

## AMENDED MOTION BY COUNCILLOR CALLEJA

**ITEM NUMBER: CSF153**

**ITEM TITLE: WARDS AND REPRESENTATION REVIEW**

**DATE & TIME RECEIVED: TUESDAY 17 MARCH 2015 AT 7.30PM**

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**VOTING REQUIREMENT: ABSOLUTE MAJORITY**

**THAT**

- 1. Based on the response from the community, Council retain the six ward system with 12 elected representatives.**
- 2. Ward Boundaries be adjusted to provide an equitable and fair representation for each ward (As per Officer's Report, Submission C – Retaining the suburb of Redmond in the West Ward)**
- 3. The Mayor is elected by a popular vote of the community as indicated by the community response.**

### **Councillors Reason:**

Following extensive consultation with the community in the form of Printed media, web site information, representation and officer attendance in three prominent shopping locations, the community has had ample opportunity to be fully briefed of the proposal for change. Electors that felt the issue was of significant importance to them have made submissions on the proposal. Those that have not responded are either satisfied with the current ward system or do not see it as a significant enough issue for them to lodge an opinion in the form of a submission.

As I and fellow councillors can only assess the information that is brought before us, not what we may THINK the community is thinking, we have only one option to consider. That is the numbers to maintain the status quo is overwhelming.

- Residents of the suburb of Redmond have requested that they remain part of the West Ward.
- Submission D, is similar to Submission C - Option 6 Modified, detailed in the Officer's Report, however retains the suburb of Redmond in the West Ward.
- This option results in a balanced councillor to elector ratio across the municipality for 12 of 6 offices of councillor only and is within the % ratio deviation specified by the Board.