

**Electoral structure review - Greater Shepparton City Council - Response Submission
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My understanding is that there must be wards with the same number of candidates.

For Councils with 7 councilors, they have no choice but to have 7 x 1 councilor wards.

However, as Shepparton has 9 councilors, I believe we can have 3 x 3 or 9 x 1. Was the 3 x 3 model considered. I see this option having greater benefit than 9 x 1 wards as:

- it will be easier to get candidates that actually live in each of the 3 wards
- there will be 3 "parochial" wards rather than 9 "parochial" wards
- less opportunity for bullying or intimidation of councilors
- better geographical representation - the 9 ward models split Mooroopna into 2 which makes no sense