

**Electoral structure review - Whittlesea City Council - Response Submission  
Lawrie Cox - Epping - 14 November 2023, 01:01 pm**

Please see attached. I would like to attend the hearing without speaking if it goes ahead.

Submission to City of Whittlesea council review.

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My submission broadly supports Model one as the appropriate outcome.

The number of councillors at eleven is appropriate for the size and demands of the role.

Model one aligns most community of interest within the City of Whittlesea. The North Ward is a consistent model across the three proposals and gives the population required as a predominantly rural area. The inclusion of Donnybrook enables significant future population growth.

The area of Mernda would be better to include the area west of Sackville street across to the Darebin creek as the pocket is remote from the proposed Kirrip ward.

The areas proposed for Painted Hills, South Morang, Mill Park, Bundoora, Thomastown, Lalor and Epping are closely aligned to the areas locality and I support the proposal as published.

Ganbu Gulinj as proposed in model one is preferred over the other proposals as the extension too far south (Deveny or Kingsway) in models two and three loses the connection to a growth or developing housing area. The power line is an appropriate boundary to the Northern end and allows connection to Aurora and Rathdowne estates within the ward. Kirrip similarly takes the eastern side of High Street/Epping Road and both allow for the significant future growth in the area including the Wollert PSP to the north.

The model names are unlikely to cause little confusion in other than Ganbu Gulinj and Kirrip as they relate to new community centre names and I would propose that initial names should be Kirrip become Darebin and Ganbu Gulinj become Merri based on the creek names related to the ward area. I do support the changing of all ward names into the future to Aboriginal identified names but after consideration and community input rather than through this review.

I do not wish to speak to the panel in a verbal submission.