

Electoral Representation Review - Boroondara City Council - Preliminary Submission  
Jill Edmonds - North Balwyn - March 2019

To Whom It May Concern

I would like to support the option that recommends increasing the number of councillors in Boroondara to 12. My reasons are as follows.

- I believe it would increase the ability for all voters to be fairly represented. It would decrease the opportunity for large lobby groups to support candidates in multiple wards enabling them to dominate the council. More candidates would better reflect the views of communities of interest and allow for better representation of diversity within the community.
- It would hopefully allow residents and ratepayers greater access to and provide a more timely response to their elected representatives. Previously, a past councillor was unresponsive to my emails as he belonged to a large lobby group and therefore was not interested in concerns raised that conflicted with his views.
- Each councillor would be more accountable in their ward.

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The population of Boroondara is growing and changing rapidly. The proportion of medium and high density housing has grown in recent years to 45%. We need more representatives.

I don't wish to propose ward name changes or speak at the public hearing.

Kind regards,

Jill Edmonds