

Electoral Representation Review – Boroondara City Council - Response Submission
Bobbie and Warwick Ball – Camberwell – 8 May 2019

We again provide this submission as long term (35 year) residents and ratepayers of Boroondara - that is, those to whom the VEC should listen and to whose views the VEC should give most weight rather than those of minority groups, in particular, those neither based in nor resident in the Municipality.

We strongly object to Option A, the VEC preferred option, on the primary grounds that does not cater for the considerable diversity in Boroondara City.

Further, it cannot provide the easy and direct access to local representation as does the single councillor ward system, for local residents.

We very strongly support Option C and single councillor wards.

Single councillor wards have worked well for us and the City over the last 35 years - and as a recent example, we reference the Boroondara Community Plan and it's 11,845 responses.

In so doing, we also note that the Mayor and Councillors have formally and unanimously supported single councillor wards.

We urge the VEC to listen to the majority of residents of Boroondara, to their elected representatives and to act in the best spirit of democracy and adopt Option C.

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