

Electoral Representation Review - Boroondara City Council - Response Subission
Dennis Whelan - Balwyn - 19 April 2019

My reply is brief and I have no affiliation with any group.

I was at different times a councillor with the former Camberwell Council before the merger of Kew, Hawthorn and Camberwell Councils into Boroondara Council. And one term with Boroondara Council.

I would prefer option B as my first response followed by option A as my second.

I feel that having two or more councillors in a ward makes for a more collegiate experience for the council as a whole and is very helpful when a councillor has to be away for reasons such as sickness , holidays , etc.I can also see savings in administration costs and a more balanced outcome for the residents as there will be discussion between all the ward councillors to deliver an outcome.

In coming to a decision I think VEC should put some requirements into place regarding Ward News circulation and Ward Meetings as these used to be common place but are now rarely seen and it is important that councillors face the electorate at least twice a year to discuss issues face to face with residents. Councillors should attend their duties diligently

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