

**Electoral structure review - Mount Alexander Shire Council - Response Submission
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I prefer Model 3, as I think it provides the best opportunity for elected Councillors to be fully committed to their ward. In model 3, the 4 rural wards are retained as they are currently, which I think is good, as each of the 4 rural wards have a different context to the others.

I think that the 4 wards for Castlemaine in Model 3 is a more equitable split with respect to population numbers than Model 2. Also, in Model 2 , the Castlemaine West ward includes quite a bit more rural area than the Castlemaine East ward. In contrast, in Model 3 there is less rural land included in the 4 Castlemaine wards.