

Electoral Representation Review - Boroondara City Council - Preliminary Submission  
David Crawford - Balwyn - 12 March 2019

I wish to make a submission in favour of changing the City of Boroondara from a 10 ward council with single representatives to a 4 multi-ward Council with 2 representatives per ward.

This change would help make the electoral system in Boroondara more democratic by making it more difficult for interest groups or political parties to influence outcomes by standing dummy candidates.

Another advantage of multi-ward council divisions would be that each ward would better reflect the range of commercial and residential interests that the City represents and Council deliberations should be more balanced. The current system of single wards means some may have higher percentages of commercial or residential interests than others and this could create a bias in favour of one over the other when it comes to councillors voting on certain issues.

Having two councillors per ward might help ensure councillors would be more responsive to citizens needs because of the pressure of having another councillor aware of matters raised and help ensure there is no buckpassing.

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