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Dear Victorian Electoral Commissioner,

I am emailing in support of Option C (single member wards) as adopted by the Council. This is the option proposed by the VEC which best represents the interests of the Boroondara community.

Councillors in single-councillor wards are more likely to:

- be truly local representatives;
- be easily accessible to residents;
- have a greater understanding of the local area and issues.

I believe that multi-member wards are not good for Boroondara because:

- multi-member wards can encourage party political affiliations;
- councillors may be less accessible for residents in some parts of the ward;
- all of the Councillors may reside in the same part of the ward, leaving the remaining parts without local representation;
- residents may need to contact multiple councillors to raise awareness of an issue or galvanise support for local projects.

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