## Electoral structure review - Surf Coast Shire Council - Preliminary Submission Gretel Lamont - Aireys Inlet - 21 February 2023, 10:09 am

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I live in Aireys Inlet in the Anglesea Ward. The community and needs of Aireys Inlet and other coastal towns, are very different to those of Torquay and very different to those of the hinterland communities such as Winchelsea. Torquay is suburban while the rest of the shire is rural and coastal.

## It is important that wards remain with some redistribution.

The ward structure serves us well and allows our voices to be heard. Abolishing the wards could mean poorer representation for our lower population areas.

But clearly changes are necessary as the population of Torquay in particular is increasing. One solution would be to have 4 wards each with 3 councillors

- 1. a coastal ward, including Lorne, Aireys Inlet and Anglesea
- 2. the hinterland
- 3. two Torquay wards

Thank you for the opportunity to make a contribution.

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