The rural Representatives and candidates have many thousands of kms of travel required to get around their areas while many city representatives could circumnavigate their areas within an hour. These rural representatives have to travel many kms just to get back to their homes and families after being in parliament. It is totally unfair. We need more representatives in the rural areas so each of those have an equal opportunity to service their areas.
2. Secondly, a huge amount of GDP is created in these rural areas with mining, agriculture, meat processing, fisheries, and manufacturing. I don't believe that the current plans give proper representation to the value that these areas add to the State's (and Country's) economy.

In Summary – I understand that the government is pushing the one person – on vote agenda which obviously favours the Labour, Greens and Teal candidates.

I believe that each Representative should have an equal opportunity to meet and greet their constituents in order to serve and represent there areas. Clearly under the current arrangements this is simply not the case.

I also believe that those who are responsible for the States income and wealth should have more equal representation. By income and wealth, I refer to real income from production not service industries. We as a State and Country are becoming so top heavy with service industries rather than production industries. And as we see when pandemics and global financial crisis hit, it is the service industries that are affected the most which ultimately puts us in a very weak position compared to our competitor countries.

Regards
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