

**Electoral structure review - Mount Alexander Shire Council - Preliminary Submission
Cate Sinclair - Glenluce - 28 February 2023, 11:13 am**

I respectfully submit that the Mount Alexander shire should be represented by an unsubdivided council with seven councillors elected by proportional voting for the following reasons:

1. Proportional voting will be applied in an even manner across the Shire
2. Councillors will be responsible for decision making based on a whole of shire approach
3. The majority of councillors will be elected by the majority of voters across the shire.
4. An unsubdivided council reduces the possibility that candidates may stand in a particular ward with lower quotas to disproportionately represent single issues
5. Diversity of interests, such as environmental concerns, child care, business interests, aged care, youth services and local planning, will be better represented
6. There will not be a future requirement to adjust ward boundaries with population changes.
7. Voters have a larger group of councillors to vote from, rather than a small ward based group.

Thank you for the opportunity to consider this submission.