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Dear Victorian Electoral Commissioner,

The Canterbury History Group supports the current ten, single-member wards as the structure best suited to meet the on-going needs of the Boroondara community.

We believe that the current number of elected representatives is still appropriate and still works efficiently and equitably at the local neighbourhood level. Our experience has been that in single-member wards, our representatives are easily accessible, have a very good understanding of local issues and needs and are directly accountable to the local community. When needs arise, there is a single person to contact; in this way, the diverse needs of different local neighbourhoods are heard and represented. It works well.

For local community groups such as ours, introducing multiple-member wards would reduce the individual accountability of our representatives and add the complication of contacting multiple members who could well have competing political agendas.

We strongly support ten single-councillor wards.

Thank you for your consideration,

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