

Electoral Representation Review – Boroondara City Council - Response Submission
Hyon Kendall – Glen Iris – 6 May 2019

Dear VEC

Thank you for this opportunity to submit my response to the findings of the preliminary report. I have recent experience with problems of under-representation in our existing ward of Solway and I believe this is not an isolated instance and that reforms are long overdue.

In December 2018 our councillor abstained from voting despite the overwhelming majority of the ward members making it very clear about the dissatisfaction with the proposal for redevelopment of Dorothy Laver Reserve West. When we needed a strong voice in council representing the ward - we got TOTAL SILENCE from our Councillor who conveniently claimed a conflict of interest and abstained from participation in community hearings and voting.

Solway Ward residents were forced to hope that other councillors would do the right thing, but sadly and not surprisingly, a very poorly considered proposal was approved by the majority of the councillors, most of which demonstrated a complete ignorance of the area involved and how it is used by the wider public.

Having reviewed the findings, submissions and responses from others, I have carefully weighed the options and conclusively believe that OPTION A is the best course for reform to achieve better outcomes for all the members of Boroondara.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely

Hyon Kendall