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Dear Members of VEC

The Breamlea Association has considered the Greater Geelong City Council electoral structure review. Breamlea has been part of a multi councillor (3) structure in the Bellarine Ward for a number of years.

We wish to remind the VEC that the Bellarine is classified by the government of Victoria as a Distinctive Area and Landscape (DAL). As such, all decisions about how the Bellarine is represented by local government councillors, needs to be based on ensuring the implementation of policies and practices must be anchored in the principles and intentions of the gazetted DAL.

Therefore, the Breamlea Association believes that for the DAL to operate as intended the region needs to have one ward only with 3 elected councillors.

If the VEC chooses to have only single councillor wards, then of the three options we support model number 1 (which still has problems) but brings together communities with common interests and shared geographical locations.

We would like to point out that in all the 3 models, Breamlea is mentioned as 'half of Breamlea'. We understand that this terminology by the VEC is likely to have been used to represent the village of Breamlea in population terms, the western end being part of the Breamlea Flora and Fauna Reserve where no houses exist. However, this language is very confusing, suggesting that the other 'half' of Breamlea has been placed in another ward, which is not the case. The local government boundary for the whole of the Greater Geelong City Council extends to the Thompsons Creek Estuary, as is also the case for the Bellarine Ward, as shown on the map on page 14 of the Preliminary Report.

We therefore suggest that our village be referred to simply as 'Breamlea' and that the boundary lines on the maps in each proposed model reflect those of the Greater Geelong City Council and the current Bellarine Ward.

Yours sincerely

Jennie Turner and Lawrence StLeger (on behalf of the Breamlea Association)

15<sup>th</sup> July 2023