The City of Mandurah invites the community to consider the Review of Wards, Boundaries and Councillor Representation Level Discussion Paper which looks at the current ward system and councillor representation levels and possible options for change.

The Discussion Paper outlines five options which have been developed to encourage discussion and input from the community. It should be noted that the options presented do not represent all possible options, and through this Discussion Paper the City is seeking input from the community on the options set out within, or suggestions for an alternative.

The five options outlined in the Discussion Paper are:

Option 1 – Four Wards, 12 Councillors (boundary adjustment)

Option 2 – Four Wards, 8 Councillors (boundary adjustment)

Option 3 – No Wards, 12 Councillors

Option 4 – No Wards, 10 Councillors

Option 5 – No Wards, 8 Councillors

*Please note that if the current four ward system is retained by the City, a boundary adjustment is required to balance the councillor representation levels.*

Please complete your submission and return to the City of Mandurah:

* Via email to [governance@mandurah.wa.gov.au](mailto:governance@mandurah.wa.gov.au); or
* hand delivered to the City of Mandurah Administration Building located at 3 Peel St, Mandurah; or
* posted to PO Box 210, Mandurah, WA 6210.

Submissions must be received by 4:30pm, Monday 14 November 2022.

# Submission

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| **Your Contact Details** | | | | | | | |
| **Name:** |  | | | | **Last Name:** |  | |
| **Address:** |  | | | | | | |
| **Email:** |  | | | | | | |
| **If you are submitting on behalf of an resident’s association:** | | | | | | | |
| **Name of the association:** | | |  | | | | |
| **Which ward do you current reside in or represent?** | | | | | | | |
| **Coastal** | | **East** | | **North** | | | **Town** |

**Please review the Discussion Paper prior to completing the survey.**

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| **Survey Questions** | | | | | | | |
| **Question 1: Please rank the options in order or preference:** | | | | | | | |
| **Option 1:**  Four Wards, 12 Councillors (boundary adjustment) | | |  | | | Please number from 1 to 6.  *(1 being your most preferred option and 6 being your least preferred)* | |
| **Option 2:**  Four Wards, 8 Councillors (boundary adjustment) | | |  | | |
| **Option 3:**  No Wards, 12 Councillors | | |  | | |
| **Option 4:**  No Wards, 10 Councillors | | |  | | |
| **Option 5:**  No Wards, 8 Councillors | | |  | | |
| **Option 6:**  New suggestion | | |  | | |
| *Please provide comments as to why this is your preferred ranking and/or details of your new suggestion (option 6):* | | | | | | | |
| **The following questions are about the proposed boundary adjustments – Options 1 & 2**  Options 1 & 2 sets out the proposed boundary adjustments to balance the representation levels of councillors to electors between wards. Proposed wards maps are included in the discussion paper for your reference | | | | | | | |
| **Question 2:** Do you support the proposed boundary adjustment as detailed in the proposed ward maps for option 1 and 2? | | | | | | | |
| YES | | | | NO | | | |
| **Question 3:** Do you have any comments or alternative suggestions for how the City might structure its boundaries and why? | | | | | | | |
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| **The following question is in relation to Councillor Representation Levels. The City is currently represented by 12 Councillors and a Mayor.** | | | | | | | |
| **Question 4:** Do you support: *(Please choose)* | | | | | | | |
|  | **Increased level of councillor representation** | | | | | | |
|  | **Decreased level of councillor representation** | | | | | | |
|  | **Councillor representation to remain the same** | | | | | | |
| *Please state your reason why:* | | | | | | | |
| **Question 5:** In the past 12 months have you contacted a Councillor about a local matter? | | | | | | | |
| YES | | NO | | | | | Not sure |
| **Question 6:** *If answered yes to question:* Did the Councillor represent the Ward that you live in? | | | | | | | |
|  | I contacted my local Ward Councillor | | | |  | | I contacted Councillors both in my Ward and outside |
|  | I contacted a Councillor outside of my Ward | | | |  | | I don’t know |
| **The following question is in relation to the ward system.** | | | | | | | |
| **Question 7:** Do you support maintain the current 4 Ward System: | | | | | | | |
| YES | | | | NO | | | |
| *Please state your reason why:* | | | | | | | |
| **Question 8:** What are the **advantages** of a Ward System? Choose which applies: | | | | | | | |
|  | Councillors are more accessible to me (e.g. I know who to contact in my Ward when I have a matter to raise) | | | | | | |
|  | Councillors in my Ward have a greater knowledge of the community they represent | | | | | | |
|  | Councillors in my Ward understand the challenges and issues associated with my Ward | | | | | | |
| *Other Comments:* | | | | | | | |
| **Question 9:** What are the **disadvantages** of a Ward System? Choose which applies: | | | | | | | |
|  | Councillors may become too focused on their Wards and less focused on the affairs of the City as a whole | | | | | | |
|  | Councillors may compete for their Wards, resulting in an unfair distribution of services and facilities | | | | | | |
|  | The Wards do not reflect my community (ie suburb or community that I belong to) | | | | | | |
| *Other Comments:* | | | | | | | |
| **Question 10:** Do you have any other feedback on the Ward Review? | | | | | | | |
| *Comments:* | | | | | | | |