

**Electoral structure review - Hepburn Shire Council - Preliminary Submission  
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Any review of the ward structure for the Hepburn Shire Council must firstly acknowledge that as a rural shire with a population of only 16, 604 at the 2021 Census, it cannot effectively provide the level of services that increasingly the community expects of it.

Any ward restructuring will not change this underlying central issue.

It is my view that the present ward structure of three single councillor wards and two wards with two councillors has worked to the detriment of a more effective and efficient allocation of resources.

Council's decision-making has largely operated on a highly parochial basis, with very little regard for strategic planning and resources allocation.

In the light of these considerations, I am firmly in favour of introducing a **single ward structure** with councillors elected by proportional representation.

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