

**Electoral structure review - Strathbogie Shire Council - Response Submission
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I prefer model one.

I think it will encourage Councillors to consider the entire Shire when making decisions rather than making ward-based decisions and being too parochial. It is more consistent with the Local Government Act 2020 which stipulates that Councillors govern for the entire municipality.

It will encourage 'Big Picture' thinking and will ensure the 7 best candidates are elected.

I also think that having an odd number of councillors is essential, with an even number of Councillors, too much power if given to the Mayor who will have the deciding vote if the vote is split down the middle.