



## Local Council Electoral Structure Review: Horsham Rural City Council

Dear Electoral Representation Advisory Panel,

The **Ballaarat and District Branch of the Victorian Greens** writes to make a submission to the Electoral Representation Advisory Panel, addressing the models proposed by the Panel in its preliminary report.

In our view, it is important that councillors can represent a cohesive group of voters, and that the ward boundaries are along lines that make sense for community demographics.

We believe that **Model 1** has the most sensible and logical ward boundaries to enable representation of different groups of voters, including those in Horsham and those in rural areas. However, we believe that some wards should be renamed to better reflect the local area, and that the same should apply if **Model 2** is adopted.

We believe that **Model 3**, which is a 'radial' model (or what the Council itself has described as '7 slices of pizza') that has all wards meeting at a central point, fails to unite communities of interest and there is a real possibility that no rural resident would be elected via this model.

We thank you for the opportunity to make this submission and would welcome the opportunity to speak at the public hearing.