

Macclesfield Community Association position

Periodical Elector Representation Options Paper, Mount Barker District Council

March 2021

Brief Summary of all 7 Option and the likely consequences for Macclesfield is in table below.

For more information go to:

<https://yoursay.mountbarker.sa.gov.au/periodic-elector-representation-review>

Option	Description	MCA position and reason
1	4 Wards and 10 Councillors. Our Ward would include Meadows and Prospect Hill (but not Echunga) and only have 1 Councillor.	Not supported If that one Councillor is away, or is ineffective, we have weak representation. Echunga also located in a Ward with the Mount Barker township.
2	3 Wards and 10 Councillors. Our Ward would include Hahndorf, Meadows and Prospect Hill (but not Echunga) and have 2 councillors	Not supported It's a large geography for 2 Councillors, and likely one would be elected from Hahndorf. The other would have to cover all the other towns. Echunga also located in a Ward with the Mount Barker township.
3	3 Wards and 10 Councillors. Our Ward would include Hahndorf, Meadows, Prospect Hill and Echunga. We would have 3 Councillors.	SUPPORTED This is a good level of representation for the geography of our Ward. (Although we note there is a NW part of Mount Barker township West of Adelaide road and North of Flaxley Rd that does not seem to belong in this Ward).
4	3 Wards and 9 Councillors. Our Ward would include Littlehampton, Hahndorf, Echunga, Meadows and Prospect Hill and have 3 Councillors. Mount Barker township is in a Ward by itself.	SUPPORTED This is a good level of representation for the geography of our Ward. The structure of the ward (East, West and Central) is logical
5	3 Wards and 9 Councillors. Our Ward would include half of Mount Barker township (West of Adelaide rd and Wellington rd), Echunga, Meadows and Prospect Hill and have 3 Councillors.	Not supported Locating half of Mount Barker in what is otherwise a Ward of small towns and rural areas does not make sense. Possible outcome is 2 or 3 Councillors live in Mount Barker and have little interest in the rest of the ward.
6	3 Wards and 8 Councillors Our Ward would include Hahndorf, Meadows, Prospect Hill and Echunga. We would have 2 Councillors. Very similar to Option 2 but includes Echunga.	Not supported It's a large geography for 2 Councillors, and likely one would be elected from Hahndorf. The other would have to cover all the other towns.
7	No Wards	Not supported Highly likely that most Councillors will be residents of larger towns like Mount Barker Nairne, Littlehampton and Hahndorf. Likely no Councillors from Macclesfield or other small towns.