

**Electoral structure review - Hume City Council - Response Submission
Karen Sherry - Broadmeadows - 22 November 2023, 1:53 pm**

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Dear Panellists

Thank you for taking the the time to read my attached submission.

I am also a municipal councillor in the Hume City Council but these are my views and not necessarily councils.

I would also like to speak at the hearing 29/11/23 at 10am.

Regards

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Dear Panellists

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Could the VEC please come up with a consistent naming strategy e.g., either use existing place names that people are familiar with e.g., Mount Holden or Calder, or entirely indigenous names for all wards as you have done in the northern wards in your proposed models.

Keeping communities of interest together is vital for resident identification of their wards and for ease of municipal representation. The following are more comments about the proposed models;

Model 1- is not preferred. Although it appears to be adequate from the lens of voter population estimates, Model 3 is preferred. This is because the areas covered in the "Burt-Kur-Min", "Gaayip-Yagila", "Banum Warrik" and "Yuroke" wards are better served in Model 3.

Model 2 -This is not preferable as Broadmeadows is a major activity hub and community of interest in southern Hume but has been spilt between two wards. The naming of the two wards which contain the suburb of Broadmeadows is also confusing eg., the bulk of Broadmeadows residents are in the "Merlynston Creek" ward with the rest in the "Broadmeadows Valley" ward.

Model 3-is preferred as it keeps the suburb of Broadmeadows in one ward as a major community of interest and it allows for growth in the "Aitken West" Ward whilst keeping the now more established parts of Craigieburn together in the "Aitken East" ward. It also allows for expected growth in the "Gaayip-Yagilla" ward in the north of the city. This model also better represents the northern growth frontier in one ward e.g., "Gaayip-Yagilla" than in Model 1.

Yours sincerely,

Karen Sherry