

Electoral structure review - Hume City Council - Response Submission
Sahar Ageed - Roxburgh Park - 21 November 2023, 12:14 am

I am submitting a response to the panel regarding the preliminary report. I believe that Model 2 is the most suitable option as it includes an appropriate number of councillors and wards, well-defined ward boundaries, and the ward names are appropriate. I recommend that the Banum Warrik, Calder, Gaayip-Yagila, Marlynston Creek, Mount Holden, Roxburgh Park, and Tullamarine ward names remain the same as outlined in Model 1. The Aitken North and Aitken South ward names are new and have been derived from the existing Aitken ward name. Additionally, the Broadmeadows Valley and Woodlands ward names are new and have been named after the registered names of the parks located within each ward.

Tuesday, 21 November 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my views on the Hume City Council electoral structure review. As a resident of Roxburgh Park since 2006, I take immense pride in being a contributing member of the local community. I believe that it is essential to ensure fair representation for all residents in the Local Government Act 2020 electoral process.

I wholeheartedly support the creation of additional wards to ensure that each councillor represents a similar number of residents. This will ensure that each vote carries equal weight and that the interests and concerns of all residents receive adequate representation.

Furthermore, I suggest that our local council consider implementing Model Two with its proposed electoral and divisional proportion. This system would be suitable for our community and would allow for better representation, ensuring that all voices are heard.

In addition, I strongly recommend that the local council consider introducing a preferential voting system such as ranked-choice voting. This will enable voters to express their valid preferences, ensuring that the winning candidate has the majority of voters' support.

I am confident that these changes would significantly enhance the fairness and effectiveness of the electoral process and help strengthen our local democracy. Thank you for considering my suggestions.

Best regards,

Sahar Ageed