

I strongly support the VEC's Option A for the Boroondara council for the following reasons.

1. The increase from ten to eleven councillors is appropriate due to population growth.
2. Multi-councillor wards.

Two or more heads are better than one for good decision-making.

The different experience, interests and viewpoints of the councillors will better enable them to support each other and their constituents.

3. Four-ward structure.

With appropriate multi-councillor representation, this structure allows for a greater diversity of issues to be addressed and of community interests to be accommodated.

This also applies to Option B but I think the four-way division boundaries are a better fit.

As a resident of Kew East in Bellevue ward, I believe I have been poorly served by the electoral structure of Boroondara since amalgamation. The Bellevue ward seems to have no common focus and to be purely based on geography and population size.

I think Option A divides Bellevue appropriately, especially with regard to issues with transport (both public and private), and availability of facilities such as recreation centre, library, major shopping and commercial centre.