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To whom it may concern,

A return to Multi member ward representation is preferable to the current single member wards we currently have with the Boroondara Council.

Clearly a wider chance for community representation via multi membership wards is the more democratic way to form a local governing body. Local government ideally is a grass roots process, it provides the opportunity for a greater diversity of opinion and encourages intelligent participation by a wider selection of interest groups within the community

I am writing in support of the VEC's option A.

Boroondara demography shows an ever growing population of extensive cultural diversity and we need to be sure that minority groups and interests are represented and have the opportunity to play a part in the planning process. Single ward representation does not encourage this.

With current Council membership one is made aware of the uniformity of opinion amongst Councillors. The turnover of Councillors is slow, indicating I believe the inadequacies of the single membership wards which inhibit diversity and the introduction of fresh ideas.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Via Boroondara Citizens for Better Democracy, www.boroondarademocracy.com

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