

**Electoral structure review - Greater Geelong City Council - Response Submission  
Robert MacLeod - CLIFTON SPRINGS - 23 July 2023, 10:16 pm**

The amalgamation of the local councils when made was distressing to many residents - now we are told we need to revert to a one councillor representative - rather than several councillors working together for a wider stretch and to highlight issues. The Bellarine has already suffered with a non-existent public transport system - no inner-route options and no plan for the future, not even being mentioned in future transport concerns. Being so large and widespread, the City of Greater Geelong should be able to have multi councillor wards - having just one representative covering large areas of the region will surely create issues with less governance and more political interference and would have local areas fighting against local areas rather than working together.

Although none of the presented options are ideal the best option would be option 2 which at the very least keeps the townships of Drysdale/Clifton Springs and Curlewis together - well almost- it also alienates some of the major infrastructure already created to be in different ward boundaries. Some of the other grouping simply just does not make sense and will only create division in a community that values community and connectedness.

As far as renaming the ward - call it anything you like - please understand that it is not the name that will make the ward - is it the residents- and splitting boundaries as shown in the models is sure to create a disjointed community - Please reconsider and make the right decisions - this area is where we live and we live here to experience a sense of belonging and a sense of community!