

**Electoral structure review - Warrnambool City Council - Response Submission  
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Further to my submission yesterday, I have a few more relative comments to make about the ward name and boundary of Merri and Moygil Wards.

There are 3 scenarios regarding this proposed Council Ward.

1. Change the name to Merri Ward and move the boundary to the Pertobe Road cutting where the Council South Warrnambool sign exists and alter the population figures.
2. Just change the name from Merri Ward to South Warrnambool Ward and leave everything else the same.
3. Do nothing at all and leave as is.

As previously mentioned in my 1st submission, South Warrnambool was the 1st white settlement in the district back in 1847 and is now a desired and sought after place to live with close proximity to the beach. Land and property values have soared over the past 15 years and there is little development land left.

Alternatively, the Merri River is of little consequence to South Warrnambool as the river also runs through the Dennington and Wollaston Wards and the river is a diverged cutting running past the Woolen Mill until it joins up with the original river course out past Merrivale. South Warrnambool is now a institution with its history and heritage and recognised by the local Council with its name entry signs at 2 locations.

The Council were confused over the ward boundaries and did not realize that South Warrnambool was to be divided owing to the difficult to establish boundaries shown on early diagrams.

To just change the name from Merri Ward to South Warrnambool Ward would be the 2nd desired outcome because it will give all South Warrnambool residents some identification, recognition and acknowledgement of their existence which they truly deserve.

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