

Electoral Representation Review – Boroondara City Council - Response Submission
Michael Solly – Kew – 28 April 2019

To whom it may concern,

I write to support the VEC's preferred Option A which is for multi councillor wards for the City of Boroondara.

Option A would result in a more democratic Council, as a greater diversity of views and backgrounds could be represented. Currently the Council members do not reflect the diversity of the Boroondara community.

Multi councillor wards would mean that candidates representing significant minorities of the community have a much better chance of being elected.

Multi councillor wards also allow better for changes in population without having to redraw ward boundaries. There is less fragmentation of neighbourhoods.

It would also mean that a resident has the option of 2 or 3 councillors they can contact regarding any particular issue. This is of particular benefit if a councillor is absent for any reason. Hopefully when difficult issues arise there is a better chance of a good solution when 2 or 3 councillors work together and look at the problem from varying viewpoints.

Thanks

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