

Electoral structure review - Hume City Council - Response Submission
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Of the three proposals, I consider Model 3 to be the best.

The proposed Bannum Warrik ward in models 1 & 2 feels quite disjointed, combining Kalkallo with a separate part of eastern Craigieburn without much of a connection between them. The proposed Gaayip-Yagila ward of Model 3 is a better model for a ward containing Kalkallo, as it links it with the other new development areas in the north of the municipality along Donnybrook Road, while the portion of Craigieburn it includes is both closer geographically and better linked to the northern parts of the municipality, particularly once the Aitken Boulevard extension is completed. This ward design also means that as the population in the north grows, this ward would be easier to shrink in a future boundary adjustment to solely contain areas to the north of the municipality based around Donnybrook Road, providing for a better future separation between Craigieburn-based wards and Donnybrook Road-based wards.

Alternative names for the proposed Aitken East ward could be Hothlyn or Fairways, each of these taking a name from a road contained within that ward.

Similarly, the proposed Aitken West ward could be named either Waterview, after Waterview Boulevard, or Highlands Lake, after the lake in the approximate centre of the ward.

The proposed Yubup ward could be named Forest Red Gum ward, again after a road contained within the ward.