

**Electoral structure review - Casey City Council - Response Submission  
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# Electoral Structure Review

## **City of Casey's Response to the Preliminary Report**

This submission by the Council is responding to the Preliminary Report that was released on Wednesday 1 November 2023 for the City of Casey's Electoral Structure Review.

City of Casey welcomes the opportunity to provide a response submission to the Electoral Representation Advisory Panel (ERAP) regarding the City of Casey electoral structure review.

The City of Casey is one of the fastest growing Local Government Areas (LGAs) in Australia. Casey is also the third largest growing LGA in Victoria. It enjoys well established urban areas with significant heritage value and a green peri-urban growth front, and with an expected growth of 43% by 2041 in Clyde and Clyde North, it makes Casey a fast changing, vibrant and diverse city to live in.

## **Electoral Structure Models**

It is noted that three models were presented in the Preliminary Report by the ERAP for public consideration, as outlined below:

- Model 1: a subdivided electoral structure with a total of 11 councillors, with one Councillor per ward
  - Under this Model, the proposed “Coastal Ward” covers a significant geographic area, including Clyde, which is Casey’s largest growth area. This may impact the level of representation in the future.
- Model 2: a subdivided electoral structure with a total of 11 Councillors, with one Councillor per ward and different ward boundaries to Model 1; and
  - Whilst this model uses suburbs to define boundaries, some boundaries appear to cross over properties and therefore would not create effective ward boundaries.
  - Several of the wards are named after roads which is not in line with Council’s naming policy.
- Model 3: a subdivided electoral structure with a total of 12 Councillors, with one Councillor per ward.
  - Better facilitates the representation of the community and takes into account the future growth of the municipality;
  - It is expected that many of the boundaries would be familiar to residents; and
  - Several suburbs are kept together in the same ward.

Council supports Model 3 as outlined in the Preliminary Report but requests the ERAP to consider the alternative names for the proposed wards.

## **Ward Names**

The proposed ward names are ad-hoc and some do not adhere to accepted place naming practices. Council’s reserve naming policy encourages greater use of gender diverse and indigenous names.

Council proposes alternative names which are based on:

- Traditional owner naming,
- Public landmark naming relevant to the area; and

- Flora and fauna naming relevant to the area.

The proposed alternate names for Model 3 detailed in the table below is a mixture of natural features, Traditional Owner words and indigenous flora and fauna:

Proposed Name	Area	Reason
Kalora	Lyst/Ehills/NWN	Park in the area
Grevillea	NWN/Hark/NW/Ber	Flora indigenous to the area
Myuna	Dov/Eum/Hall/HPark	Well known landmark Myuna Farm in area
Casuarina	NW/NWS/Cran N	Flora indigenous to area
Akoonah	Ber/Beac	Well known reserve in the area
River Gum	Hpark/Lynb	Flora indigenous to the area
Kowan	NWS/CranN/Ber	Meaning Echidna fauna indigenous to the area
Bungarlook	Lynd/CranW/Cran	Meaning Stringybark Flora indigenous to area
Correa	CranN/Cran/CranE/ClydeN	Flora indigenous to the area
Dillwynia	Ber/ClydeN	Flora indigenous to the area
Booring	CranW/CranS/Cran/JV/BotR/DevM/Pdale/CC/BB/Warn	Meaning Bandicoot fauna indigenous to area
Pelican Point	CranE/ClydeN/Clyde/Toor	Coastal point within conservation reserve

Council appreciates your consideration of its submission to the Electoral Review of the City of Casey.

Regards

**City of Casey**