

**Electoral structure review - Casey City Council - Response Submission
Stephen Matulec - Narre Warren - 21 November 2023, 04:37 pm**

Dear VEC,

I have been a local Casey resident for my entire life and have been actively engaged in elections and politics, especially at a local grassroots level in the City of Casey.

I believe representation is extremely important, and since Casey has grown to such a large population, there is too many people for 11 councillors to represent them. Some of the proposed wards in proposed model 1 and 2 have almost 25,000 electors per councillor, which is more than half the electors of a state district in state elections. I believe this is too many people per councillor and there are many other neighbouring councils who have half the population Casey does. This means each councillor in other metropolitan councils may only have 10,000 electors which is a huge difference in representation.

I do believe that the City of Casey needs to be split into two seperate councils ideally so that the council population will be more in line with other councils. Although this may not be possible anytime soon, I think the best solution is to adopt proposed model 3 which will give the council 12 councillors. This will give ratepayers in the City of Casey better representation and I highly encourage you to adopt proposed model 3.