

Electoral structure review – Melton City Council – Response Submission
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Good day,

As a resident of Eynesbury I find that Model 3 gives a somewhat better boundary delineation including those areas west of the River and south of the Railway line as a whole. The North East corner is peculiar and would be confusing for Strathtulloh residents being included in the ward 'across the river'. The population of Eynesbury and Weir Views will continue to grow, so they should easily take up the slack of a '10,000 Elector' ward within a year or two. Could that small segment of Strathtulloh then perhaps be included in Fieldstone Ward?

Model 1 would leave Eynesbury as an outlier and would leave us, once again, as a non-entity for the next 12 years with most of the votes coming from Weir Views, Melton South and Strathtulloh 'north'. Model 2 would split Melton South in 2, while moving Weir Views into Oakbridge Ward. This would also stretch Coolibah with a North vs South, with roughly 80%+ of electors being north of the river.

I would also like to commend the VEC on moving to single-ward councillors which should hopefully lead to more local representation for each of the wards and a more dynamic council as opposed to the old West vs East.

Model 3 is probably best for Eynesbury in my opinion.