

**Representation Review - Banyule City Council - Preliminary Submission  
Rosemund Smith - Viewbank - 12 Jul 2019**

I am writing to say that I strongly believe that Banyule council should in the future have multimember wards.

My opinions are based on my knowledge of Banyule and its population, my knowledge of politics, my reading of various ideas, and knowledge gained from my father who was a councillor for many years in the country. I am strongly in favour of measures which promote democratic representation of all peoples, not just those with the money and positions of power to influence campaigns and enquiries such as this.

I would like to see

- fewer rather than more councillors - so a maximum of 9 in Banyule. I believe this will lead to more effective decision making
- a change to approx. 3 wards with 3 councillors in each. I believe this would allow a broader representation for constituents who have moved more recently to live in this area.
- no interference from the state government in this process ( ie announcements of their future intentions to change law to disallow multi member wards/councils.