To whom it may concern

I, Ryan Perera, of [redacted] propose Greater Dandenong should continue with 11 Councillors.

I grew up in the surrounding suburbs of Dandenong and a frequent visitor for the area (given I work in Dandenong). I understand Dandenong has a complex demographic and land use challenges - it is the most multicultural in Australia, the most disadvantaged municipality in Melbourne, has Melbourne’s largest manufacturing centre (the fully industrial Dandenong South area) and is 29% Green Wedge. Further, due to increasing high and medium density development in Springvale, Noble Park and Dandenong, the upcoming Sandown Park development and the re-development of school sites in Springvale South and Keysborough, there will be significant increases in population in the next decade. It is imperative this diverse group of people have diverse representation and a multi-Councillor ward structure is essential for this. Further, it is important residents of a ward have multiple choices to chose from and are able to have their views represented. The multi-Councillor system as worked well over the last 11 years and needs to continue.

Kind regards

Ryan Perera