



Elector Representation Review

SECTION 12 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1999

This document is provided to assist community members to make a submission to Council regarding the key issues being addressed under the current elector representation review. Interested persons should take the opportunity to read the Representation Options Paper prior to making a submission; and are encouraged to provide any additional relevant comments.

Please ✓ where appropriate.

1. PRINCIPAL MEMBER:

Section 51 of the Local Government Act currently indicates that a Council may have a mayor (elected by the community) or a chairperson (selected by, and from amongst, the elected members) as its principal member.

Should the principal member of Council be a mayor or a chairperson (with the title of mayor)?

Mayor

Chairperson

2. NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS:

The Yorke Peninsula Council has long comprised a total of eleven councillors.

How many councillors are required to provide fair and adequate representation to the electors within the Yorke Peninsula Council ?

11 Councillors

10 Councillors

9 Councillors

Other
(Please specify number)

3. WARDS/NO WARDS:

The Yorke Peninsula Council is currently divided into three wards. This structure was adopted by Council during the elector representation review that was undertaken in 2012/2013 and came into effect at the 2014 Local Government elections.

Should Council retain a ward structure or abolish wards?

Wards

No Wards

4. WARD STRUCTURE OPTIONS:

Which (if any) of the ward structure options presented in the Representation Options Paper is your preference?

Option 1: Current Ward Structure	<input type="checkbox"/>	Option 2: 11 Councillors, 3 Wards	<input type="checkbox"/>	Option 3: 10 Councillors, 3 Wards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Option 4: 9 Councillors, 3 Wards	<input type="checkbox"/>
Option 5: 9 Councillors, 3 Wards	<input type="checkbox"/>	Option 6: No Wards	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>		

If you answered 'Other', what is your preferred ward structure configuration?

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5. WARD NAMES:

If the Yorke Peninsula Council were to continue to be divided into wards, what would be suitable ward names?

Existing ward names

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6. OTHER COMMENTS:

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by close of business on Friday 12th February, 2021.

Information regarding the Representation Review can be obtained by contacting Mary Herrmann, Governance Officer on telephone 8832 0000 or email admin@yorke.sa.gov.au

Thank you for your interest in the future of the Yorke Peninsula Council

Attachment to VL_ERR response form.

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Councillors should start their consideration of the representation review report with a view to reducing the number of councillors by at least 1 councillor.

I believe the configuration of wards provided by Option 3 provides the fairest change taking into account elector ratios, communities of interest, and logical ward boundaries among other things required to be considered by the Local Government Act (1999) and outlined in the consultant C. L. Rowe and Associates' options paper.

I urge councillors to pay particular attention to the reference in the consultant's report to over-representation when compared with councils of a similar size and type, and the intention of sections of the Local Government Act relating to elector ratios and size and type of comparison councils as provided in the review report.

e.g. Page 9. *"The data indicates that the Yorke Peninsula Council covers the largest area; has the equal highest number of elected members; and exhibits a low elector ratio."*

In addition, take note of the comment of Electoral Commissioner, K. Mousley in providing a letter of certification (19 November 2013) for the changes following the 2013 review which stipulated

"In future council should give more consideration to the principles and matters under section 26 and 33 of the Act, particularly in relation to over-representation in comparison to councils of a similar size and type."

In the 2020 review options paper C. L. Rowe states:

"Further, it is the intent of the Statutes Amendment (Local Government Review) Bill 2020 to set the maximum number of elected members in a council at twelve (12). Should this provision come into effect, the current composition of Council would be the maximum for any council in the state, including the large metropolitan councils." (Page 11)

I urge council to heed the comment of C. L. Rowe (2020 Review) in relation to the Act

"..... the existing ward structure has been presented as an option for consideration at this time (refer 8.1 Option 1), although it may be difficult to justify in regards to its level of representation and the pending changes to the Act. (Page 20)

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10 February, 2021