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Dear Victorian Electoral Commissioner

It is my experience single member councillor wards are best for local democracy. I whole heartily support Option C.

I believe in eleven single-councillor wards because councillors are more likely to:

- be truly local representatives
- be easily accessible to residents
- have a greater understanding of the local area and issues

Multi-member wards are bad for Boroondara because in my opinion:

- very specific local issues may not be addressed
- more than one representative means the resident may have less access to a 'decision making' individual, and may have to contact multiple councillors to galvanize support for a particular issue
- duplication may occur if councillors do not communicate or share their workloads
- groups may form within the Council leading to possible division between councillors
- the size of the wards means they are more expensive to campaign during elections, which encourages party political affiliations

Yours truly,

Magnus Watson

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