

Electoral Representation Review - Boroondara City Council - Preliminary Submission
David and Denise Birrell - Camberwell - 12 March 2019

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Dear Victorian Electoral Commissioner,

We support retaining the current single councillor per ward system as it presently stands.

We have found that the present system works well with engaged, informed, accountable representation from our ward Councillor(s) over numerous years.

We consider any impetus for change as questionable as it would more likely result in fragmented, disempowered representation at a ward level and hence disempowerment of us.

Whilst it is understandable that those seeking to take commercial advantage of fragmented, diluted representation at a local ward level would not welcome retention of the single councillor per ward system, it is something that we, as residents, rely on to provide requisite balance.

We simply do not have the time to engage with a fragmented collective of so-called representatives. The present system works well!

Broader representation is subsequently effected by the collation of right sized (single Councillor) wards to make up Boroondara Council.

Please keep Boroondara with ten single-Councillor Wards. There is no need to change a perfectly good working system.

Yours Sincerely

David & Denise Birrell