

**Electoral structure review - Moonee Valley City Council - Response Submission  
Margaret Florey - Airport West - 08 November 2023, 05:52 am**

Dear review committee, I wish to submit my strong preference for the Model 1 design for the proposed changes to the Moonee Valley City Council boundaries. I am a resident of Airport West. This is a beautiful little suburb that retains a strong and proud feeling of neighbourhood and community. Given its working class roots and the fact that we share the neighbourhood with light industry on the Tullamarine Freeway edge, our suburb often feels disenfranchised in the struggle for resources compared to other parts of Moonee Valley. Under the Model 2 design, Airport West will potentially suffer greater negative impacts than any other suburb and I have serious concerns for our future. Model 2 subsumes Airport West into the proposed "Airport Ward". Our identity and needs as a residential suburb will have to compete with the commercial needs of Essendon Airport and the large number of big businesses and industries in the Essendon Fields precinct. None of the other rezoned suburbs will face such an enormous challenge. The Model 1 proposed "Roberts Ward" (perhaps better called the Steele or Steele Creek ward) rightly groups Airport West together with our southern neighbour Niddrie - a suburb with which we share history, characteristics and needs. I ask that you respect the integrity of our suburb and give us a chance to continue flourishing and growing by selecting Model 1.