

**Electoral structure review - Casey City Council - Response Submission  
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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to support Option 2 because it fits with the suburbs and communities of Casey. It makes sense. Where possible, the ward names should help us identify our area and our representative. Of course I like Berwick Springs Ward. I am unsure about Quarters Ward and Springhill Ward. We will all ask "Where are they?" Why not name them after their suburbs? I am ok with Grices Ward because I know Grices Road, but maybe others will be confused by that. So basically, I am asking for boundaries and names to be as clear and sensible as possible so people will know their ward, and feel they have a representative who will speak for them. It is another element in making people have a sense of home and belonging, and ability to advocate for local issues.

I live in Berwick Springs, but I have also facilitated women's programs in Hampton Park, Cranbourne West, Lynbrook, Narre Warren South and Clyde North. Each area has its own demographics and interests. A councillor in the various wards of Option 2 can speak to the issues and represent people of a coherent group, better than bits and pieces that don't fit together. I think this would give the people better representation and allow decisions to be made to their advantage.

It is not good to split suburbs if it can be avoided. Options 1 and 3 seem to do this.

I look forward to a well thought out decision being made.

Regards,

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