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PROPOSAL TO REVIEW BOROONDARA'S ELECTED REPRESENTATION  
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Dear Victorian Electoral Commissioner

I have just heard that there is a proposal to review Boroondara's System of Elected Representation.

It is my understanding that years ago we had 4 big wards with 3 councillors per ward and an election every year for one councillor in each ward.

I would not like to see a return to that system.

Big wards do not provide good local representation, as there can be too much variation in the needs across a big ward and it is hard for councillors to properly understand the diverse needs of a big ward. Having 3 people trying to represent on area just invites argument and disagreement and is likely to result in a lack of real action. It can also result in duplication of work for a single issue.

The current system of 10 wards, each with one councillor seems to work well and when this system was reviewed in 2008, the system was retained, in accordance with the recommendation at that time. Having one councillor to contact for my local area is much simpler.

If population changes require minor changes to ward boundaries (like in 2008) I have no issue with that, provided any change is done in a logical manner that excludes any party politics.

I confirm that I consider it is best to retain the current system, which seems to work well.

Thank you.

James A. Stokes (Mr.)

