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I would like to support a change to multi-councillor wards because I think it is more democratic. Under the current system, you are either represented by the councillor you voted for or one whose policies you may disagree with, ie. no representation. For example, in the recent Federal election, the Government won with a 52% majority which means that 48% of voters are represented by a politician that they do not want. Therefore, I think multi-councillor wards are a wonderful opportunity for democracy.

Banyule probably has the numbers for 9 councillors so if each ward were to have 3 councillors, at least 1 would be approachable and likely to support the wishes of residents re issues such as development, use of resources and planning. Because they are from the same ward as concerned residents, they are likely to have a better understanding of the issue, so residents get better representation.

Because the percentage of votes needed to elect each councillor is lower than under the present system, there is the opportunity for women and members of minority groups to be elected. This may encourage more people to stand for council and bring innovation. Businesses who have diversity in management are known to do better than those who don't, so why not councils?

thanks for the opportunity to have a say, Helen Pereira, [REDACTED]

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