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**Sent:** Wednesday, 7 December 2022 11:39 AM  
**To:** Secretariat NTEC; Chloe Hayes  
**Cc:** Luccio Cercarelli; Sean Holden; Iain Loganathan; Robert Sarib  
**Subject:** RE: LG Representation Committee  
**Attachments:** Copy of Enrolments per suburb - Palmerston - 31.05.22.xlsx

Hi all,

I am writing to inform you that that Council has agreed to meet with you on Tuesday 13 December at 6:30pm in a workshop format. Alternatively, a date in January may be suitable.

I am also confirming that the Council position is that it is still fervently opposed to the introduction of wards. This has been supported by community views on the committee's proposition, as noted by submissions made to you through consultation and also by our community directly to the Council. We do not believe that wards are an appropriate choice for Palmerston at this point in time. The difficulty in defining wards is surely an indicator that wards are impractical for our community.

However, given that you have not provided any appropriate wards options and have not reconsidered our advice, which the council believes is based in your bias for wards without giving appropriate consideration to retaining a no-ward structure, the Council has reluctantly agreed to provide you with a 2 ward option for discussion, in the attached Excel worksheet. Despite this offer for discussion on 2 wards, council maintains that our position is a preference for no wards.

I further would like to point out that the Council has various legislative requirements for consideration of matters at formal Council Meetings, and as such this discussion will be held in a workshop format, and not at a Council Meeting.

Please let me know whether Tuesday 13 December at 6:30pm is suitable for the committee or provide an alternative date in January with a time after 5:30pm to accommodate elected members for have work to attend during normal business hours.

Thank you,  
Athina Pascoe-Bell



**Athina Pascoe-Bell** *BEnvMgt, MAICD*

Mayor

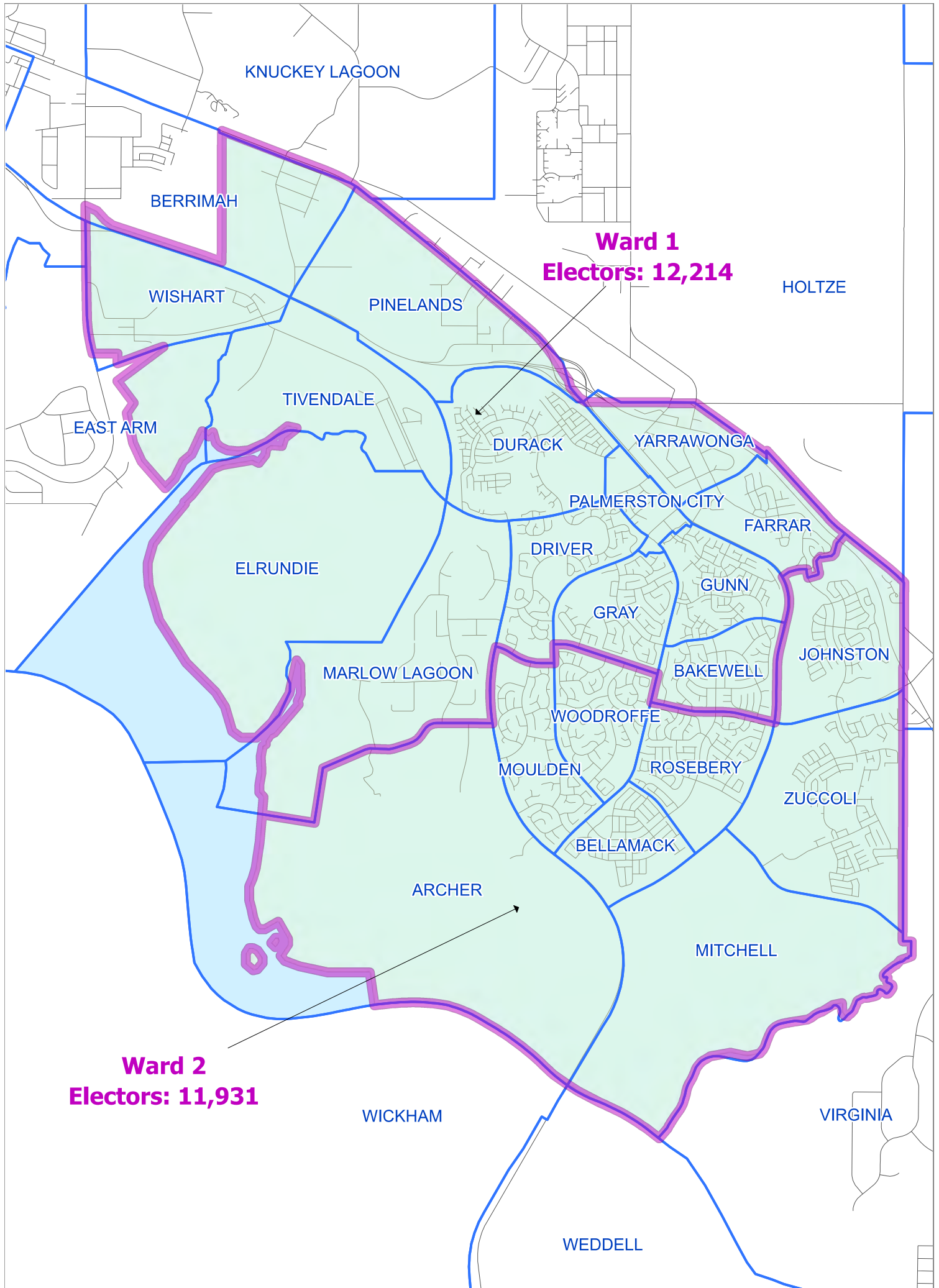
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**Ward 1**  
**Electors: 12,214**

**Ward 2**  
**Electors: 11,931**

## City of Palmerston - Enrolments per suburb and ward

Suburb / locality	Enrolment 31 May 2022	Ward (1 or 2)
Archer	3	2
Bakewell	2,153	1
Bellamack	1,522	2
Berrimah (partial)	10	1
Driver	1,930	1
Durack	2,470	1
East Arm (partial)	0	1
Elrundie	0	1
Farrar	1,011	1
Gray	2,282	1
Gunn	1,782	1
Johnston	1,194	2
Marlow Lagoon	456	1
Mitchell	0	2
Moulden	2,178	2
Palmerston City	48	1
Palmerston Indigenous Village <sup>i</sup>	40	2
Pinelands	34	1
Rosebery	2,558	2
Tivendale	3	1
Wishart	1	1
Woodroffe	2,270	2
Yarrowonga	34	1
Zuccoli	2,206	2
<b>City of Palmerston, Total</b>	<b>24,145</b>	<b>N: 15 S: 9</b>

### City of Palmerston's submission

Ward	Enrolment	Members	Electors per member
1	12,214	Not stated	NA
2	11,971 <sup>ii</sup>	Not stated	NA
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,185<sup>ii</sup></b>	<b>Not stated</b>	<b>NA</b>
Difference between wards	243	NA	NA

### 7 ordinary members

Ward	Enrolment	Members	Electors per member
1	12,214	4	3,054
2	11,931	3	3,977
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,145</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3,449</b>
Difference between wards	283	1	923

### 8 ordinary members

Ward	Enrolment	Members	Electors per member
1	12,214	4	3,054
2	11,931	4	2,983
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,145</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3,018</b>
Difference between wards	283	0	71

<sup>i</sup> The Palmerston Indigenous Village is located within the suburb of Johnston. These electors (40) are included in Johnston's enrolment total (1,194).

<sup>ii</sup> This figure is a miscalculation as a result of counting the Palmerston Indigenous Village electors twice.