



Ordinary Council Meeting 15/12/20

Item 12.1 refers

Attachment 1

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Creating opportunities



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Sub No.	Summary Name / Address	Submission Content	Associated Option No.
1	Resident, Ascot	I believe there should be a 'North' Ward created to facilitate resident representation in line with the Golden Gateway proposal. The area would be bound by Garret Road Bridge to the west and south, Great Eastern Highway to the east and the Tonkin Highway to the north. These are 'physical' boundaries. My proposal envisages an additional Councillor being appointed, preferable from a member of Ascot Waters community. There is a great deal of future activity proposed for this area. My proposal encompasses Ascot Racecourse and the stables. Currently this area falls within the East Ward which contains a great deal of Redcliffe and the Airport.	Option 2
2	Resident, Ascot	My husband Colin Oliver of same address and details, and i both prefer not to alter the Boundaries. We pick Option 1 please.	Option 1
3	Resident, Ascot	I wish to select option 1. Keep wards as they are	Option 1
4	Resident, Ascot	Option 1 no changes to wards	Option 1
5	Resident, Cloverdale	Abolish the wards and have no wards. I believe the advantages of this for the community outweigh the negatives. Allowing all electors to vote for all councillors allows us to vote the most suited people into the councillors role rather than being limited to our ward i.e. there are four well suited candidates in the East ward and only two well suited candidates in the South Ward. As a council we are not allowing the most suited candidates to be voted in using the ward segregation voting system. Councillors will be able to voice their opinion on the whole council and work together on improving all suburbs rather than just focusing on their own ward. This should allow economies of scale and the area to improve as a whole rather than pockets. The alignment and accountability across the council would improve. There would not be over or under represented wards and resources can be allocated accordingly. The role and expectations of the councillors would be to improve the council as a whole for all people and businesses and not just their own area or their own interests. Reduce the number of councillors to seven for the whole council which would still allow the number of electors to councillors to be below the state average. This would decrease wages costs and make councillors more efficient and accountable for their time and work.	
6	Resident, Rivervale	Make no changes to Ward boundaries or number of Councilors. Expected population growth should favour existing structure.	Option 1
7	Resident, Rivervale	Suggested West ward changes: 1) Extend eastern boundary up to corner Belgravia and Great Eastern Highway - some common geographical features and hence planning and service needs 2) Increase representation by additional one more councilor due to higher population density compared to other wards	Option 3
8	Resident, Belmont	I like the third wards proposition not wards! Is more democratic one as resident can choice their candidates on their merit not for regional residence. Counselors can promote himself in many way not only door knocking or with pamphlet. Only a minority of informed residence are are voting and keep informed of the council activity! The disadvantages suggested are mostly not valid as the same thing can be said on divided wards. Because for some reason that the council should explore even with a large household consultation asking why resident are disengage! I suggest that councilor ratio will keep lower possible at least till resident will show more participation in the city affair. Sincere regards	Option 8

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9	Resident, Ascot	I would have preferred that the Discussion Paper could have relied on updated data than September 2019 data. I believe that Ascot Waters within the West Ward would have had an elector population increase following the opening of the Craig Care Aged Care Facility and the Marina East Development. ' However, my preferred option would be Example 1 - being no change. I believe 3 councillors serving the West Ward is working well with Ascot Waters forming part of the West Ward. I believe that moving Ascot Waters to the East Ward would be problematic with powerful groups such as the Turf Club and the Perth Airport lobbying for the councillors in the East Ward's undivided attention at the expense of the residents living in Ascot Waters.	Option 1
10	Resident, Belmont	Please eradicate the boundaries. The city is no longer easily divided into wards. We need to act as one and in an area that is City of Belmont, this is functional. There are already no restrictions on what ward you have to live in to run for so what is the benefit in separating them?	Option 8
11	Resident, Cloverdale	My submission supports the removal of wards from the current system of three wards used in the City of Belmont. The current system arbitrarily divides the community into three sections that serves no purpose or community interest. Councillors should be elected to represent all ratepayers and residents across the entire City. Councillors vote and make decisions on this basis at the present time. The system of wards results in elected members not being representative of the community as electors can only select candidates within the ward they happen to reside. For any matter requiring consideration by Council, six out of nine Councillors who electors had no opportunity to nominate during local government elections end up making decisions in that ward. These decisions can have lasting impacts to the liveability, amenity, value, and desirability of an area. The removal of wards makes it easier for electors to understand how Council operates, without the confusion posed by wards. The clumsiness of the current ward system is the most frequent item raised amongst electors new to local government elections. This degrades from the main issue, being the discussion of policy that will help to progress the City forward, benefitting ratepayers and residents alike. Council operates effectively with the current number of Councillors, being nine elected members of the community. There would not be considerable benefit provided by increasing nor decreasing this number. Increasing the number of Councillors beyond nine would impose unnecessary financial burden upon ratepayers without necessarily increasing the diversity of voices elected to Council. Likewise, decreasing the number of Councillors could result in the risk of representation concentrating across a narrow portion of the community. Nine elected members forms a balance between adequate community representation, the cost of administration, governance, and the ability to scrutinise the performance of Councillors more easily.	Option 8

