

ALTERNATE MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

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ITEM TITLE: WARDS AND REPRESENTATION REVIEW

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VOTING REQUIREMENT: ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

THAT Council:

- (1) Retain the mayoral appointment by popular vote (election by electors).**
- (2) Retain the current number of offices of councillor, being 12.**
- (3) In accordance with Schedule 2.2 (9) of the Local Government Act 1995 (the Act), it is recommended to the Local Government Advisory Board that an order be made under s2.2 (1) of the Act to abolish the existing ward boundaries as per option 1 of the Officer's Report to Council dated 24 March 2015.**

Councillors Reason:

Councillors should be elected by the entire community for representation of all rate payers and not just a small percentage within a ward, as is currently the case.

Councillors swear an oath to serve the City of Albany and not just a portion of it, abolishing the ward system will ensure that elected representatives are accountable to all rate payers and elected by a majority, rather than by a small portion of voters within one ward.

The abolishing of wards ensures that representation ratios are balanced.