

2. I believe Option A will provide the best representation for Boroondara, although Option B would also do well.

Council argued sectional interests are less likely to dominate the council with single member wards - in fact, the opposite is the case. With multimember wards a variety of interests will inevitably be present, and it is only possible for one to dominate if it represents the majority of voters. On the other hand, where there are more than two positions or interests among the electorate, the largest minority is likely to win a single member ward. If this sectional interest is spread reasonably evenly across the council it will dominate those elected, even if it makes up a minority of the residents - for example if there are three sectional interests that make up roughly 40, 30 and 30 percent of the voters respectively, it is entirely possible, indeed likely, that the largest one will dominate the elected councillors, unless there is a major geographic skew in where the support lies.