

Local Council Representation Review

THE REVIEW

The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) is conducting an electoral representation review of Manningham City Council.

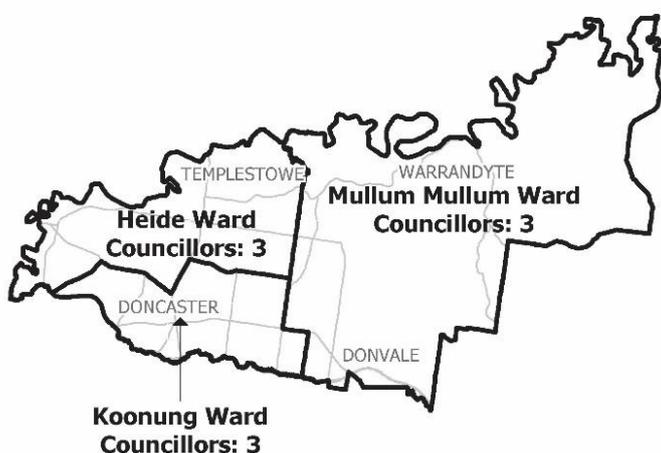
The review examines:

- whether the Council has the appropriate number of councillors
- whether the Council should be unsubdivided, with councillors elected from the whole Council, or subdivided into wards
- if subdivided, the number of wards, ward boundaries and the number of councillors per ward.

Representation reviews are an important part of democracy and your input is valuable. As a local, you know your council area better than anyone. This is your chance to let us know your thoughts about how well your community is represented.

CURRENT STRUCTURE

Manningham City Council currently consists of nine councillors elected from three three-councillor wards.



MANNINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

Manningham City Council is located in metropolitan Melbourne commencing with its western boundary in Bulleen, 10 kilometres from the Melbourne CBD and extending to Wonga Park at its eastern extremity, 32 kilometres from the CBD. The council area is bounded by the Yarra River and Nillumbik Shire in the north.

The City of Manningham is 114 square kilometres and covers 12 different suburbs and substantial green open spaces including more than 300 parks, gardens and reserves. The Mullum Mullum Creek divides the City into two distinct areas with the land to the west being urban in character and to the east being primarily rural/residential land.

The population of the City of Manningham is largely affluent, with lower unemployment and higher household incomes compared to Greater Melbourne and Victoria generally. There is also a higher percentage of home owners in the local council area compared to Greater Melbourne. The median age of Manningham residents is 43 years old and like much of Melbourne, the Manningham population is ageing, with more than 20% of Manningham residents aged 60 and over.

The Wurundjeri Aboriginal people are the traditional custodians of the land now known as the City of Manningham.

LAST REVIEW

The last electoral representation review of Manningham City Council took place in 2007. The VEC's final recommendation was for Manningham City Council to change to consist of nine councillors elected from three three-councillor wards.

Visit the VEC website at vec.vic.gov.au to access a copy of the 2007 review final report.

SUBMISSION GUIDE

Download a submission guide from the VEC website at vec.vic.gov.au for more information on the review process and to help you make your submission.

Review process

26 June Preliminary submissions open
WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE 2019

Information session

7.00 PM MONDAY 24 JUNE 2019

24 June Council Chambers, Manningham Civic Centre, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster

An information session will be held for anyone wanting to find out more about the review process.

Preliminary submissions close

24 July 5.00 PM WEDNESDAY 24 JULY 2019

Submissions must be received by the VEC by 5.00 pm on this day. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Preliminary report

21 Aug WEDNESDAY 21 AUGUST 2019

The VEC releases a preliminary report including one or more options for the electoral structure. **Response submissions open from this date.**

Response submission close

18 Sept 5.00 PM WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2019

Submissions must be received by the VEC by 5.00 pm on this day. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Public hearing

23 Sept 7.00 PM MONDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2019
Council Chambers, Manningham Civic Centre, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster

A public hearing will be held for anyone who requests to speak about their response submission. The public hearing will not be held if there are no requests to speak.

Final report

16 Oct WEDNESDAY 16 OCTOBER 2019
The VEC submits a final report to the Minister for Local Government including the recommendation for the electoral structure.

HOW TO MAKE A SUBMISSION

You can make a submission to the review via:



the VEC website at vec.vic.gov.au



email to

manningham.review@vec.vic.gov.au



post to

Victorian Electoral Commission
Level 11, 530 Collins Street
Melbourne VIC 3000

To be considered, submissions must include your:

- full name
- residential or postal address.

