

Electoral Representation Review – Boroondara City Council - Response Submission  
Fred Moschini – Canterbury – 8 May 2019

I have read the submission and support the VEC preferred Option A recommendation:

*Option A (preferred option)*

\*\*\*Boroondara City Council consist of eleven councillors elected from four wards (three three-councillor wards and one two-councillor ward). \*\*\*

Change is definitely required to Boroondara Wards and Councillor representation. The status quo is simply unacceptable. I would have preferred an option with a leaner and more efficient option of less than eleven councillors. However Option A would at a minimum help mitigate potential individual Ward Councillor bias albeit there would only be two Councillors in the proposed new Studley Ward.

I strongly object to naming one of the Wards as "Swinburne". Hawthorn and the surrounds is more than just Swinburne. It is not just a University precinct. An alternative name that has greater connection to the area both in history and to indigenous roots would be the name "Hoddle Ward" in memory of Robert Hoddle as the original surveyor of the area in 1837 and the "Wiwurrung" language.

The other names are suitable having a definitive connection to Boroondara and pay homage to the green parkland within those Wards.

Thank you

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