

**Electoral structure review - Mildura Rural City Council - Response Submission
Cr Helen Healy - Mildura - 13 July 2023, 04:50 pm**

As outlined in a recent letter to Minister Horne, 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 councilors we represent the entire municipality and this model of dividing the region will force 1 - 2 councilors to cover an area of thousands of square kilometers, with extensive travel obligations, whilst the other 5-7 represent a significantly smaller areas.

That said if we are forced to go down this track, I prefer model 2 and suggest community input into the appropriate naming of the wards. Eg. Mildura Central Ward should not be named so as there is a shopping precinct known as Mildura Central in another ward (currently named City Gate) and will cause confusion.