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To the Victorian Electoral Commission in relation to the Northern Grampians Shire Council Review

I have read a report in North Central News that tells me that the Northern Grampians Shire Council wants to remove all ward boundaries at the next Council elections and create just one electorate for the whole shire.

This would seriously disadvantage voters in the Kara Kara Ward of the Shire because we live in totally separate communities. Our population is half of theirs so preferences would be slanted in their favour, and it would be much more difficult for a St. Arnaud candidate to achieve the required quota of votes and get themselves elected. In fact, there is no guarantee that anyone from our side of the Shire would be elected at all.

You have offered an alternative to this, which is a shire with three separate wards including a separate ward for our district and this is the option I choose.

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