

Electoral Representation Review - Boroondara City Council - Response Submission  
Dr Ken Harvey - Hawthorn - 7 May 2019

I noted that the VEC Preliminary Report stated that Option A was preferred: the Boroondara City Council consist of eleven councillors elected from four wards (three three-councillor wards and one two-councillor ward).

This is in accord with my own submission and I am pleased that multi-councillor wards are being supported by the VEC. This would bring Boroondara Council into line with most other councils and, more importantly, better represent a diversity of perspectives, including significant minorities.

I was also concerned at the intervention by Boroondara council described in the VEC's preliminary report. While it is appropriate that individual councillors make their views known it is not appropriate for council to devote resources to mobilising residents to make template submissions that benefit existing councillors by maximising their own chances of getting re-elected.

I should like to speak to these matters at a public hearing.

Sincerely,

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