

**Electoral structure review - Ballarat City Council - Response Submission
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My strong preference would be to retain the current 3 wards each with 3 councillors. Given the rapidly growing population of Ballarat 11 single member wards would be better able to represent the ratepayers and residents. Of the 3 models I prefer model 1 as the boundaries along railway lines & major roads are clear. Obviously the wards covering growth areas such as Miners Rest, Lucas etc do need to be under the average to allow for the population of the future.