

To whom it may concern

I would like to support the recommendation of the VEC report into Representational Review of Boroondara Council's Option A, that is, 3 wards with 3 councillors and 1 ward with 2 councillors as defined by the Map Preferred Option A.

Option A allows for possible greater diversity of councillors across the Boroondara area helping to ensure communities of interest are fairly represented. Option C focuses on a small locality interest over and above other community interest and I do not support this option. Currently, if a resident holds a different opinion to the current local councillor, they find it difficult to get representation to council. Option A provides for the possibility of finding a councillor who may be prepared to represent the resident/voter.

I would also like to express my dissatisfaction with the VEC for lumping all the responses provided via the boroondara for democracy website as one submission. My response was similar to the website proforma but I added some 50% extra sentences to the response. If I didn't receive the information from boroondarademocracy I most likely would not have known to make a response, they increased community involvement which the VEC then rescinded. My comments whether they were the same as boroondarademocracy or not counted to me and should be counted individually by the VEC.

yours sincerely

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