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Dear VEC,

I want to vigorously support the adoption of a single-councillor ward model with 7 councillors, for the Northern Grampians Shire.

This option was not put forward by the VEC, based on the argument that splitting Stawell and St Arnaud could cause disharmony. This focus on the two larger towns is inappropriate, as there are smaller communities that need equal consideration, which are effectively being penalised by the rejection of the 7 ward model. The Shire consists of diverse communities with significant differences between them, and these differences demand locally-tailored solutions to municipal policies and procedures. The 7 ward model is the best option to support such a diverse environment.

If the VEC should refuse to adopt the 7 ward model, then Model 2 (3 ward model) is my distant second preference.

Regards, Rod.

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