Electoral structure review - Stonnington City Council - Response Submission Dr Reuben Kirkham - South Yarra - 23 July 2023, 12:32 pm

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I write concerning the matter of ward boundaries.

Unfortunately these models discriminate against people in the main high rise area of South Yarra, namely Forrest Hill, by giving us lesser representation to begin with (especially in terms of Darling or Como Ward). Furthermore, as we are the main area with high rises, our population will grow faster, necessitating the continued narrowing of the boundary (which will take place in arrears).

The boundaries should be redrawn so that the main Forrest Hill Precinct (i.e. the region bounded by Yarra St, Toorak Road and Chapel Street) is its own ward, with some properties to the east of it included, and this begins with a lower number of continuants, to account for the natural growth. The same point applies to other high density areas.

It is unclear why this serious error - despite the risk in the report - has been made in all the proposed models. I therefore ask for new models to be issued, pursuant to the Equal Opportunity Act (Vic) (2010), as this discriminates against the primarily younger people (with particular occupations) who own apartments and/or live in Forrest Hill.

Best wishes,

Dr Reuben Kirkham