

Electoral Representation Review - East Gippsland Shire Council - Preliminary Submission
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I have resided and been a ratepayer in Mallacoota since 2011.

I would like to see the East Gippsland Shire be divided into multi-Councillor wards.

The East Gippsland Shire covers a large area of Victoria.

Mallacoota is on the northeastern tip and only has a population of 1000. This makes it very difficult for anyone running for Council Office to get 12.5% of the vote. Current Councillors are mostly based around the Bairnsdale/Lakes Entrance and Paynesville areas, areas with a denser population. These areas are around a 3 hour drive from Mallacoota. And do not reflect Mallacoota.

I believe when a Councillor resides in the area they are more likely to be aware of current issues facing the Community and people are more likely to approach someone familiar. Also because they are driving around the Community they are able to see areas of improvement, modifications that have been made and evaluate works.

Please consider multicouncillor wards for the East Gippsland Shire