All submissions are published on the VEC website at vec.vic.gov.au. Your name and locality will be published but your full address and contact details will be removed.

SUBMISSION CHECKLIST



I have included my full name and address



I know that my submission will be published, including my full name and locality



I have read the submission guide

PRELIMINARY SUBMISSION



I have included the number of councillors that I want (between five and 12) and why



I have said whether I want an unsubdivided or subdivided structure and why



If I want a subdivided structure, I have considered the ward boundaries

RESPONSE SUBMISSION



I have responded to the options in the preliminary report



I have said whether I want to speak about my submission at the public hearing

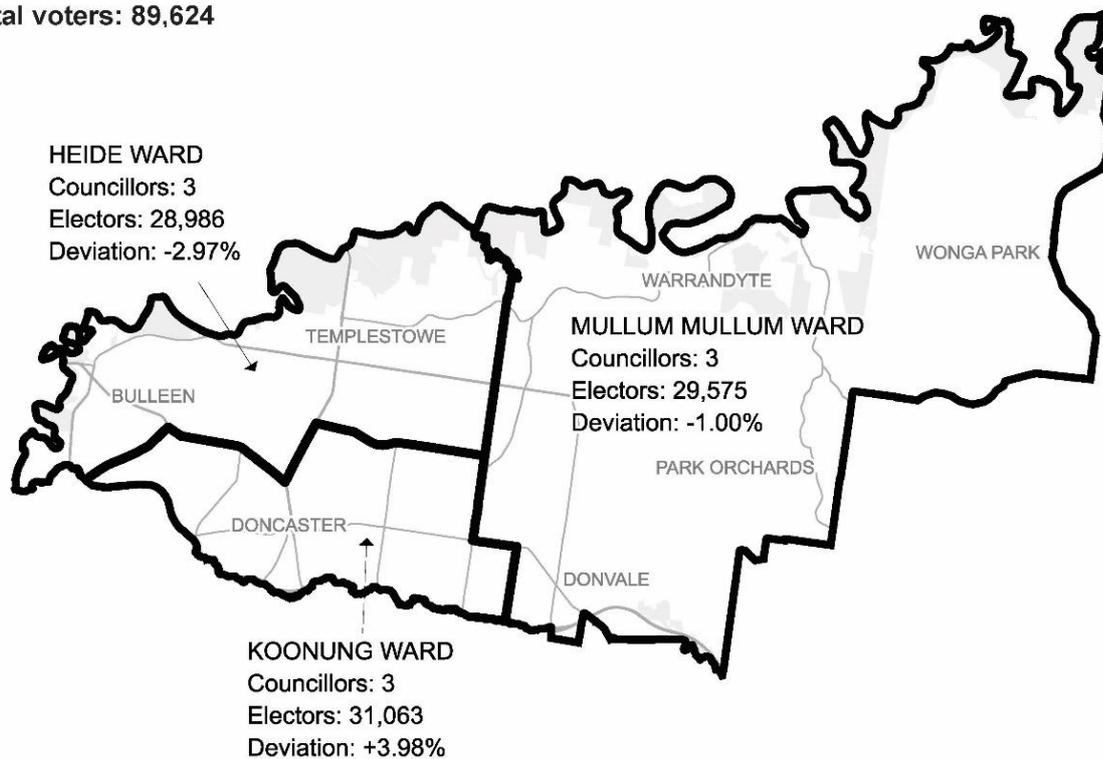
Current electoral structure

Voter Number by Current Boundaries

As at 25 February 2019

Councillors: 9

Total voters: 89,624



ONE VOTE, ONE VALUE

The VEC is committed to the principle of 'one vote, one value', which is described in the *Local Government Act 1989 (the Act)*. This means that every person's vote counts equitably.

If the local council area is subdivided into wards, the number of voters represented by each councillor in each ward must be within plus-or-minus 10% of the average number of voters per councillor across the local council.

The map above includes the number of voters in each ward and the ward's current deviation from the average number of voters per councillor across the local council. During the review, the VEC takes into account likely population changes (growth or decline) to ensure the electoral structure will provide equitable representation until the next review (reviews take place approximately every 12 years).

If you make a submission online, you can use the *Boundary Builder* tool to build your preferred ward boundaries. The tool uses current voter numbers to tell you the deviations of the wards you make. This means you can make sure your proposed structure currently meets the requirements of the Act.

