

I support the current number of Councillors remaining at 7.

The Council area should be divided in 2 ridings. The southern part of the area taking in Portland, Portland

West, Portland North, Allestree, Duttonway and Bolwarra with a population of 10,270, to be known as the

South Ward and be represented by 4 Councillors. The Northern part of the area taking in the balance of the

area with a population of 7300, to be known as the North Ward and be represented by 3 Councillors.

The North Ward has a large area and would be difficult to come up with a name that is acceptable to all

residents, Thus it follows that other Ward ,should be named the South Ward.

I believe that this concept would result in a more balanced representation of Councillors, than the current

composition of Council with 6 Portland residents and 1 Casterton resident.

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