

**Electoral structure review - Moorabool Shire Council - Response Submission**  
**Bel Kanti - Gordon - 29 March 2023, 12:58 pm**

After reading through the report and considering both models carefully, I am in favour of model 2 (with the 3 wards). Whilst I appreciate the administration benefits of an unsubdivided shire, I really feel that the concerns of us that live in smaller towns or on rural or rural lifestyle properties will be outnumbered by those that live or work in the urban areas of Moorabool shire. As it is, a lionshare of the resources seems to favour the urban areas of the shire and this imbalance will continue to occur if an unsubdivided model is adopted.

Further while minority candidates may be able to arise from an unsubdivided shire, it is unlikely that 3 candidates from the area covering the Bungal ward are likely to arise in any one election. The biggest benefit for a ward structure with even representation is that it provides a meaningful voting block within council for issues that affect a geographical area.