

**Electoral structure review - Surf Coast Shire Council - Preliminary Submission
Lorne Community Connect Inc - Lorne - 20 February 2023, 06:00 pm**

Written on behalf of Lorne Community Connect and organisation that brings members of the community together to be engaged in many community activities including Arts & Culture, Health & Wellbeing and Positive Ageing.

The Surf Coast Shire is a very diverse Shire with a number of very different Community Interest Groups. e.g Part of the Shire is High Density urban living (Torquay area), Rural areas (Winchelsea area), Coastal communities some with a very high permanent population (Jan Juc & Angelsea area) and other coastal area with medium permanent population (Aireys Inlet to Lorne which includes Moggs Creek, Eastern View & Fairhaven).

A single Ward structure has proven to be very Torquay centric and coastal and rural communities were disadvantaged. Since the introduction of a Ward system some 6/7 years ago there has been a rebalance of equity across the whole Surf Coast Shire.

A 9 ward with a 1 Councillor representation is the most appropriate structure for the Surf Coast Shire.

I have indicated the ward boundaries in my submitted map.

I am prepared to speak about our submission on behalf of Lorne Community Connect

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