

I very strongly support the current electoral structure of Boroondara Council with the municipality divided into wards and having a single Councillor representing each ward.

I find the current system very straight forward and easy to understand as I am able to readily recognise my ward Councillor and know who to contact if I have any issues.

I have previously lived in a municipality which had multiple Councillors representing each ward (Monash). I found that system to be very difficult to understand as there was a large field of candidates at each election who I knew very little about and really had no idea who to vote for. The great thing with single Councillor wards is that there are fewer candidates standing for each ward, which makes it much more straightforward to read up on each of the candidates in order to decide who to vote for.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.

Regards,

Ross Thomson

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