

Electoral Representation Review – Boroondara City Council - Response Submission
Balance Health Psychology and Counselling – Camberwell – 7 May 2019

To whom it may concern, Regarding proposed changes to Boroondara Wards

As a voter, my choice is to have the single councillor wards maintained as they currently are. That is, I support Option C - retain the current electoral structure.

The current electoral structure works extremely well for Boroondara residents. My community of interest is the Gardiner area. I both live and work in this beautiful area.

My community involves the Boroondara Farmers market, the bike Gardiners Creek path and Glen Iris in general. The proposed change includes areas that are very different to what currently comprises Gardiner.

As a member of Gardiner ward, I know my local councillor. Coral Ross has served the people of Gardiner exceptionally well over many years as a councillor and as Mayor of Boroondara. She lives in Gardiner and is always visible around at many local functions. She is very happy for Boroondara residents to approach her and discuss their issues. There have been many occasions where I have been in contact with Coral to discuss a community issue. She has always responded with relevant advice and explained aspects of Council law appropriately. Having a local person that residents can meet, email or call with issues is a very valuable situation and I do not want to lose this opportunity.

Ten year ago this same idea was discussed and I submitted a submission against the multi councillor wards then as well. I still feel the same.

Basically, if its not broken, don't fix it. Leave Boroondara wards as they currently stand, they work well for residents.