Electoral structure review - Campaspe Shire Council - Preliminary Submission Allan Weeks - Kyabram - 21 February 2023, 09:12 pm

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Electoral Representation Panel c/o Victorian Electoral Commission Level 11, 530 Collins street Melbourne Vic 3000,

Campaspe Shire Council currently has five wards and a total of nine Councillors,

The formation of Campaspe Shire Council HAS NOT delivered the promised benefits as Echuca has the administration centre the smallest area to manage and the largest number of voters and other tourism and commercial advantages

Consequently Echuca gets the most advantage from the budget expenditure to the disadvantage of all other small towns in the shire, I feel exercising our democratic rights as too which of the limited options will result in the least disadvantage throughout the shire is a very difficult decision,

My recommendation to the advisory panel is that the Campaspe Shire still retain nine Councillors to cater for the diverse local issues with in the shire with equal expenditure in each ward made up of three wards with THREE Councillors in each ward,

The wards be named, Northern Ward (Echuca) only,

Western Ward including Echuca West , Gunbower Torrumbarry, Lockington Rochester and Toolleen.

Eastern Ward encompassing Tongala Kyabram, Stanhope Corop, Colbinabbin and Rushworth Whroo areas.

I believe this division with a small amount of boundary changes would give an equal number of voters in each ward with three Councillors in each ward, I DO NOT support an undivided Shire as this would be a disaster for outlying areas from Echuca as it is too eccentric too Echuca with majority of staff living in Echuca who recommend expenditure in their town first.

Yours Sincerely

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