

Electoral Representation Review - Boroondara City Council - Response Submission
Fiona Bruce - Kew - 28 April 2019

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to support the VEC's preferred Option A with three wards of three councillors and one ward of two councillors.

At the moment the Council is very homogeneous and does not represent the diversity of the community. Multi councillor wards will increase the chances that candidates from varying backgrounds, ages and skills will represent the community. This will mean that sections of the community with particular needs and interests will have a much better voice at Council.

Local government has an important role to play on environmental issues including climate change. There is strong community feeling on this issue in Boroondara which is not being adequately represented with single councillor wards.

I am also in favour of the larger wards as those proposed seem to fit better with the idea of local neighbourhoods than the current system.

Eleven councillors improves the voter to councillor ratio and is also fairer as the Mayor does not effectively have two votes if there is a tie.

Yours sincerely ,

Fiona Bruce

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