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Submission: I wish to register my protest at this phantasmic suggestion.

In eliminating wards you have already eroded my democratic rights. I only stand to lose further by this ill conceived idea of gluing us to a city (Orange) with a \$15M deficit, and where the imbalance in population numbers would see me without local representation and guarantee rate rises.

The rubbish data used by the consultants with Christchurch NZ as an example was appalling and meant trade on our supposed ignorance. I work in the field of Information Management and can testify that this flight of fancy by NZ Government has costs millions in trying to marry systems and is ongoing.

You could have asked our preference and got more cooperation than some lines drawn in Sydney. We in the bush understand the need for efficiencies and have previously proposed alternatives satisfactory to rural communities which have been ignored by Macquarie Street. Blayney, Cabonne and Wellington already share resources and are rural communities unlike Orange City which has different needs,

Thank You