

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

I am emailing in support of ten single-councillor wards for Boroondara City Council.

The current number of councillors for Boroondara is appropriate and is sufficient to provide fair and equitable representation for locals. There are no major forecasts in population growth or increased communities of interest that would justify more councillors. They are hardworking and approachable and the ones I've met, seem to be doing the job for the right reasons, which is to serve the community and not push a broader political line or affiliation. I would like to keep the Council as a community lead council and I think the current approach best achieves that outcome.

Therefore in terms of electoral structure, I strongly support keeping Boroondara local and with ten single-councillor wards. It is my experience that my ward councillor, Coral Ross is a truly local representative and aware of local issues and I have found her to be easily accessible, to the point that she will acknowledge me, if she sees me around the neighbourhood. While I am sure the same could be said for other Council members, so I just can't see the need to expand the number of Councillors, just for the sake of it. In fact, I think it would be a regrettable step to take. I should add that Coral is not the only Council member I have dealt with within Boroondara, as this is my 3<sup>rd</sup> house within the Council boundary.

Thank you for your consideration.

Michael Sim

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