

**Electoral structure review - Mildura Rural City Council - Response Submission
Glenn Milne - Red Cliffs - 19 July 2023, 05:58 am**

It is my belief that this model is inappropriate for Mildura Rural City Council and we need to be considered as other rural councils with whom we share many similarities and remain undivided. As councillors we represent the entire municipality and this model of dividing the region will force 1 - 2 councillors to cover an area of thousands of square kilometers, with extensive travel obligations, whilst the other 5-7 represent a significantly smaller areas.

Out of all the models I support model 3 (even though the Murray Sunset Ward covers 21,487 square kilometers, being 97% of the Municipality, this is hardly fair on the elected Councillor or fair on the ratepayers, one person representing 97% of the area to try and represent their best interests.

It is important in terms of equity that every Councillor be required to cover an equal area and every citizen have a Councillor close to where they live.

The current unsubdivided municipality is more suitable as it spreads the workload across all Councillors and gives ratepayers more options in terms of representation.