

Electoral structure review - Hepburn Shire Council - Preliminary Submission
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I am writing to express my support for an unsubdivided electoral structure for the Hepburn Shire Council. As a member of the community, I believe that this structure will ensure fair representation for all residents and foster diversity in our local government.

One of the primary benefits of an unsubdivided structure is that it allows all members of the community to have an equal say in who is elected to the council. This means that candidates will need to appeal to the entire electorate rather than just a specific geographical area, which encourages them to develop policies and platforms that are inclusive of all residents.

Additionally, an unsubdivided structure promotes diversity in our local government. When councillors are elected based on their policies and platforms rather than their location, we are more likely to see a range of voices represented on the council. This may encompass individuals from various socioeconomic backgrounds, cultural and linguistic minorities, the LGBTQIA+ community, women, and other groups that are currently not always adequately represented within our existing system.

I understand that some may argue that a subdivided structure would be better suited to the Hepburn Shire Council due to its size and the distribution of towns. However, I believe that an unsubdivided structure is the best option for our community. It promotes fairness, diversity, and equal representation for all residents, regardless of where they live.

Sincerely,
Tim Drylie