

**RESPONSE SUBMISSION TO BANYULE COUNCIL REPRESENTATION REVIEW
SEPTEMBER 2019**

SUBMITTOR DETAILS FOR PUBLICATION

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I consent to my submission being published with my full name and location.

RESPONSE SUBMISSION ENDORSEMENT FOR OPTION A (VEC PREFERRED)

Option A is for three, three member wards elected by proportional representation.

I wish to support the VEC preferred option A for the following reasons.

Option A provides representation at a councillor to voter ratio typical of suburban Melbourne.

Option A is democratic because voter numbers in each proposed ward are approximately equal; this option follows the “one vote one value” rule.

Option A will encourage a diverse range of candidates to stand for council with a realistic chance of being elected if they can achieve a quota of 25% of the vote after preference allocation.

The wards proposed in the Option A map are a realistic combination of similarity and diversity of land use and resident wealth. It is to be hoped that the residents of Heidelberg West and Heidelberg Heights are well represented by the three councillors who will also represent Ivanhoe and Eaglemont residents.