

**Electoral structure review - Surf Coast Shire Council - Preliminary Submission
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As a full time resident of Lorne for 20 years and rate payer for more than 30 years, a volunteer for more than ten years at the Lorne Visitor Information Centre, Meals on Wheels and the Lorne Community Op Shop I appreciate the necessity for a local resident Councillor who will also serve Deans Marsh.

Lorne has a strong connection with Deans Marsh with workers commuting daily and contributing to the workforce necessary to cope with huge tourist numbers. We share a commitment to maintain the natural environment and beauty of our village and accept the limitations of development. Our school includes Deans Marsh children deepening the bond between residents of coast and country.

Only with a dedicated resident Councillor can our communities be represented in the diverse shire that is now the Surf Coast Shire.

Yours faithfully

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