

**Electoral structure review - Corangamite Shire Council - Preliminary submission
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Corangamite is a diverse shire. Councillors are elected for individual wards, but as well as attempting to represent a view on local issues, they are also required to make complex, far-reaching and important decisions that affect the entire shire. I would like to have an opportunity to vote for the people who will be making those decisions. I would like to see ward divisions removed and have the opportunity for preferential voting for the shire as a whole.

On many (most) occasions there is only one nominee for a ward at a council election. Electors have no choice. There are councillors serving on council who have never been voted in; they have merely been the only candidate, and they can sit for years at the council table making decisions that affect the entire shire without ever having been elected.

Councillors are involved in strategic planning and decision-making about economic, social and environmental issues of serious consequence. We need a better voting system to represent our views.

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