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REVIEW OF BOROONDARA'S ELECTED REPRESENTATION BY THE VEC

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TO THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION OF VICTORIA RE THE
PROPOSAL TO REVIEW BOROONDARA'S ELECTED
REPRESENTATION

Dear Victorian Electoral Commissioner

Back in 2008 there was a review by you of Boroondara's elected representation by your predecessor and at that time we residents made it clear that we wanted to keep one councillor per ward and we have 10 wards. Years ago when I was a councillor of the City of Camberwell we had 4 big wards and 3 councillors per ward. I can speak from years of experience dealing with council both inside and outside that it is far more satisfactory to have single councillor wards in smaller wards.

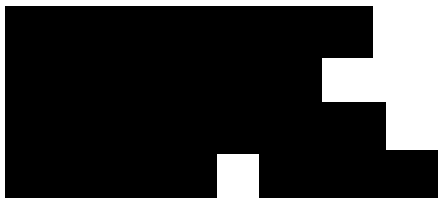
When there are single councillor wards the councillor gets to know their area well and also the people. When people have an issue they know who to speak to and at council meetings the councillor then speaks for issues in his/her ward and the others take notice. They are also more accountable for their actions.

I would object strongly if you changed the system we are happy with. I know from experience that it is not as good for the residents to have the other system. So please leave it alone.

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Boroondara Residents Action Group (600 members)



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