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The key elements of the success of the current structure of the Corangamite shire are the AVAILABILITY of access for non-town residents to a councillor they know and their STRONG SUPPORT for the Agricultural sector on which the Shire relies. These two elements of the existing structure must not be lost.

Ultimately it is imperative that when Councillors sit around the Council table to decide on a proposal ,there is knowledgeable representation and understanding of all issues ,both rural and town. Strong respect is formed which leads to a Council that is able to make right decisions and resolve issues.

Access by ratepayers to a local councillor is of immense importance. Corangamite Shire is large area and without wards would discriminate between rural and town residents.

The area of South West Victoria covered by Corangamite Shire contains a significant percentage of the highest producing Agricultural land in Australia.The Shire's attention to the detail of the infrastructure that sustains this diverse level of production , is of great importance to both town and rural landowners.It is extremely important for our Shire to have a structure that enables Councillors ,Staff and rural and town residents to work together through their local representative to maintain the growth into the future.

I support the structure as outlined in the Corangamite Shire submission.

My background has included... Councillor of the Hamden Shire (predecessor)of the Corangamite Shire.

Commissioner of the Colac Otway Shire during amalgamation.

Yours faithfully,

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