

**Electoral structure review - Mildura Rural City Council - Response Submission
Troy Bailey - Mildura - 17 July 2023, 09:39 pm**

To whom it may concern,

I would like to start my submission but stating that I am in support of the Mildura Rural City Council (MRCC) transitioning to Single-Councillor wards. As a current Councillor of MRCC I believe the change will encourage greater transparency and voice of my community in Council affairs. I support the nine Councillor option and believe the townships and local geography can accommodate this as below. We are a growth region of rural Victoria, we can no-longer hide behind the small city syndrome to avoid difficult decisions, we must become a regional city in order to secure the resources and services we desperately need.

I have include a draft mapping submission based on the major townships and landmarks to assist in determining boundaries, along with a naming convention that supports local terminology, including

Central = The central of the community maker by the only shopping centre called "Mildura Central".

Chaffey = The Ward adjoining the river, where the original settlers, the Chaffey brothers'' arrived, taking in the Arts Centre, the Chaffey brothers homestead.

City = The main CBD or central business district, know to all

Irymple = The area surrounding the town of Irymple, the next biggest growth town outside of Mildura

Mallee = The irrigated and un-irrigated area of our region know as the Mallee, primarily used for dry land farming and national parks

Merbein = The biggest growth area after Irymple and significant historical township, which is fast becoming a suburb of Mildura

Mildura East = The second growth corridor for Mildura, already know as East Mildura

Mildura South = The primary growth corridor for Mildura with 5,000 new dwelling planned, this is a well recognised region and name locally

Red C liffs = The third major township in the region, know for lower cost of living and rural lifestyle, it butts up against the Mallee ward and its lifestyle complements its position.