

Electoral structure review - Hepburn Shire Council - Response Submission
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I wish to express my disappointment with the options provided by the VEC. The 4 x 2 councilor wards was not an option offered by any of the community submissions. There was support of 3 x 3 wards.

A significant issue with the 4 x 2 option is that it will potentially lead to tied votes - with the mayor being given an unreasonable level of power.

In terms of the options provided I would be totally opposed to an undivided ward scenario - as it would encourage/strengthen the influence of political parties and disadvantage residents in less populated parts of the shire.

This leaves 7 x 1 councilor ward as the only effective option - of those offered.

That said - I would encourage a re-examination of the 3 x 3 option.