ALICE SPRINGS
TOWN COUNCIL

Submission:

NT Local Government Representation Review 2026

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Alice Springs Town Council (Council) welcomes the opportunity to make a submission as part of the NT Local Government Representation Review.

Wards

Council supports retaining the current non-ward representation model for the Alice Springs local government area.

The municipality's population size, geographic area and suburb structure does not indicate a need for separate wards, and the current model continues to provide effective representation for the community as a whole.

Under the current model, Elected Members are accountable to the entire electorate, having been elected to represent the interests of the municipality as a whole. Council does not consider there is sufficient justification to introduce wards at this time.

Numbers of Elected Members

Council considers the current number of Elected Members remains appropriate for the size and population of the municipality and continues to support effective representation and governance.

Council does not consider there is a demonstrated need to increase or decrease the number of Elected Members at this time.

Any potential reduction of numbers would increase workloads, reduce diversity of representation and decrease opportunities for the community to engage with Elected Members.

Similarly, Council does not believe current population growth trends justify increasing Elected Member numbers.

External boundaries

Council supports retaining the current external boundaries of the Alice Springs local government area.

Council is not aware of any significant representation issues, concerns, service delivery challenges, or population changes that would justify reviewing the municipality's external boundaries at this time.

The existing boundaries continue to provide a logical and effective framework for Alice Springs' local government administration and representation.

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