

Representation Review - Banyule City Council - Response Submission
Adam Newman - Wollert - 28 Aug 2019

I support the preferred option outlined in the preliminary report which proposed Banyule City Council consist of nine councillors elected from three three-councillor wards. I would like to stress that I do not in any way, shape, or form support Option C or any form of single-member wards. This has led to uncontested elections and shifting ward boundaries, as well as a lack of proportionality and lack of diverse representation. Introducing multi-member wards would assist in rectifying this. I believe that while both Option A and Option B are preferable to any form of single-member wards, I believe that Option A is preferable to Option B as there is a smaller deviation between wards (although both are still within legal limits) and as noted by the report, "could appear to create wards defined by socio-economic status and may potentially create community division or result in inequitable councillor workloads".

I propose that North East Ward is renamed Plenty Ward after Lower Plenty and the Plenty Creek. I propose that North West Ward is renamed Greensborough Ward after Greensborough and the highway which runs through the ward. I propose that South Ward is renamed Ivanhoe Ward after Ivanhoe. I do not wish to speak at the public hearing.