

Electoral Representation Review - Boroondara City Council - Preliminary Submission
Margaret Paul - Camberwell - 09 March 2019

I believe that the present system in Boroondara of ten wards each represented by one councillor should continue for the following reasons:

When we had multiple councillors it became commonplace for councillors to pass the buck when asked about a particular matter. Councillor X was dealing with that problem. It was too easy for the councillors to avoid responsibility.

One councillor, responsible for one ward ensures that he/she is fully versed on ward issues and will work towards fulfilling the wishes of his/her constituent.

One councillor per ward also obviates the possibility of political parties or single interest groups doing deals during council elections. One only has to follow the Melbourne City Council elections to see how damaging such interference can be.

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