

This council needs to be sacked and a new council appointed.

I strongly support the introduction of a\*\* multi councillor ward restructure (Option A) \*\*because:  
It is unfair to the residents when a councillor withdraws (such as happened in Solway Ward recently) and leaves them unrepresented while council Officers are allowed to lobby the remaining councillors behind closed doors against the public interest.

All the CEO and Officers want is to see their proposals get passed - for their own ego and career portfolio, while the public are treated like mushrooms and nuisances by the councillors who are influenced and brainwashed by their carefully massaged 'facts'.

No single councillor should be allowed to represent the whole, diverse community and make sweeping decisions without any negotiation.

Debunking the status quo submissions;

- The council have just spent \$30,000 of our money on self serving, fear mongering advertising trying to influence people to submit status quo support. One councillor has been openly critical on 'Twitter' and claims the VEC is not listening to the "community". For the record, this councillor - and all others - should not assume to represent my wishes. I WISH FOR MULTI COUNCILLOR WARDS.
- Many of the loud 'status quo' supporters appear to be family members of councillors, and groups or people with strong political and professional bias to the council and its councillors.
- Some go so far as to say there is "no projected population increase expected in Boroondara". What nonsense. We only need to look at the population statistics for Melbourne or drive around our suburbs to see multi dwelling buildings being granted permits to replace single homes. Boroondara know this - they are the ones allowing the development and profiting from permits.
- I read several times; "why change ?", "don't fix something that's not broken" .... "single councillor has served us well" ... and other such sentiments. Well it is broken, and our community in Solway ward was NOT served well recently when our councillor withdrew. In addition, other councillors are regularly in non-attendance at council votes, and the use of 'conflict of interest' is a card that can easily be pulled by a councillor, leaving the residents of any of the ten wards in the same position we in Solway Ward experienced last year during a controversial event.
- Some submitters argued that multi councillor wards encourage political alliances. Rubbish. This council is well and truly a blue ribbon council with strong Liberal links and the only chance of any deconstruction of this is to introduce a multi councillor ward and get to next year's 2020 election so the public can try and bring in some fresh faces to council. The overwhelming support for Option A by so many individuals is due to the increasing wave of community uprising against this council due to it's arrogance and contempt for the residents and rate payers who they now call 'customers'.

Let's hope this council will be reigned in with the help of the VEC and the Hon. Adem Somyurek. This can't be allowed to continue.

Yours faithfully,

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