

**Representation Review - Banyule City Council - Response Submission
Emily Bieber - Viewbank - 10 Sep 2019**

Hello VEC. I was very pleased with the three options that you presented and I prefer Option A. I would like the wards to have Aboriginal names (places, people, flora).

The reasons why I like option A include:

Better community representation, and three councillors representing me and my family.

The population distribution is the most even, and multi member wards will cope better with population growth

Natural boundary line of the creek used for my ward, easy to identify.

Shared activity areas: shops, schools, etc aren't split up (unlike Option B)

Good spread of rich and poor suburbs in each ward (unlike Option B)

All 9 councillors will have to answer to NE Link developments. Any councillor will have to respond.

More choices at election time, less likelihood of uncontested wards.

More protection for my ward if a Councillor is ill or absent.

Three wards reduces division of neighbourhoods (less division than 9 wards), hence more equitable funding of services.

Thank you for this opportunity to participate in this review. I hope that Option A is the winner!