

Electoral Representation Review – Boroondara City Council – Response Submission
Ashley Fitzgerald – Hawthorn – 16 April 2019

I haven't changed my preference for the number of councillors or wards in Boroondara since I filled out my first submission. I see no reason for a change, I am in Glenferrie ward in Hawthorn. We have always had one Councillor in whom I have been well pleased. When needed I have attended Council meetings and have been impressed by the way the 10 Councillors have reached their decisions on matters that affect one ward or the entire City as the case may be. These other alternatives of having more than one Councillor per ward may work, but I know our system has worked since I arrived in Hawthorn in 1985. I particularly like the way politics is not as obvious in our Council as it is in say Yarra Council. Politics could easily rear up in areas where there are say 3 different Councillors for the same ward.