

**Electoral structure review - Yarriambiack Shire Council - Preliminary Submission
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Yarriambiack Shire covers a large, sparsely populated rural area. It is logical and practical that councillors come from all parts of the Shire. If zoned as one zone, how would widespread and fair representation of councillors occur over the entire Shire. It is possible they may all come from one area where there is a large voter population. It is less likely that all areas of the Shire would be served well by the majority of councillors who could live a great distance from small communities within Yarriambiack Shire. It is imperative that we retain multi councillor wards and a similar number of councillors to service this shire that covers a large, diverse rural area. If you went down the path of single councillor wards, the Shire would need to increase the number of wards to ensure there are sufficient councillors to effectively support our communities, offering diverse views, areas of expertise and good governance to benefit all within our Shire.