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### Submission Details

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**Submission text:** This submission provides further evidentiary support based on my experience as a Councillor and subsequently presents a separate proposal for consideration by the Change Commission. Below, I have outlined my experience with existing multi-member arrangements:

- Poor use of resource having 2 councillors per division as the community has an expectation that both councillors will attend at their request whether it is community group meetings or onsite inspections with individual residents.
- Residents and community will also at times contact both divisional councillors individually which can cause confusion.
- Multimember arrangement confuses the community as to who is their local councillor for their division. I believe this statement supports the local government principle of “Democratic representation, social inclusion and meaningful community engagement” as defined in The Code of Conduct for Councillors in Queensland and the Local Government Act 2009. The current number of councillors representing the Ipswich community:
- The Ipswich LGA is a total area of 1,094 square kilometres.
- Division 4 is a large area geographically – 342 square kilometres with a population of approximately 50,000 people.
- Division 4 is approximately 1/3 of the total area of the Ipswich LGA and almost geographically identical to the state seat of Ipswich West.
- Division 1 is approximately 55% of the total area of the Ipswich LGA.
- This means that 4 out of the 8 elected representatives (half) cover 85% of the LGA. This is unreasonable on those divisional councillors and doesn't meet the community expectations of councillor availability. I believe this statement supports the local government principle of “Good governance of, and by, local government” as defined in The Code of Conduct for Councillors in Queensland and the Local Government Act 2009. Given the above, I support the case for change by returning the Ipswich local government area to single member divisions with the current arrangement of 8 councillors. This change would have a minimal budgetary impact on council and cost to rate payers and meet the community expectation of fair and equitable representation. The transition to 10 councillors would happen once the population growth requires it (which may be 2028/2032).

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