

**Electoral structure review - Yarriambiack Shire Council - Preliminary Submission**  
**Jo Bourke - Rupanyup - 30 January 2023, 11:44 am**

Whilst I appreciate the benefits of an unsubdivided Council ie Council working for the benefit of the whole, I believe that the diversity of the Yarriambiack Shire Council requires the consideration of wards.

The different communities of interest (large regional centre of Warracknabeal and the range of smaller communities and diverse rural areas), the geographic diversity of the area, ranging from Mallee to Wimmera (eg different agricultural practices, a range of regional service centres ie Horsham, Swan Hill, etc) requires a range of different responses from Council. For example there are different health services, community services and government department regions (eg education, health, roads, regional development, etc). Yarriambiack is wholly within the Federal Electorate of Mallee, but divided by both the upper and lower house of the Victorian Parliament. These responses do need to be reflected in the membership of Council. We need to ensure that the Council representatives reflect this diversity.