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12	Resident, Ascot	<p>2. I DO NOT support any ward boundary changes.</p> <p>3. I DO NOT support abolishing the ward structure for all the disadvantages listed on page 12 of the discussion paper. Like State and Federal Governments, Local Government Councillors should canvass the views of their local constituents given each ward has significantly different agendas, considering both commercial and residential opinions in decision making.</p> <p>4. I SUPPORT increasing the number of Councillors in the West Ward to achieve a balanced representation, considered to be a percentage ratio deviation within plus or minus 10%.</p> <p>5. I SUPPORT decreasing the number of Councillors in the East Ward to achieve a balanced representation, considered to be a percentage ratio deviation within plus or minus 10%.</p> <p>6. I SUPPORT no change to the current ward structure, notwithstanding an increase in the number of West Ward councillors up to the prescribed ratio.</p>	Option 4
13	BRRAG Committee	<p>EXTRACT of Letter 'Review of Ward Representation Submission'</p> <p><u>Councillor Elector Ratio</u> Based on the discussion paper presented by the City of Belmont for comment, the numbers of councillors per elector, in all three wards is significantly more than the average across the state. The total elector councillor ratio of Belmont is quoted as being 2751. On page two of the report it states the average across the metropolitan area is approximately 4,095 electors per Councillor.</p> <p>Based on the above figures as quoted in the report, reducing numbers of councillors should be considered whether or not changes to the wards occur. If the City retains three wards, consideration should be given to a reduction of one councillor on each ward. If you calculate 2751 by the existing 9 councillors it gives you an elector base of 24 759. If there was a reduction of three councillors, one in each ward, meaning you divide the 24 759 by 6 instead of 9 this would calculate to a councillor elector ration of 4126 per councillor, This would be more consistent with the metropolitan average of 4095.</p> <p>...</p> <p><u>Summary</u> Out of the three options suggested, moving the Ascot Waters area into the East Ward appears to be the best option. It will reduce electorate numbers in the West Ward and increase the East Ward numbers so there is a fairer and more equitable distribution between the two wards. Given that the LGAB places significant importance on distribution of elector numbers, it appears this option is the most likely to be in keeping with their requirements. It also allows all of the Ascot area to be in the same ward. An important consideration given the development areas within the Golden Gateway will affect both sides of the Ascot area.</p> <p>Given the changes that have occurred as a result of Covid 19, it is less likely that we will see an over representation in the East Ward in the immediate future as a result of development, if this option is exercised. A review of the ward representation in eight years, would give a clearer picture as to future development and projected elector numbers within the ward boundaries. Should further changes be required in eight years, it would be appropriate to do so at that time depending on growth.</p> <p>...</p>	<p>Option 6</p> <p>Option 5</p>

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14	Residents, Ascot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ascot Waters is effectively a separate community compared to Ascot, with different demographics and community interests. • Having the Mayor and Deputy Mayor potentially representing the same ward could be problematic, with powerful groups such as the Ascot Turf Club and Perth Airport in East Ward lobbying for their undivided attention at the expense of the West Ward electors. <p>SUBMISSION</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. we DO NOT support any ward boundary changes given Ascot Waters has different demographic trends and characteristics to Ascot east of Grandstand Road given: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. has different community interests therefore is not in the community interest to merge b. it is also physically and topographically separated by Ascot Racecourse and Grandstand Road, sufficiently so it should be its own locality and remain within West Ward. c. outdated population data does not include the population growth in West Ward from the opening of the Craigcare Aged Care facility, Marina East, and potential increases in population due to the Kilns and Golden Gateway developments. This extends to use of economic factors and physical assets of the City. 2. we DO NOT support merging West and East Wards, for reasons given in 1). 3. we DO NOT support abolishing the ward structure for reasons given in 1) and for disadvantages listed on page 12 of the discussion paper. Like State and Federal Governments, Local Government Councillors should canvass the views of their local constituents given each ward has significantly different agendas, considering both commercial and residential opinions in decision making. 4. we SUPPORT no change to the current ward structure, notwithstanding an increase in the number of West Ward councillors up to the prescribed ratio, for reasons given in 1). 5. Should 4 not be feasible: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. we SUPPORT increasing the number of Councillors in the West Ward to achieve a balanced representation, considered to be a percentage ratio deviation within plus or minus 10%. b. we SUPPORT decreasing the number of Councillors in the East Ward to achieve a balanced representation, considered to be a percentage ratio deviation within plus or minus 10%. <p>Thank you for allowing our views to be considered.</p>	Option 7