

**Electoral structure review - Northern Grampians Shire Council - Response Submission  
Northern Grampians Shire Council - Stawell - 05 April 2023, 09:20 am**

Northern Grampians Shire councillors prefer option 1 with 7 Councillors and an unsubdivided shire. This preference is based on three reasons. Firstly, having a non-even number of councillors will unlikely result in tied resolutions in Council Meetings. Secondly, option 2 with 3 wards of 6 councillors splits the town of Stawell in two along the railway line which would create an artificial demarcation of the town. Thirdly, option 1 being unsubdivided will reduce the likelihood of uncontested election positions and give more people an opportunity to represent the residents of the shire.

Council would like Councillor Eddy Ostarcevic as its representative to present at the hearing.