

**Ward boundary review - Bass Coast Shire Council - Response Submission**  
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Good day the Victorian Electoral Commission.

Submission to the review of all Ward boundaries in the Bass Coast Shire.

Details provided to the public informs the VEC must set Ward Councillor voting numbers to be in the range of +/- 10%. State Government legislation.

The 2022 population number reported is 41,798. A 3.8% growth has occurred during the period 2016-2022 over 6 years.

The VEC reports 41,245 voters which equates to 4,583 voters per councillor.

Map 1 tabulation for the Island Ward shows the number of voters at 15,839 which is + 15.21% being above the legislated +/- 10% rule.

Currently the Bass Coast Shire has 9 councillors and it's recommended to retain the 9 councillors.

Taking into consideration an expanding population that includes an increase in voters I will use 4,645 voter per councillor. Keeping in mind the rule +/- 10%.

When a shire has an ongoing increase in its population year by year it's important to make such allowance.

The VEC has a duty to review all Ward boundaries prior to a coming election which can be every 4 years.

ie. 2024, 2028, 2032.

Using the 4,645 voters per councillor.

I would suggest:-

Island Ward to have 4 councillors equaling 18,616 or range

+10% = 20,478

-10% = 16,754.

This Ward to comprise the whole of Phillip Island plus San Remo.

The cut off boundary to be the Punchbowl Road.

San Remo might increase in its population if the State Government gives council the go ahead to expand the San Remo Town boundary. However the expansion in development might occur in 3 to 4 years.

Westernport Ward in area most likely will become smaller.

Westernport Ward to have 3 councillors equaling 13,935 or range

+10% = 15,328

-10% = 12,541.

This Ward is the central ward.

Determining the boundary connecting the Bungurong Ward must be determined to meet the +/- 10% voting number for 3 councillors. Further research mapping would be required to determine a boundary.

The township of Grantville is expanding so to in a small area the township of Bass.

Bungurong Ward to have 2 councillors equaling 9,290 or range

+10% = 10,219

-10% = 8,361.

In 4 years time the population of the Bungurong Ward might increase above the 3.8% due to the Wonthaggi North East Precinct residential development. The precinct might develop in the next 3 to 4 years.

I therefore request 3 Wards, 9 Councillors broken into, Island Ward 4 Councillors, Westernport Ward 3 Councillors and Bungurong Ward 2 Councillors for the coming October 2024 election.

The 3 Ward boundary works very well currently.

I live in the Westernport Ward and have had a number of meetings with councillors.

Determining roads to act as boundaries is very difficult. Mapping, locations of voters and more accurate voter numbers must be further developed by the VEC and Council.

That said a 4, 3, 2 councillor number system is most favourable to myself.

Please consider the submission.

Regards

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