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G'day,

I am somewhat concerned at the proposal to remove the ward structure for council elections at Corangamite Shire.

This will lead to small towns, like Skipton, to be even more isolated than they are now. We currently sit in a rather large Ward compared to others in the Shire and we are placed at the extreme edge of the Shire's northern boundary, a very long way from the 'seat of power'. It could be argued that Skipton would be better off as part of Pyrenees Shire, we'd still be at the edge, but only 20 minutes away from the centre - less than half the distance !

The removal of wards will promote political activity with the creation of factions and splinter groups holding the balance, like a faceless mini-senate.

As a voter I feel I would be much better served having my 'own' councillor to appeal to, who knows my area, and is likely aware of problems here.

thank you,

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