

Electoral structure review - Merri-bek City Council - Response Submission
Jahangir Hosseini and family - Pascoe Vale - 07 November 2023, 12:08 pm

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Dear Panel,

I wish to make a submission concerning the Ward Boundaries of Merri-bek Council. I have lived in what is now Merri-bek Council for many years, and have been very active in its community affairs. I help the Iranian refugee community in particular, and know and have friendships with many Merri-bek residents and community leaders. My daughters attended the Pascoe vale Girls Secondary College, and they and I are familiar with the local community around the school.

I have lived in [REDACTED] Road Pascoe Vale for many many years. It is one of the level crossings of the Craigieburn Railway Line. It is regularly congested, with traffic banking back very long distances. As a result, people tend to avoid crossing the railway line if they can. This means that people on the east of the railway line have more in common than people on the west of it. Model 3 uses the Railway Line as the boundary between the Moonee Ponds Creek ward and Westbreen ward, which makes it, in my family's view, a better Model for us than Models 1 and 2.

We are happy with the names you have chosen for the Wards in Model 3 – Westbreen Ward, Thomson Ward, Moonee Ponds Creek Ward, Box Forest Ward, Bababi Djinanang Ward, Harmony Park Ward, Merri Creek Ward, Dunstan Ward, Bulleke-bek Ward, Randazzo Ward, and Warrk-Warrk Ward.

We also want to highlight our joy for the name 'Thomson ward' - Kelvin Thomson was an outstanding member of Parliament and provided so much support to our local community. It would be fantastic to recognise him in this way.

We are also happy with the number of Wards you have proposed – 11. We thank you for the work you have done to help our City.

Yours sincerely,

Jahangir Hosseini and family,
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