

Electoral Representation Review – Boroondara City Council - Response Submission  
Bill Heath – Glen Iris – 6 May 2019

To whom it may concern

I am strongly in favour of options A or B.

Boroondara recently experienced the shortcomings of the single councilor model on a significant vote. On a proposal to significantly change existing use of a sporting facility and parkland, the councillor concerned abstained from voting due to a "conflict" (which was never disclosed to the residents) and consequently the residents of the ward had no representation. Had the ward been represented by 2 or 3 councillors, the residents would have had a councillor to listen to their concerns and represent them accordingly.

Additionally, Boroondara councillors have become disconnected from the community as was evident above and it seems have become an exclusive club. Stronger representation will ensure that the community is better represented and councillors are more likely to be held accountable by their peers

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