

**Electoral structure review - Greater Geelong City Council - Response Submission  
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All of these models are simply not going to meet the needs of every single person. However there are a few key flaws that I feel need to be adjusted in the south side.

I would like to see COGG go to 12 councilors, we are a massive town with massive growth predicted which is model three, however the issue with model three is that there are very poor boundaries in the south. The Mount Duneed/ Armstrong creek area will simply continue to have mass relocation with families moving here every single week. The numbers you have reflect the people who lived here in March, these numbers rise every single week. What is the plan for this ward in ten years when the numbers will rise by at least another 10,000 people? Will we need another division process in the future?

Model one also divides Waurin Ponds in the middle, and we are going to have some great amounts of social housing coming that area in the near future.

Those who would be placed under the Sparrowvale ward under model three simply would have much different needs in each boundary end Barwon Heads and Charlemont. Which leads me to like the division of these two very different socioeconomic areas as shown in model one. With model two similar issues as highlighted above exist, we are now grouping a huge chunk of the south with many different people into the same ward there (Connewarre). I do quite like how Ocean Grove and Barwon heads have their own ward here (in model 2).

The big issue I have is all of these models divide south side growth communities. I know it is simply not possible to have all together, but keeping Charlemont and Armstrong creek together in a ward boundary is a good idea (model 1 and 3). Ultimately, Geelong will keep on growing and our ward numbers (and the amount of people) may then become unbalanced, and we are at the max with the 10% leeway we hold will we then need 'regular' reviews of structures and who goes where?