

**Electoral structure review team - Hume City Council - Response Submission  
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To: The VICTORIAN ELECTORAL COMISSION Hume City Council structural review committee.

I trust this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed boundary change for the Hume City Council, specifically endorsing Option Three, as outlined in the recent statement released by the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC).

The Local Government Act 2020 mandates the adoption of a single-councillor ward structure for the council. I appreciate the diligent efforts of the VEC in considering crucial factors such as the appropriate number of councillors and wards, the location of ward boundaries, and the naming of each ward. These considerations are pivotal in ensuring effective and representative governance for the Hume City Council.

Option Three, as presented in the preliminary report, appears to align well with the legal requirements, population data, and, importantly, the sentiments of the community. I believe that this option offers a balanced and equitable distribution of representation, fostering a more inclusive and responsive local government.

I commend the VEC for their commitment to transparency and public engagement by inviting the community to voice their opinions on the proposed models. It is heartening to

see a collaborative approach that takes into account the diverse perspectives within the Hume City Council area.

As a resident and stakeholder in the Hume community, I strongly endorse Option Three and encourage the Hume City Council to consider its adoption. I believe that this option will contribute to the establishment of a governance structure that is not only in compliance with the law but also reflective of the unique needs and aspirations of our community members.

I trust that the panel, in its final recommendation to the Minister for Local Government, will carefully weigh the legal, demographic, and community input to make a decision that serves the best interests of the residents of Hume City.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to witnessing the positive impact of a well-considered and community-supported boundary change for the Hume City Council.

Sincerely,

Phillip DI BIase