

**Electoral structure review - Corangamite Shire Council - Response Submission  
Heather Walsh - Cobden - 10 April 2023, 02:03 pm**

I'm making another submission at this point as it seems we were listened to last time and I'd hope the same will happen again.

I fully support a version of Model 3. It best suits our shire, since amalgamation which we just had to put up with happened, I need to know that my community is represented and not reliant on someone hopefully caring if we were to be un subdivided. I have spoken to other locals in the neighbouring shire and they dont have anyone look out for them at the council table because most of their councillors come from the major town and not spread across the shire like Corangamite currently is.

There is nothing wrong with the current set up at Corangamite so I don't see a need to change anything.

Just because there might be uncontested elections from time to time, that's not the fault of those councillors, I see that as a sign that our community are more than happy with that person doing the job. We don't have politics play out here at Corangamite shire and changing the current system could somewhat encourage that if there are open elections.

Please listen to us, those that live and work in this shire, its diverse, its challenging, and we need the best representation as possible, and that's the single member ward system! The current councillors have voted on it and they agree also. As have our past councils.

Please leave us alone as we are, but with the minimal, but required changes according to the new legislation.

Thanks, Heather Walsh