

Good Governance Banyule response to VEC preliminary report 2019

It must be said by GGB (Good Governance Banyule) that we support the VEC review of the Banyule City Council. We also fully support the idea that the councillor numbers be increased to 9 councillors.

It has been a great discussion amongst our members as well as feedback we have received from the local community. All were in full support of the increase in councillor numbers.

Option A, B or C. I must report it has had our collective thoughts going, we would lean to option C, but there were a number of members who thought that option A was a nice alternative.

We have also kept in mind that our organisation has been given feedback that the State Government will change the Local Gov't Act to have only single Councillor wards. With that in mind we still feel that option C would also be in the best interest to our community.

To increase to nine councillors and taking option C, we understand that the wards would have to be made smaller. This is supported by Good Governance Banyule. Smaller wards would mean better councillor representation than what we have now.

We think there needs to be a lot more changes at council level, but having said that we understand it starts with the VEC recommended changes to councillor numbers.

Our Organisation would be very happy to attend and present to the VEC hearing set for Banyule City Council rooms set for the 25th September 2019.

Brian Grace Vice President

Good Governance Banyule

Will attend and present at this meeting.

This review has had the full support of GGB, not just because you support our submission that the number of councillors should increase to 9 but because the whole process which the VEC has run has been very inclusive and open.

We would like to thank the VEC for the way they have run and organised the process. This also included the public meeting held at the beginning of the process at the Banyule City Council offices.

The full benefits of the changes proposed will benefit our community for the generations to come.

