

Electoral structure review - Corangamite Shire Council - Response Submission
Chris Lang - Lismore - 11 April 2023, 09:56 pm

I note that many respondents in their original submissions wished to have the electoral boundaries unchanged. I find it odd that the popular request from those who have lived with the situation for many years and like it is not considered as an option.

Those that wanted a change were in favour of model 1 for a range of reasons, many of which I consider not logical or realistic.

I saw none in favour of model 2 or Model 3. I predict a massive pushback if either of these were introduced.

The addition in Model 3 of Bookaar, Glenormiston and Kolora to the North Ward may make the relative numbers balance.

However these localities generally deal with Terang and their climate, farm sizes and enterprises, centre of shopping, schools, medical. It is intensive dairying and beef cattle country.

It is different to the rest of the Northern Ward which deal with Camperdown and is broad acre cropping and sheep country with scattered independent small towns of Lismore, Derrinallum, Darlington.

The 2 areas have never interacted in the past and it is unwise to ask a councillor to represent both economies.

Thanks for your time.

Chris.