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Dear Victorian Electoral Commissioner,


I am emailing in support of the continuation of the current ten single-councillor wards for Boroondara City Council. In my view, there are no major forecasts in population growth or increased communities of interest that would justify more councillors.

The last electoral representation review for Boroondara took place in 2008. Following this review, the VEC's final recommendation was for Boroondara to remain with ten single-councillor wards with a minor change to ward boundaries.

In single member wards our elected representatives are easier to access, have a greater understanding of the local area and issues, act for diverse voices in our communities, and are more accountable to us. Our representatives should have a close connection to their community. Moreover, single member representation is the norm for Legislative Assembly and House of Representative electoral districts. Why should our third level of government, the local councillor, be treated any differently.

Keep Boroondara with ten single-councillor wards.

Thank you for your consideration.

  
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