

Ward boundary review - Murrindindi Shire Council - Response Submission
William Koster - Taggerty - 01 March 2024, 03:58 pm

To whom it may concern these new boundaries are ill conceived and even go against your own guidelines by going over the +/- 10% it also splits communities in half or even less.

It also doesn't take into consideration topographic and travel challenges throughout the shire.

My main concerns are the size of Koriella and Cathedral ward for a councillor to go from point to point within these wards could take well over 2 hours in the proposed models you have listed.

My other concern is the growth of towns like Buxton and Marysville inside the Cathedral ward both of these towns appear from the outside to be growing faster than all other towns in the Shire outside of Yea.

One more concern for the Cathedral ward is what chance is there of proper representation of the towns on the west side of the shire (Toolangi and Murrindindi) as I doubt someone from these towns would ever run for council as it would be too difficult for them to travel to the majority of their ward on a regular basis, this would also be reflected in the Koriella ward with people from Strath Creek. Please consider what is best for the councillors and constituents when making your final determination as every single person I have spoken to about this thinks these new boundaries are a horrible idea.

Thanks

Will Koster

Murrindindi Shire Council

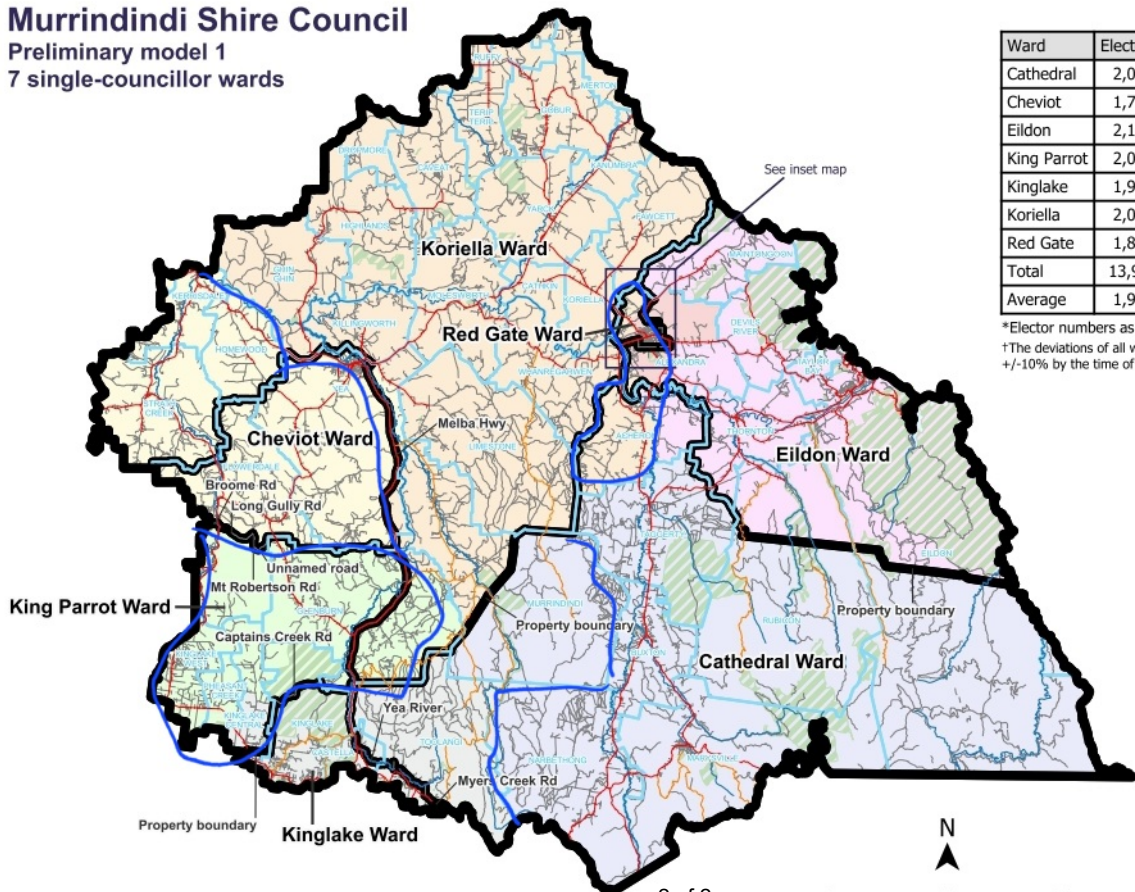
Preliminary model 1

7 single-councillor wards

Ward	Electors*	Deviation†	Area sq km
Cathedral	2,004	+0.85%	1,367.5
Cheviot	1,773	-10.78%	237.7
Eildon	2,183	+9.86%	566.5
King Parrot	2,056	+3.47%	256.2
Kinglake	1,983	-0.21%	74.5
Koriella	2,048	+3.06%	1,360.1
Red Gate	1,863	-6.25%	15.5
Total	13,910		3,878.0
Average	1,988		554.0

*Elector numbers as at 3 November 2023

†The deviations of all wards are projected to be within +/-10% by the time of the 2024 local government elections.



Legend

- Proposed boundaries
- Existing ward(s)**
 - Cathedral
 - Cheviot
 - Eildon
 - King Parrot
 - Kinglake
 - Koriella
 - Red Gate
- Map symbols**
 - Freeways
 - Main roads
 - Collector roads
 - Minor roads
 - Railways
 - Railway stations
 - Rivers & creeks
 - Lakes
 - Parks & reserves
 - Locality boundaries

