

**Electoral structure review - Surf Coast Shire Council - Preliminary Submission  
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Dear Madam/Sir,

We have owned a property in Anglesea for many years and I now live in the township.

I write to strongly oppose any changes that could potentially deprive Anglesea of its own local councillor. Such a change would have extremely negative consequences for our community.

Anglesea is a diverse and unique community in a relatively pristine environment. Our community has (to date) largely escaped the out-of-control suburbanisation that has destroyed the character of large parts of the Surf Coast, and the adjacent Bellarine peninsula.

Already the Surf Coast Shire Council is heavily Torquay centric. Torquay has been badly damaged by rampant inappropriate development and has now effectively been absorbed into a conurbation with Greater Geelong, which itself is close to being swallowed by the massive Greater Melbourne conurbation.

A good example of the Torquay centric nature of the Surf Coast Shire Council is the perennial debate about "a pool for Torquay" which would cost Anglesea ratepayers dearly, while receiving minimal use by Anglesea residents and ratepayers. The same can be said for many of the other smaller communities in the Surf Coast Shire that are, mercifully, a fair distance from Torquay.

Please strengthen rather than undermine the voice for unique communities such as Anglesea and its neighbour Aireys Inlet.

If the review panel has any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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