

**Electoral structure review - Moonee Valley City Council - Response Submission**  
**Andrew James Gunter - Essendon West - 08 November 2023, 04:59 pm**

I write with some criticism of both Model 1 and Model 2 as proposed by the VEC. Together, they highlight why the Local Government Minister should have issued notices under the Local Government Act 2020 to allow the VEC to consider a model providing for 3 wards of 3 councillors each (as currently applies).

Both Model 1 and Model 2 unnecessarily cut across geographic communities of interest, to three times the degree that current ward boundaries do. Despite following suburb boundaries less, Model 2 is slightly less bad in its treatment of Moonee Valley's communities of interest.

It is a pity that the Local Government Minister's failure to issue the necessary notices.