To Whom It May Concern:

The Local Government Bill 2019 sets out to unify electoral structures for councils. It is unclear to me what problem this is intended to fix. The Victorian government website suggests two reasons. The first is confusion about the system amongst voters; the second is unequal numbers of electors for some councillors. I see no evidence of confusion given, however. I would expect electors who haven't moved recently would not be confused by whatever system they have already voted within. If there is remaining confusion, it would be less disruptive and less expensive to mount a modest educational campaign. As for the second reason given, changing the electoral system doesn't address it directly, whereas addressing it directly, by redrawing boundaries, would surely do so more effectively.

I do not see why Greater Dandenong needs to modify its system to fit an undermotivated change to the electoral system. As Dandenong includes quite a diverse set of multicultural communities, I would encourage you to retain the current system, with eleven councillors in a multi-councillor ward system.

Regards, Kevin

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