

**Electoral structure review - Surf Coast Shire Council - Preliminary Submission
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I write in support of an un-subdivided Surf Coast Shire.

I consider that 9 councillors are sufficient, with each elected by proportional representation from a pool across the whole Shire.

I consider that this provides ratepayers with a wider choice, and allows a better opportunity for voting for representatives who best represent what is important to that ratepayer. for example, protecting biodiversity, aged care services, child care, youth services, business interests, rural roads, equality and diversity, emergency management, local planning.

The Councillors should be elected based on their qualities, with the best interest for the whole Shire in mind, not just for a small section of the Shire.

I also consider that it provides ratepayers with more choice to seek advice or discuss matters than with just a subset of councillors in the area where they live.

It will be simpler to organise the election and on-going issues with having to adjust boundaries in a fast changing part of Victoria.