

Electoral Representation Review – Boroondara City Council – Preliminary Submission
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Dear VEC and Boroondara property owners,

It is clear that those vocal and time rich residents of Boroondara have a disproportionately large say in the legislation and attitude of council which affects us all.

The current system is clearly not catering to the needs of the majority and obviously concentrates efforts at those who wield power through influence and wealth in the community. As a body who is supposed to ensure the equal say of all people eligible to vote I suggest the VEC takes this situation seriously and recommends key remedies designed to ameliorate this situation.

I support the fewest number allowed of 5 councilors to increase accountability and tighten the structure to get more done with less arguments. They may have help but we need a team that works together and cannot shift the blame for stalemate.

The current wards system has served to confuse the wishes of the majority with the wishes of the influential, it is a similar situation to the electoral college in the USA. It should be removed completely with all councilors serving all Boroondara, further separation is divisive. We should have an unsubdivided local council.

I would be happy to speak about my ideas in a public hearing should that be required, not because I want to but because it is necessary to put forward a better alternative to the rampant and loudmouthed counter progress element of the suburb hampering our growth. In light of the plethora of successful councils in our great city, we, a premier council of Melbourne can do better.