

I have lived in Camberwell/Boroondara since 1972. I am active in the community, and have had many interactions with Council and Councillors over that period. Many of the interactions have been positive but some, particularly of recent times, have been somewhat concerning. This has caused me to take a more studied look at the options in your draft report, and to make this brief submission.

Notwithstanding the good service given by some current councillors, I support Option A, the recommended option, with the following minor qualifications, which I think would provide a better engagement with the community:

1. there could be **4 three-councillor wards**, a total of 12, recognising the increasing population through suburban development (it is not clear why 11 was chosen)
2. the **boundary of the two eastern wards needs to be Riversdale Road**, not the Prospect Hill Road dogleg which crudely cuts across a community of interest (I know this area very well)
3. given the council name 'Boroondara' is derived from its Aboriginal heritage, it would be better to **use new Aboriginal-derived names** rather than the arbitrary names suggested which relate to roads and the University, but don't mean much to most people.

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