

**Electoral structure review - Mornington Peninsula Shire Council - Response Submission
Sarah Race - Tootgarook - 15 November 2023, 04:44 pm**

Although the Mornington Peninsula has over 150,000 residents, because of the geography and the villages/townships, 11 Councillors doesn't quite fit.

I think 9 Councillors works better in splitting the regions into communities that work and play together!

For example, combining Rye, St Andrews Beach and Tootgarook provides a community of interests. Having more wards where Councillors are responsible for the Green Wedge, means more Councillors will be attune to those specific issues.

Where appropriate I think ward names should include the language of the Bunurong people - the traditional custodians of the Mornington Peninsula, and this should be done in consultation with the Bunurong Land Council.