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Dear Sir/Madam

The 3 current models should never have been presented.

All three models have failed to comply with the VEC's own guidelines.

*The Act requires electoral structures to provide fair and equitable representation and facilitate good governance. Each ward must have an approximately equal number of voters per councillor (within +/-10% of the average).*

All three models have deviations varying from over plus 10% to over minus 10%.

Model 1 has five of the 11 wards at +/- 10%  
Model 2 has five of the 11 wards at +/- 10%  
Model 3 has four of the 11 wards at +/- 10%.

For example, Model 3 shows Moorooduc with a -8.18% deviation and Red Hill with a -8.17% deviation. Nepean on the other hand has a +38.29% deviation, a 30% difference. Similarly in Model 2 Tanti Creek has a -9.77% deviation with Nepean at +39.08%. Again a 30% difference. The models are totally inequitable.

The majority of the population and urban development of the Mornington Peninsula is along the coast of Port Phillip Bay. There are numerous well developed main roads on the eastern coast of the Peninsula that could easily form the boundaries of the new wards.

It is therefore my view that the proposed Electoral Structure Review should go back to the panel for a more equitable and fair distribution of voters within the Mornington Peninsula Shire.

There is an argument that the representative councillors could be reduced to 9 members. This would only marginally increase the electors within a ward from an average of 13,793 to approximately 16,900. Reducing the number of councillors would reduce costs to ratepayers not only in terms of the councillor allowances and expenses but also in administrative costs. Those freed-up costs could be appropriately spent on Shire maintenance and/or support to community such as Aged and Disability Support, Youth Services and Housing.

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