

Derek Reid

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Welshman's Reef, Victoria, 3462

2023-24 Council Structure Reviews
Preliminary Report Submission – Mount Alexander Shire Council

I would like to support the electoral structure Model 2 in the preliminary report as my first (1) preferred option, with Model 3 as my second (2) preferred option, and would be happy with the suggested ward names in either of these two suggested models.

With Model 1 as described in the preliminary report with either seven (7) or eight (8) councillors, I would be totally against, even using the proportional representation system of voting for a number of reasons. Firstly, using the initial fact sheet for the Mount Alexander Shire issued at the start of the review in connection with the current electoral structure and number of voters per ward it would be inequitable to have an un-subdivided structure. This is due to the fact, even with the proportional representation system of voting, that if a candidate from the former Tarrangower Ward stood in the un-subdivided model consisting of eight (8) councillors they would need 112% of votes from their current Tarrangower Ward, or for seven (7) councillors they would need 119% of the current Tarrangower Ward (based on my calculations in regards to the operation of the proportional representation system of voting). This would appear to make it inequitable for any prospective councillor wishing to stand to represent a number of the outlying wards if Mount Alexander Shire was represented in an un-subdivided structure, except for those standing from the former Castlemaine Ward where they would only need about 40% of the votes from the former ward.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the preliminary report as issued in regards to the electoral structure review into the Mount Alexander Shire.

Derek Reid