

**Ward boundary review - Bass Coast Shire Council - Response Submission
Philip Davy - Surf Beach - 17 February 2024, 06:07 pm**

Bass Coast Ward Change Submissions.

Important information for Phillip Island and San Remo residents. Especially Surf Beach, Sunderland Bay, Newhaven Woolamai and San Remo residents who are in the Westernport Ward where our councillor representatives do not even live in the vicinity of San Remo or Phillip Island which both have unique requirements and characteristics and require better representation. Option One is an Island Ward that encompasses the whole of the island, Option two cuts off Newhaven and Woolamai from the Island Ward which will still remain in Westernport Ward. Option One is better than exists at present. I suggest that as so many people from San Remo (the gateway to The Island) and the island residents co-habit and work in both areas that it would be more sensible to include San Remo in the island Ward as well. Due to the large population of The Island and San Remo included, we should have 4 councillors not three.

If I have to accept only one of your options then I submit Option one. Many ratepayers on Phillip Island are confused and mistakenly think all of Phillip Island is under Island Ward. As mentioned previously Westernport ward is primarily farming area with minimum beach suburbs whereas the whole of Phillip Island is based around tourism. I have had reason to contact all of our westernport councilors where ALL Councillors refused to reply to correspondence. We require councilors who live in the ward and are closely associated with the needs and correspondence to the residents of the ward.