

**Electoral structure review - Corangamite Shire Council - Response Submission
Wendey Matheson - Cobden - 10 April 2023, 01:31 pm**

Thank you for accepting my previous submission. I am appreciative that the submissions from Corangamite shire residents and the council were listened to and a choice of models going forward included the preferred single member ward structure.

I stand by this model, Model 3, in some form with possible boundary tidying up from what has been proposed by the VEC. I live in the Cobden community, currently the South Central Ward, and the ward system is the best fit for our shire, as I previously submitted, it is critical that our 12 communities are represented by those that actually understand their needs and can relate to those residents that live there. I am still concerned knowing what has occurred in neighbouring shires, that we could end up with total misrepresentation, or literally none at all if model 1 is adopted.

There is a known risk that our more isolated communities will miss out on their voice at the council table, like other shires, as well as having lack of council representation at their community events, meetings etc.

We already have a great system that works here in Corangamite, its not broken, so please don't try and fix it!

Again I implore the panel to respect the feedback from both the residents and the council, that also have a preferred public position of a single member ward system for the Corangamite Shire.

Thank you very much, Mrs Wendey Matheson