

**Electoral structure review - Corangamite Shire Council - Preliminary Submission
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I am writing as a Corangamite Shire Ratepayer for more than 50 years. My husband's family has farmed at Lismore for more than 100 years. I am strongly in favour of remaining and functioning as a SUBDIVIDED Shire and at present split into 5 wards. We Live in the North Ward. It is a large Shire. Our elected Councillor lives within our ward & is familiar with our type of farming and the stress on our roads/people/businesses. Our broad acre cropping/farming production is quite the opposite to the "tourism trail" on the Great Ocean Road. Competing to attract interest & Shire Funding will be almost impossible?? Difficult to expect a councillor to travel 400 km to inspect a pothole or leaking pipe!! Roads will become NEGLECTED – hence conditions of roads will become dangerous – more accidents! Our rural rates may be spent in another part of the Shire and we will have to lobby to get attention. (Don't forget that we grow food to feed you all.) At the moment our Councillor is familiar with the areas requiring attention as he is driving within the ward weekly on personal trips. Leave us alone! Our connection and networking hence our COMMUNITY is already in place!! We do not need a single undivided municipality where councillors represent the whole community at large. We are not Broke so why waste money to fix??

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