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Use Model 3.

Make 7 wards so all the more remote areas have decent representation with a councillor each who knows the local area and issues.

Don't change the names of the wards. The local names we have are good and significant. We do not want to be so unsettled by also having new names for no good reason. We want the shire to be recognisable, and not feel like we have something bearing no relationship to the history of the land that has been imposed on us.

So keep Coliban, Holcombe, Cameron.

Add Daylesford and Hepburn Springs as per the map on model 3.

Have Creswick South and Creswick North (not Newlyn). Newlyn is tiny and not really representative of that whole area. Furthermore, keeping the name Creswick for everyone north of Creswick is a continuity. We have had two councillors for Creswick for years who have often represented different areas of the ward anyway. So Creswick North and Creswick South makes sense. Or else Creswick Creek and Creswick North.

Thank you