Electoral structure review - Wodonga City Council - Response Submission Karen Turner - Baranduda - 11 July 2023, 01:20 pm

My preference is Model 2, however, I note that the 2015 review recommended that Wodonga remain as a single ward council. This makes more sense to me as I do not see the benefit of dividing the council area into wards. The preliminary report does not detail pros and cons of a ward structure.

Questions:

Will councillors be required to live or work in the ward that they represent?

If the answer to the previous questions is yes, what happens if there are no nominations from a particular ward?

Will the ward structure have any impact on how funding is allocated? For example, will the same amount of funding have to be spent in each ward regardless of where the greatest need is? Will the ward structure have any impact on staffing within the council? For example, will a ward structure increase administrative tasks? Will more people need to be employed?