

Electoral Representation Review - Boroondara City Council - Preliminary Submission  
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Dear Victorian Electoral Commissioner

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the current review of Boroondara's electoral representation.

I am in support of the current arrangement of ten single-councillor wards. I have found that under the current arrangements that I have easy access to my Councillor and that the Councillor has a good understanding of the particular issues that affect our area. Our Councillor connects with the community and is present at many community events.

I am also familiar with arrangements in the City of Whitehorse where there are 2 elected representatives for each ward. I do not believe that Boroondara needs to have additional Councillors. The dual-Councillor system would seem to have a number of disadvantages including that residents need to contact multiple councillors to raise awareness of an issue. There is also the real issue that councillors for a single ward may present differing views about issues and speak with competing voices.

I believe that the size of Boroondara's existing wards is appropriate, although there may be a case for some refinement of some boundaries as currently there is a split of some suburbs between more than one ward and generally I think most people align in terms of suburb rather than a ward.

Regards

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