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I respectfully submit that the Mount Alexander shire should revert to a single electorate with seven councillors elected by proportional voting for the following reasons:

- allows a diversity of representation, better reflecting the diversity of the whole electorate,
  - guarantees "one vote one value",
  - removes the need to adjust ward boundaries with population changes,
  - allows councillors to take a whole of shire approach to decision making,
  - promotes councillors needing to be across all issues affecting the shire rather than issues affecting their ward,
  - gives voters a larger pool of candidates to choose from rather than a small number in single seat wards,
  - stops any voter confusion over what ward they must vote in.
- stops the current disparities intrinsic in the two systems methods now in use.

I encourage you to make this recommendation,

yours etc,

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