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To Whom it May Concern,

Thanks for giving me the opportunity to make a submission on this vital issue. Though I originally favoured the idea of a three ward council your (VEC) case for a four ward option has convinced me to fully support your Option A. Studying the relevant map made it apparent that the four proposed wards will be a reasonable sustainable solution to community representation for the medium term and who can reasonably ask for more? The stark disparity in the proposed Studley ward should hopefully be easily represented, while the large affluent Belmore ward with its high number of people of Asian background hopefully will furnish councillors reflecting the diversity of the ward. Similar cases may be made for both the Ferndale and the council's dynamo Swinbourne wards. Goodness, perhaps we may see a councillor under THIRTY! So on simple equity principles and all your considered arguments I can only fully endorse your preferred option A as the most suitable model of reform.

Just quickly, whatever happens we must have odd number of councillor for self-evident pragmatic reasons of breaking deadlocks in the functioning of the council, so eleven sounds like the appropriate number for all the reasons you have already enumerated. yours rob staszewski.