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Victorian Electoral Commission
Level 11, 530 Collins Street
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Local Government Representation Review – Banyule City Council

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important review.

As a resident of the former Heidelberg City Council (now part of Banyule City Council) for over 60 years I advise of **my support for Option C with a minor modification.**

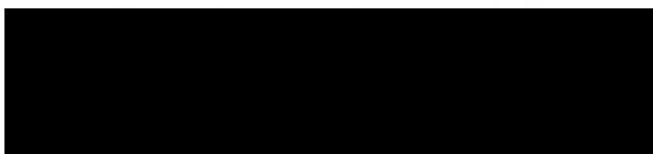
Points in favour

- Single Councillor wards provide residents with the best contact. Residents know their local Councillor whereas in a multi Councillor ward it becomes a similar system to State members where you rarely see or hear from your local State member.
- The modification I suggest to option C is that the boundary of Griffin Ward be moved to Upper Heidelberg Rd. (Noting other ward boundaries may also have to be moved slightly to accommodate this.)
- Single ward Councillors are across all issues in a smaller ward.

Points against 3 ward options

- Discourages independents, minority groups from running for election due to larger costs.
- Doesn't take into account community of interests.
- Would lead to I believe greater party politicisation of Council.

Yours sincerely



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