

Electoral Representation Review - Boroondara City Council - Preliminary Submission
Garry Thompson - Prahran - 08 March 2019

Dear VEC [Commissioner]

I support the current structure of ten single-councillor wards in Boroondara.

This structure should be retained in my view as this structure:

** Allows you ease of access to your local representative ** local representatives have a intimate understanding of their area and provide the best representation ** single-councillor wards ensure consistent approach ** different neighbourhoods have different needs and local representation ensures these differences are recognised and supported

Multi-member wards should not be supported in Boroondara because:

** They encourage councillors to avoid being accessible to residents ** Residents may have to shop around the councillors to raise issues ** communication and accountability is poor ** councillors can hide burdening other councillors ** work is duplicated at both councillor and officer level burdening residents with the cost ** councillors with competing views will not work in the interest of their ward and will cause confusion with residents and within the community. ** election candidates who run on a single issues are likely to be elected in multi-councillor wards, providing ineffective or very narrow representation.

Thank you for receiving my submission to support the current structure of ten single-councillor wards in Boroondara.

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