

I support Option C for the City of Boroondara for the following reasons:

1. It is the closest to the present arrangements which I believe have worked well.
2. In the case of Option A and Option B it will not be clear which Councillor should be contacted by a resident seeking assistance from a Councillor. If there is only one Councillor per ward as in Option C it is clear which Councillor to contact.
3. Similar to point 2, in Option C it will be clear which Councillor to be held accountable for representation of the interests of that Ward.
4. Option A and Option B will increase the risk of party politics influence, which would likely lead to political party objectives taking priority over community interests.
5. Option A and Option B will increase the risk of a group of candidates campaigning together and reduce the opportunity for independent candidates to be elected