Regarding the review of Greater Dandenong City Council,

       Greater Dandenong should have at least the same number of councillors as it does now: eleven. This is an extremely diverse community and needs a wide range of councillors to ensure as many residents are represented as possible.

       The current structure of multi-member wards should be maintained. It strikes a good balance of making councillors primarily responsible for particular areas and allowing a diverse range of councillors to be elected. An unsubdivided council might be acceptable, but single-councillor wards would be disastrously undemocratic and effectively disenfranchise many residents. Multi-councillor wards also help residents feel they have at least one councillor they can talk to in their local area even if some aren’t representing their interests.

Thank-you,

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