

Electoral structure review - Wyndham City Council - Response Submission
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The change from multi-member wards to single member wards represents one of the largest erosions of democracy in Victoria.

Noting that the panel is not at fault but is instead bound by legislation to make this change, I am concerned about the future viability of the proposed wards.

Heathdale ward is well constructed for the most part in both models, with the exception of its northern boundary from Tarneit Road to the Werribee River. If possible, the boundary should be moved south to Heaths Road which already acts as a strong boundary. Doing so would prevent the established communities north of Heaths Road from being split apart.

As for the name, Heathdale is plain and inoffensive, but the Heathdale estate (from which the name is derived) is rarely known as Heathdale, and is instead often called "Birdsville" by those in and around the estate after the large number of streets named after birds.

Such a name would reflect the history of the area and the community, while being much more pleasant sounding than "Heathdale".