Eleven Councillors should continue. Keeping the number of Councillors is needed because Greater Dandenong is the most multicultural municipality in Australia, and also one of the most disadvantaged, because of high levels of unemployment and low proportion of high income earners.

Multi-councillor wards continue to be supported because:

- It enables Councillors to share workloads.
- Electors have a greater choice of candidates.
- The current model is working well. It has given residents have a choice of councillors to approach with ideas and issues of concern.
- It encourages Councillors to think more broadly and focus on issues covering a wider area.
- Greater Dandenong has complex needs which are better met multi-councillor wards.

Dandenong is designated as a major activity centre by the State Government and should be kept intact as a suburb in any new ward structure.

Regards,

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