

Electoral Representation Review - East Gippsland Shire Council - Preliminary Submission  
Doug Holl - Newlands Arm - 12 March 2019

re Councillor numbers.

The number of Councillors at present seems reasonable in view of the size of Council and the number of people who vote in the Shires elections. It is also broadly in line with similar Councils in other parts of the State.

re Electoral Structure.

The electoral structure needs revamping to ensure adequate representation for eligible voters to have their views and ideas heard at Council level by a representative who has the interests of all communities as their responsibility.

To that end I believe we need to implement the Subdivided structure, with single Councillor wards, so the electorate can judge the performance of their representative at the time of the next election. At present nobody stands up for our small community at Council level and inadequate infrastructure is the result. This does not appear to be the case in the larger communities.

I pay rates like everyone else but extremely little is spent on infrastructure in our community despite promises made. A Councillor whose re-election depends on their performance for the Ward they represent is not only essential but right. Accountability should be a part of our system.