

**Electoral structure review - Strathbogie Shire Council - Preliminary Submission**  
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I understand as part of the Local Government Act, we must look at the whether our ratepayers and residents are being represented as they should be so I believe that each geographic area of Strathbogie Shire Council should have a Councillor to represent them, so I have put forward the concept that there should be five single wards with a single Councillor in each ward.

I understand that each ward is different in size due to the population being limited to the villages and towns of the shire and also one our biggest employers are the farming community.

As a general observation we have 11,455 residents or ratepayers in the shire which covers an area of 3303 sq km which comes in to 3.5 persons per sq km.

When you look at the population of each town you can understand my logic

Nagambie 2200 and growing

Euroa 2991 and growing

Violet Town 860 and growing

Avenel 990 and growing

which cover an area of say 50 sq kms and you have approx 4400 people in an area of 3253 sq km with a population of 1.4 person per sq km

So I have arranged for the wards to represent both our urban community and rural(farming) community.

We must govern for all but we must also allow our residents an opportunity to be able to communicate with their local Councillor who lives and understands their area.

By the attach map, you see that I have broken each ward up so that they have a town or part of a town and farming land so that each Councillor is representing all parts of our community.