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To: Electoral Representation Advisory Panel on Yarra
c/o Victorian Electoral Commission
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Re: Yarra City Council electoral structure review

I have read the document provided and note that the change to single member wards is mandated in the Electoral Act. Nonetheless, I remain of the view that multi member wards are more responsive to the needs and aspirations of a greater number of residents.

In relation to the potential names of the wards as set out in the review, I have some concern that the part of Fitzroy North where I live will now be part of a ward named Carlton North. The fact that both Fitzroy North and Carlton North are current existing suburbs with long histories ensures that there will be some significant confusion among residents.

Perhaps a name which is not so directly associated with an existing suburb may be more appropriate. One suggestion is to call the new ward Curtain Ward. There is a Curtain Square in Carlton North and a Curtain Place just off York Street in Fitzroy North.

Yours sincerely

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