

Electoral Representation Review - Boroondara City Council - Response Submission
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I support the Victorian Electoral Commission's option A. This largely fits present ward boundaries but would also promote a wider spread of viewpoints and prevent the stifling of minority views as is the present case.

There are significant differences of view within the community about how to deal with many issues, including the local damage that may be inflicted by climate change on local residents. Those citizens who would be severely impacted, eg by local flooding, deserve to have their voices heard and their wishes about climate adaptation, considered.

At present, the dominant majority on council underplays the damage to all local people likely to be impacted by climate change and is too slow to anticipate and deal with problems and to recognise the hugely important role council can play in cutting greenhouse emissions by new transport and energy options..

A wider diversity of views would be healthy, more democratic and likely to improve outcomes for all residents.