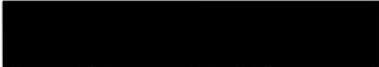




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Electoral Representation Advisory Panel
City of Port Phillip c/o Victorian Electoral Commission
Level 11, 530 Collins Street
Melbourne Vic 3000

5th August 2023

Dear Members of the Electoral Representation Advisory Panel

Re Local Council Electoral Structure Review – Port Phillip City Council

I am writing on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Port Melbourne Historical & Preservation Society regarding the three models that have been suggested as options for adopting a structure of nine single Councillors elected from nine separate wards instead of the current three wards with three Councillors in each.

Our committee supports the recommendation to return to single member wards because it reinforces the sense of responsibility that a Councillor has for their constituents. We think that Model 3 best reflects the importance of local communities and the acknowledgement of the sense of local identity which is valued by the citizens who live in Port Melbourne.

Traditionally Port Melbourne has been the area bounded by the beach, Pickles Street, Boundary Road and the Yarra River. We acknowledge that the requirement that each ward have roughly the same population would not allow for these original boundaries. Both Models 1 and 2 slice through the communities by using Graham Street to separate Port Melbourne/Gateway Ward from Kirrip Park Ward. Model 3 includes most of the traditional Port Melbourne. It does take out a small section of traditional Port Melbourne from Rouse Street, along the beach to Pickles Street and North-West to Graham Street and we wondered why this section should be part of Gasworks Ward when it is on the opposite side to Gasworks Park.

Thank you for inviting our comments.

Yours sincerely



Sue Leong
President
Port Melbourne Historical & Preservation Society