

**Electoral structure review - Mornington Peninsula Shire Council - Response
Submission**

Rowan Clark - MOUNT ELIZA - 30 October 2023, 01:23 pm

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission

I believe the current ward / councillor structure is broken with an incorrect number of councillors in southern part of the Shire

when the majority of the population is in the northern part of the shire

I attach a word file to support my submission/ map of proposed new wards

Submission: Electoral boundaries, council reviews, electoral structure reviews Mornington Peninsula Shire

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Date 30th October 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

I do not have a degree in urban planning, statistics or any other relevant field, but what I have is 40 years of business experience with an interest in Geography , Statistics and extensive knowledge of the different communities of the Mornington Peninsula where I have lived for 36+ years .

I have taken a common sense approach to working out suitable ward boundaries within the guild lines as listed within the review process:

``When a local council area is subdivided into wards, the number of voters each councillor represents in each ward must be plus or minus 10% of the average number of voters per Councillor for all the wards``

Thus I propose a 11 Councillor and ward electoral structure with an average number of voters per ward of 13,795 based on total voters as at 25 July 2023 of 151,741
Thus minimum number of voters per ward should be 12415 and maximum 15175

I note the 3 models suggested, do not follow this guild line and spilt communities and in my opinion are out of order and should be rejected .

My proposal as per my proposed ward Map is:

A/ to retain the 3 wards on the Western Port side of the Shire

- 1/ Watson – unchanged
- 2/ Warringine (Cerberus renamed) with part given to Red Hill Ward
- 3/ Red Hill with part from Cerberus Ward

B/ to split up the existing 3 wards on the Port Phillip side of the Shire into 8 wards as follows

- 1/ Mount Eliza
- 2/ Tanti
- 3/ Bentons
- 4/ Martha (Mount Martha and Martha Cove)
- 5/ Seawinds
- 6/ Rosebud
- 7/ Truemans
- 8/ Nepean

I believe this is the fairest split of wards and thus retains common and related communities together .

Ratepayers would then be able to relate/communicate to a local councillor more easily.

Also with lower voter numbers in the wards which I believe will have the greatest increases in populations will limit in the near future the need to re-align ward boundaries

I thank you for your time considering my proposal

Please advise if I can be of any further assistance

Yours truly

Rowan Clark