



# Electoral Representation Review

## What is an Electoral Representation Review?

An electoral representation review is held when a council considers an alteration to its electoral composition or ward structure. The aim of the review is to determine whether a change to a council's electoral composition or ward structure would benefit the community.

## Scope of the Review

The review will address the composition of the council in terms of the:

- Method of election of the Mayor - whether to have an elected Mayor or a Chairperson selected by the Councillors.
- Number of Councillors (currently 9 councillors) – whether the number should be reduced.
- Structure for the election of councillors – whether the area should be divided into wards.

## Representation Options Paper and Report

Council is required to produce three draft papers, two of which will be released for public consultation, they are:

- **A 'Representation Options Paper'**

This paper will examine the advantages and disadvantages of the various options that are available to council including whether the number of councillors should be reduced and to examine the question of whether the area should be divided into wards such as single/multi member wards or combination, no wards, or combinations thereof.

The draft Options Paper will be available on council's website and hard copies available at the Council office. Public notices will be provided in the local paper and on council's website inviting interested persons to make written submissions to council during this period.

- **The draft 'Representation Review Report'**

This report will provide information on the first round of public consultation and the council's response to the issues arising from the submissions. It will set out any proposal that the council considers should be carried into effect taking into account the requirements that must be considered under the Act (Sections 26 Principles and 33 Ward Quotas).

Should a decision be made not to adopt any change, then the report must also set out the reasons for the council's decision.

This report will be available on the council's website or at the council office. Interested persons will be invited to make written submissions to the council on the report during the three week public consultation period.

In addition any person who makes a written submission to council on the report will be provided with an opportunity to appear personally, or by representative, before the council on their submission.



- **The Final Representation Review Report**

Council will consider the second round of public feedback prior to finalising its report which will require certification by the Electoral Commissioner.

If the report proposes that the composition of the council be altered so that the council will have a Chairperson rather than a Mayor, then the proposal cannot proceed until a poll has been conducted on the matter (in conjunction with the next general election for the council).

## Who can make submissions?

Any person or group may make a written submission about the City of Victor Harbor 'Representation Options Paper' and 'Representation Review Report'.

## Feedback

When the papers are released for public consultation, feedback forms will be available on council's website or in hard copy at the council office. There are two public consultation periods and these will be advertised by public notice in the local paper and on Council's website.

## Public Information Session

Come along to the first Elected Member Workshop and Public Information Session on **Monday, 11 July 2016 at 5.30pm in the Council Chamber.**

All interested persons or groups are invited to attend this Workshop to find out more about the representation review process.

Indicative timeframes for the representation review process are provided on council's website, all Elected Member workshops are open to the public.

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