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To whom it may concern,

I consider that the Boroondara City Council ought to change to a multi-councillor ward system, as the majority of Victorian Councils have already done.

Some of the advantages of a multi-councillor ward arrangement over the current one councillor per ward, as I perceive it are as follows.

- The work load for each ward can be shared.
- With several councillors elected in each ward more voters would feel they represented.
- With several councillors representing the same ward would increase the likelihood of at least one being available should a resident/voter wish to raise an issue that is of concern.

Instead of 10 wards, as currently exist, by amalgamation Boroondara could have 5 wards with two councillors elected in each.

I therefore see no need to increase the number of councillors, as from my experience on committees too many members can create lengthy meetings as each has their say. With 10 councillors, a chair can be elected and the occasional absence would not greatly reduce the range of views available at each meeting.

In summary, I consider that changing from a single to a multi-councillor ward system would provide an opportunity to revitalise the Boroondara Council for the years ahead.

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