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Have your say on wards and Councillor representation in the City of Albany

- Public forums to be held 4 December and 11 December
- Feedback required by 6 March 2015

The City of Albany is inviting the community to provide input on a review into the number of wards and Councillors in the City of Albany.

Currently the City of Albany is divided into six wards: Frederickstown, Vancouver, Yakamia, Breaksea, West and Kalgan. There are two Councillors per ward and a popularly elected Mayor, making a total of 13 Councillors.

A discussion paper has been developed which outlines six options for potential changes to wards and representation.

- Option 1 - No Wards
- Option 2 - Two Wards
- Option 3 - Three Wards
- Option 4 - Four Wards
- Option 5 - Five Wards
- Option 6 - Six Wards

The paper is available at www.albany.wa.gov.au

Comment is also being sought on the number of Councillors for each ward and the district and how the Mayor is elected.

Members of the community may suggest other options for consideration, however, it should be noted that the Councillor to elector ratio in each ward must be within + or – 10% of the overall ratio for the City.

Members of the community are invited to make a submission about any of the issues raised in the discussion paper by 5pm on 6 March, 2015.

An online survey is available at www.albany.wa.gov.au. Hard copies are available from the City's North Road Administration Building.

Two open public forums will be held on Thursday 4 December and Thursday 11 December 2014 at 6.30pm at the City of Albany Civic Rooms, 102 North Road, Yakamia.

The open public forums are your chance to ask questions, to discuss the options and to be provided with information about the review.

The City is required to undertake a review of wards and representation every eight years.

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