



Victorian Electoral Commission
Level 11, 530 Collins Street
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Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission in response to your Preliminary Report to the Electoral Representation Review for Manningham City Council.


Having considered the options presented in the report and the VEC's analysis of the various electoral structures, Council strongly supports Option A which retains the current electoral structure comprising nine councillors representing three three-councillor wards with minor modifications between the Heide and Koonung Wards.

Council has been governed successfully under a multi-member ward structure for many years. The city's unique constitution of high density activity centres and semi-rural acreage with a dispersed population has been well supported by its electoral structure and will continue to provide the community with fair and equitable representation.

The retention of nine councillors remains appropriate when compared with councils of a similar size. There are no major forecasts in population growth or any special circumstances that would give rise to increasing the number of councillors.

The proposed adjustment between the Heide and Koonung Wards is supported as it will move the entire suburb of Bulleen into the Heide Ward, balance voter-to-councillor ratios across all wards and allow for projected growth in the Koonung Ward. Option A also provides for a more even distribution of voters across all three wards and the proposed changes provide clear and readily identifiable boundaries.

Council would like to speak in support of its submission at the public hearing.

If you require further clarification on any of the matters raised in this submission, please contact Council's Senior Governance Advisor, 



Kind regards



Cr Paula Piccinini
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