

Electoral Representation Review – Boroondara City Council - Response Submission
Andrew Davenport – Blackburn South – 7 May 2019

I have read your review proposal for Boroondara Council.

I am a Councillor for a neighbouring municipality and our municipality has multi member wards.

I support Option B of having two councillors per ward as

1. It allows good co-operation between councillors in order to service community needs.
2. It allows Councillors to share the load of being a Councillor and allow a member of the community who works full time the ability to contribute to the role of being a Councillor
3. It allows members of the community to contact the councillor they feel most at ease with.
4. It allows Councillors to feel responsible for a greater part of the city, noting that Councillors need to make decisions in the best interests of the city.
5. It retains the best elements of option C and option A, and is a good middle ground between different previous submitters.

I do not support option C, as 3 councillor wards make working together and retaining accountability of councillor performance more difficult, as there are three councillors involved.