

**Electoral structure review - Surf Coast Shire Council - Preliminary Submission
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Would like to submit that SurfCoast Shire commit to being a one ward shire as having a majority of councillors elected by a majority of voters across the entire shire means that there is a much greater likelihood of a quality candidate being elected on issues raised that effect the whole shire rather than being considered just because of where the candidate lives.

Voters have a larger pool of candidates from which to choose to voice their concerns.

As the population of the shire continues to increase it could mean that ward boundaries would need to change more often leading to confusion amongst voters.

Geographically diverse communities of interest are more likely to be able to raise their concerns, for example, about the environment, business, rates or road maintenance.

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