

Latrobe City Council - Electoral Representation Review – Council Elections – October 2012

In 2011 the Victorian Minister for Local Government, Jeanette Powell, announced that an electoral representation review must be completed for Latrobe City Council by 13th April 2012.

The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) was engaged to undertake this work and concluded its review on 28th March 2012, with the release of the *Electoral Representation Review Latrobe City Council* Final Report.

The VEC Final Report outlined the number of options they considered prior to submitting their recommendation to the Minister for Local Government. Their recommended option for Latrobe City Council proposed an electoral structure of nine Councillors in one four Councillor ward, two, two Councillor wards and one single Councillor ward, effective from election day Saturday, 27th October, 2012.

The Minister for Local Government has subsequently advised by a letter to the Mayor dated 1st May, 2012 that having considered the VEC recommendation in their Final Report and the advice of the State Government's Local Government Department she accepted the electoral structure changes and consequently recommended to the Governor in Council to make an Order to alter the boundaries. The Order was approved by the Governor in Council on 1st May, 2012. Notice is to be expected to be published in the next general edition of the Victorian Government Gazette.

A “*Map of the new Electoral Boundaries*” showing the areas of the **four Wards**, namely, **East, West, Central and South Wards** is provided for information.

(See attached)