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Victorian Electoral Commission
Boroondara City Council representation review

Dear Sir /Madam

I support Option C: Boroondara City Council of 11 councillors elected from 11 single councillor wards

I support Option C because:

- it is important to have one point of contact. It is difficult enough to make contact with 1 councillor yet alone 2 or possibly 3.
- 1 councillor allows a consistent approach on dealing with issues. What will happen in a ward with several councillors if they have divergent views on a particular matter?
- single councillor wards are allows clear lines of accountability to constituents.
- it supports a community of interest based on geographical boundaries
- it supports local representatives who have greater understanding of the issues in their local area.
- it impedes the development of party politics in Boroondara. It is essential that community needs are foremost in the minds of councillors rather than party political objectives. Meeting community needs is the purpose of local government.

Yours sincerely

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