STATISTICS

Area (km²) 114

VOTERS

Voter density (per km²) 786

Average voters per councillor 9,958

POPULATION

Current population 116,255

Forecast population growth 0.8% p.a.

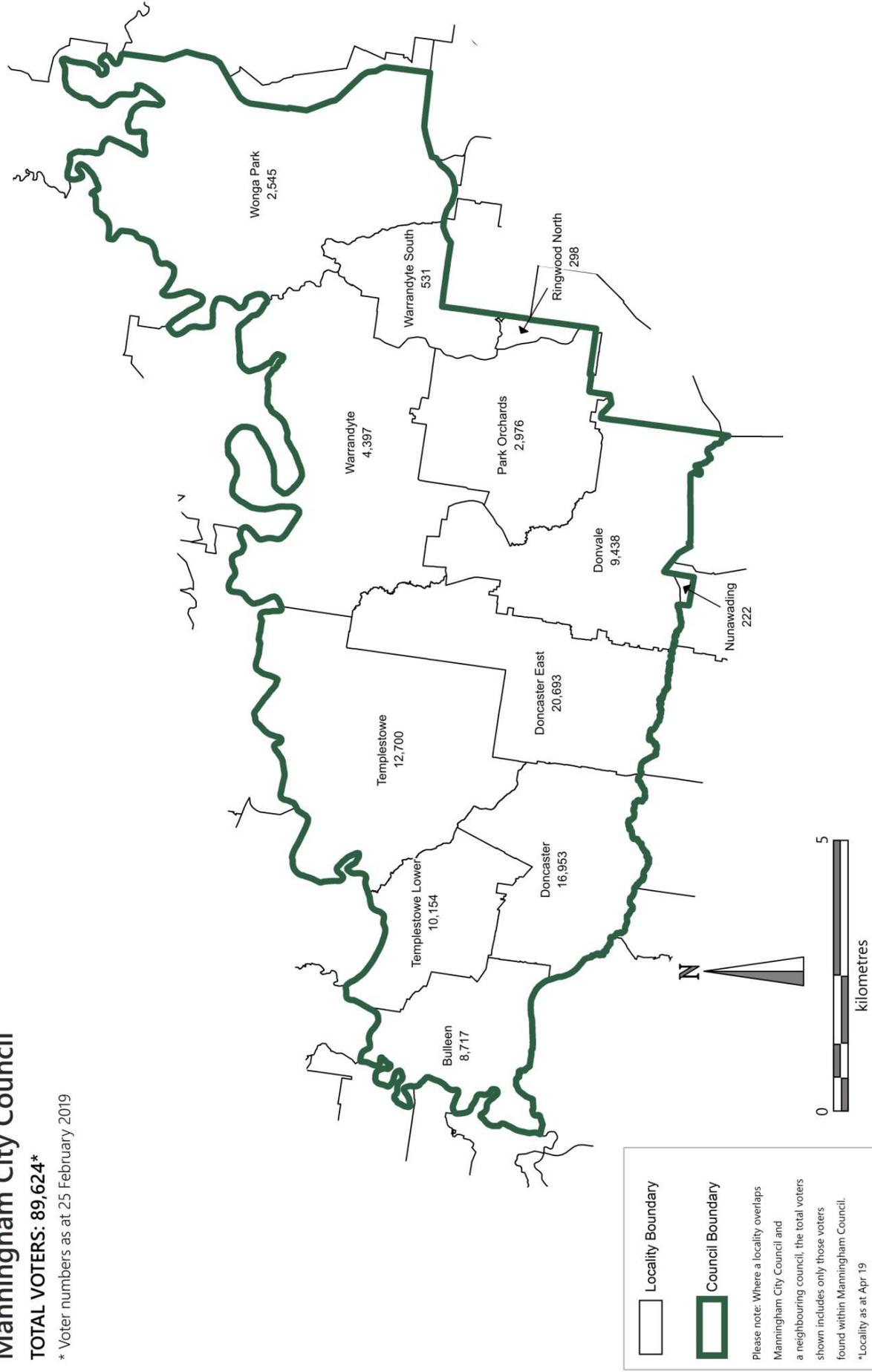
Further census statistics available at: abs.gov.au

Voter numbers by locality

Manningham City Council

TOTAL VOTERS: 89,624*

* Voter numbers as at 25 February 2019



Locality Boundary
 Council Boundary

Please note: Where a locality overlaps Manningham City Council and a neighbouring council, the total voters shown includes only those voters found within Manningham Council.
 *Locality as at Apr 19

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