

**Electoral structure review - Wodonga City Council - Response Submission  
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Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission.

I'm not convinced that a multi-ward system of councillor distribution necessarily provides a better system of representation than a a single ward.

As a voter, I'm only interested in voting for the candidates who are across all of the issues at hand and who can provide a balanced and considered view, taking all matters into their consideration and not to be parochial in their assessments.

The whole concept of a single ward is that you elect a skills based group who can challenge submissions that are put before them by Council Officers. Could you imagine a situation where a Council has its multi million dollar budget submitted, but no member on the Council has any financial acumen to process and interpret such a document, because the incumbent Councillors have to be elected from a particular ward, not on their skill sets?

The make up of Councillors, I believe should be based more on the way the "Corporates" are structured, where the necessary "skill bases" are collectively put together (elected) rather than being elected based on lines on a map.

At the end of the day, we want to be confident that we have Councillors who can do the job.

Thank you

Don Wilkinson