



**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 indicates that a Council may have a mayor or a chairperson as its principal member.

**Should the principal member of Council be a mayor elected by the community or a chairperson (perhaps with the title of mayor) chosen by the elected members of Council from within the elected members?**

**MAYOR (elected)**

**CHAIRPERSON (chosen)**

**2. WARDS/NO WARDS:**

The City of Mount Gambier is currently not divided into wards. This "no wards" structure was introduced as a consequence of the previous elector representation review conducted in 2008/2009. Prior to this review the Council area was divided into two wards.

**Should Council retain the current structure (i.e. no wards) or introduce wards?**

**NO WARDS**

**WARDS**

**3. NUMBER OF WARDS:**

**If you support the introduction of a ward structure, how many wards would you prefer?**

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**4. WARD NAMES:**

**If the City of Mount Gambier were to be divided into wards, what would be suitable ward names?**

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**5. AREA COUNCILLORS (IN ADDITION TO WARD COUNCILLORS):**

Section 52 of the Local Government Act indicates that councillors can be elected as a representative of a ward, or alternatively, to represent the council area as a whole (whether or not the council area is divided into wards).

**If the City of Mount Gambier were to be divided into wards, would you favour a structure comprising area councillors (to represent the whole of the council area) in addition to ward councillors?**

YES

NO

**6. NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS:**

The City of Mount Gambier currently has ten area councillors who represent the whole of the Council area.

**How many councillors are required to provide fair and adequate representation to the electors within the City of Mount Gambier?**

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OTHER

**7. OTHER COMMENTS:**

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**Name:** .....

**Address:** .....

Please return completed form to:

Chief Executive Officer,  
City of Mount Gambier  
PO Box 56,  
Mount Gambier, SA 5290

by close of business on **Friday 2nd September 2016.**

Information regarding the Representation Review can be obtained by contacting Michael McCarthy, Manager - Governance and Property, on telephone 8721 2555 or emailing [city@mountgambier.sa.gov.au](mailto:city@mountgambier.sa.gov.au).

***Thank you for your interest in the future of the City of Mount Gambier***