



Draft Representation Review Report

South Australian councils are required to periodically undertake a Representation Review to determine whether the community would benefit from an alteration to the council's composition or ward structure.

The City of Victor Harbor is currently undertaking such a Review.

About Representation Reviews

All Representation Reviews must take the principles specified in the Act into account so that:

- any changes made are to benefit ratepayers;
- arrangements should reflect communities of interest and should avoid separations of such communities;
- voters should be afforded effective participation in decisions on local matters; and
- Council is able to cooperate with other councils and govern effectively.

After taking into consideration a range of elements along with the considerations listed above, the Council is proposing to retain its current representation structure / composition, as detailed below:

- The name of the council be retained as 'City of Victor Harbor';
- The Council's composition includes a Mayor and nine (9) Area Councillors;
- The Council has a 'no-Ward' structure.

Rationale

During Council's review of the responses received during an initial consultation in September 2024, it became clear that many of the community's concerns about the current Council structure would not be remedied by the introduction of wards at this time.

Retaining the current structure:

- Promotes a holistic approach to decision making, ensuring that the needs of the entire community are considered when making decisions;
- Provides voters with the opportunity to choose from a greater choice of candidates;
- Facilitates diverse representation from various backgrounds, interests and locations, ensuring a broad range of perspectives are considered in decision making;
- Is most suitable for the City of Victor Harbor, noting that the small size of the Council area coupled with the lack of distinct townships makes the division of wards impractical at this stage.



Have your say

The City of Victor Harbor is inviting submissions from interested persons in relation to the proposal set out in the draft Representation Review Report.

Your input is an opportunity to inform Council Members of your position. Community feedback is highly valuable and helps to shape the decisions of Council.

The draft Representation Review Report is available for viewing at www.yoursay.victor.sa.gov.au or in hard copy at the City of Victor Harbor Civic Centre (1 Bay Road, Victor Harbor).

Submissions should be lodged by **5pm on Friday, 10 January 2025**:

- Online at www.yoursay.victor.sa.gov.au;
- In writing and returned via:
 - Email to localgov@victor.sa.gov.au
 - Post to City of Victor Harbor (Representation Review), PO Box 11, Victor Harbor SA 5211
 - In person at the City of Victor Harbor Civic Centre, 1 Bay Road, Victor Harbor.

A Special Council Meeting will be convened following the close of the consultation period, to provide an opportunity for interested persons to make a representation to a Council.

The date for this meeting is to be determined. Interested persons who have made a written submission will be notified of the Special Council Meeting date directly (via email) and a notice will also be placed on Council's website.

More information?

Further questions can be directed to the City of Victor Harbor's Governance Team at localgov@victor.sa.gov.au or by calling (08) 8551 0500.



Scan to the QR Code to find out more and have your say today!

Listening Posts

There are also a number of opportunities to talk with Council representatives about the proposal at the following listening posts:

- Tuesday, 17 December 2024 from 10am to 3pm at Victor Central Shopping Centre (near Bakers Delight)
- Tuesday, 7 January 2025 from 10am to 3pm at Victor Central Shopping Centre (near Flight Centre)