

Electoral Representation Review - Boroondara City Council - Preliminary Submission  
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Dear Victorian Electoral Commissioner

I am writing to express my views regarding the electoral representation review of Boroondara City Council. I strongly support the current arrangements with one councillor per ward across 10 wards.

Multiple councillors per ward is problematic as I have experienced with the Mornington Peninsula Shire where, despite the rhetoric, the multi member wards encourage political party affiliations and councillors often have competing views about their ward which is confusing and frustrating for the local residents when trying to achieve positive outcomes. Establishing multi councillor wards creates another level of political bureaucracy within local government and residents are already navigating across three levels of government – we don't need another level of government operating within local government.

My preference is for retaining single councillor wards whereby the primary point of contact is easy to access, the councillor has a solid understanding of the ward and prevailing issues, and communicating with the elected representative does not involve navigating through unnecessary bureaucratic red tape and political minefields.

In the absence of a major population growth or the rationalisation of state and federal governments, then Boroondara should retain ten single-councillor wards.

Thank you for considering my views.

Regards

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