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### Submission on the Monash Electoral structural review.

From: Cr Brian Little (Monash Council, Mt Waverley ward)

I write as a councillor at Monash with over 13 years of experience which has included one term with single councillor wards (2003-5) and two and a half terms with multi-councillor wards (2012-present). I can state *categorically* and from *personal experience* that multi-councillor wards work very well indeed while single councillor wards do not. There are many reasons for this which I will not elaborate on here, as I understand that what is being asked for is feedback on the three different maps – which I will do – but I need to state here that I believe moving to single councillor wards is a significantly backward step which will significantly reduce the availability of councillors to the rate paying public and reduce the responsibilities of councillors to support and represent traders in the key business areas.

With regard to the maps, I write as a Mt Waverley ward councillor and my comments relate specifically to the Northern region of Monash.

I have a significant issue with both Maps 1 and 3 with regard to the Northern portion of the maps. The issue is that the two key business/shopping areas, that is Mt Waverley village and the Kingsway area of Glen Waverley, end up in a single ward – vis. the Scotchman's Creek ward. This would be an absurd outcome. A significant part of our role as councillor is to listen to and represent the traders in our area of responsibility. Currently there are three councillors representing the traders in Mt Waverley and two the traders in Glen Waverley – that is five out of eleven councillors. Having the traders in both Mt Waverley and Glen Waverley represented in council by just one out of eleven councillors is simply inadequate and, of course, if that person is ill or on holiday, by no-one at all. That would make a complete mockery of the notion of representative democracy. While I'm not particularly keen on Map 2 either, it at least divides the principal trading areas across two wards.

Brian Little

Councillor Monash Council, Mt. Waverley ward.

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