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Electoral Representation Advisory Panel

To the Chair:

IN FAVOUR OF MODEL 3

Progressing Cobden reiterates its view that the Shire of Corangamite should have seven wards and seven councillors – one per ward (Model 3).

Such a model means that ratepayers in all areas would have their 'go-to-person' to represent them within the council forum. The councillor would be totally responsible for his/her ward and accountable to all parts of the ward regardless of where he/she is based.

Model 3 would also ensure that representation on council does not become unbalanced which could easily happen in Model 1.

Electioneering in Model 1 would be difficult and costly, particularly in a shire where communication and broad media coverage is challenging.

Model 3 encourages each area to nominate and vote for the best person available.

Model 2 adds another councillor which adds cost and unnecessarily increases the size of the wards. Both could even reside in just one part of the ward which is not preferable.

We have experienced a Model 3 environment happily for some time now. We feel well-represented and we receive excellent reports. We do not hear from other parts of the current South Central ward that anyone is dissatisfied.

Regards

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