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Dear Banyule Representation Review,

I support Option A because.

I want to see our councillors elected via proportional representation.

Having three councillors representing a ward maximises the chances of finding a councillor who will represent me.

I want to see more choice and competition in Banyule's elections.

I want to see more diversity amongst councillors.

I believe it best captures the communities of interest within wards while enabling broader communities to be captured.

It will minimise the chance of an uncontested election.

It equally divides wards and guards against wards growing unequally.

The borders of wards follow natural boundaries and do not split shopping districts or run through back yards.

It does not lump the affluent suburbs together which would set up division between rich and poor.

All 9 councillors will be concerned with the impacts of the North East Link as well as addressing Rosanna Rd.

The wards maximise a commonality of schools, shops and council infrastructure.

Additionally, I support the use of indigenous names or words when naming the wards.

Most importantly Option A is very democratic in that the method of voting is proportional representation. This means that the people of Banyule will be represented in Council more equitably. As well this allows for more women and minorities to be our representatives. We have too many privileged white anglo-saxon males running governments and we need to encourage diversity, which enriches our society and community.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute,

David Gentle

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