

Electoral structure review - Casey City Council - Response Submission
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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my strong support for Option 2, which I believe best represents communities of interest. As mentioned in the VEC report, this option has made efforts to keep suburbs of Casey together as much as possible.

Option 2 divides the older part of Berwick and the demographically similar semi-rural areas to the north into their own ward. Similarly, the newer southern part of Berwick (Berwick South) has its own ward. Churchill Ward, Maramba Ward, and River Gum Ward represent areas with similar demographics. The majority of Clyde North is united in one ward. The western part of the municipality is well represented in Quarters Ward, with Lyndhurst, Lynbrook, and Cranbourne West included. The only necessary improvement to Option 2 is to have all of Lynbrook and Cranbourne West in Quarters Ward and less of Cranbourne North.

On the other hand, Option 1 and Option 3 do not reflect communities of interest and divide suburbs in questionable methods.

Option 1 divides Berwick into three different wards, without a logical north-south or old-new Berwick division. Waratah Ward connects Doveton with the unrelated central Narre Warren area. Grasmere Ward includes parts of Harkaway and Narre Warren South, which are distinct areas. Merinda Ward encompasses four different suburbs.

Option 3 also divides Berwick in three ways and fails to include all of Clyde North in one ward, separating demographically similar suburbs like Lynbrook and Lyndhurst. It also splits coastal communities into two wards.

Furthermore, I have some suggestions for different ward names that are either based on suburbs or have indigenous names, as these names are generally easier to understand and locate. Neighboring Greater Dandenong has successfully used ward names based on suburbs or known neighborhoods. If suburb names cannot be used, I recommend prioritizing the use of indigenous names.

Grices Ward could be renamed Berwick South Ward, Springhill Ward could be renamed Cranbourne Ward, Quarters Ward could be renamed Lyndhurst Ward (as it is the central suburb in the ward), Berwick Springs - Narre Warren South Ward could be used to avoid confusion with the suburb of Berwick, and Pelican Point Ward could be renamed Bunerong Ward.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Sincerely,
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