

## **CANDIDATE PROFILE FOR OSCAR**



**Member's Name: Fiona Simpson MP**

**Electorate: Maroochydore**

### **Standing up for the Sunshine Coast**

Your community is my community. We're all in this together and I have a track record of getting things done in the Maroochydore electorate and championing the wider Sunshine Coast region.

Putting the Sunshine Coast first and making our region a better place to live, work, play and raise a family is my commitment to you. Our growing region needs infrastructure and services which create local jobs,

respects our town planning principles and is sensitive to our precious natural environment.

Having lived on the Sunshine Coast for most of my life, I understand the pressures local families and business owners face and I am working hard with the community to make sure we have a bright future. I want to see our communities flourish and grow stronger as we work together to support people in need, including those living with disabilities, the frail, elderly and disadvantaged.

I believe in strong personal advocacy for my constituents and I am committed to standing up for them in Parliament and being a strong voice for our region.

### **Town planning matters**

Many of you have shared concerns with me about the Maroochy North Shore area, particularly as we are awaiting the outcome on two proposed developments at Twin Waters West and Yaroomba.

People have a right to know that any development approvals are in line with the Town Plan and protect their interests. No development should be allowed which increases the risk of flooding and developers pay for upgrades to the local road infrastructure.

With regards to Twin Waters West, I have called on the State Government to release the independent review of Council's flood modelling as people have a right to know the facts. Earlier this year I raised this in Parliament and with the Deputy Premier and Minister for Planning to ask for independent review of Council's flood modelling to ensure existing communities are protected.

Regarding the proposed development application at Yaroomba by Sekisui which is currently being considered by Council, I have made my position clear to Council and to the community that high rise development is only acceptable within the Town Plan at Maroochydore and Mooloolaba but it is not acceptable at Yaroomba.

### **Achievements**

I'm proud to have delivered some great achievements including most recently our new \$1.8 billion public hospital. This is a game changer for our regional economy and has provided us with better access to health services we previously had to travel to Brisbane for.

Safety upgrades to the Sunshine Motorway have saved lives, boaties are enjoying new boat ramps at Twin Waters and Mooloolaba, our eroded beaches have been restored thanks to a permanent sand-

pumping pipeline at Mooloolaba Spit and 150,000 people a year use the upgraded walking track at Mt Coolum.

### **The future**

In partnership with the Sunshine Coast LNP team, I am committed to working together to grow the regional economy, support our local small businesses, cut the waste and ease the cost of living burdens and keep our Sunshine Coast liveable and beautiful.

The Sunshine Coasts needs more than a fairer share of the infrastructure pie. We need a bigger pie, in light of recent State-wide cutbacks by the State Labor Government. We need higher value industries which provide better pay and opportunities for residents of all ages, especially for our young people.

An LNP Government will build the road and rail upgrades, ease cost of living pressures, support small business to grow or local jobs and provide funding for education and health.

### **If elected, an LNP Government will:**

Fix the rail – duplicating the Sunshine Coast rail line from Beerburrum to Nambour – to provide 150 extra weekly services and take cars and trucks off the Bruce Highway;

Fix the Sunshine Motorway and build the new Hospital Link Road to reduce congestion and improve safety at the Mooloolah River interchange;

Provide a new drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre and use stronger measures to get ICE off our streets;

Provide funding for local projects in the Maroochydore electorate, including:

- \$3 million to build new classrooms and remove asbestos at Maroochydore High School.
- \$250,000 to provide public toilets and other improvements at Mt Coolum National Park.
- \$100,000 to help redevelop the Mudjimba Surf Life Saving Club's facilities.
- \$150,000 for new tourism signage on the Sunshine Motorway.
- \$50,000 for local groups working to protect our precious environment.

### **The LNP's plan will ease the cost of living by:**

- Providing cheaper electricity to save families an average of \$160 a year.
- Help seniors with half-price driver licences and free off-peak bus and train travel.
- Freeze family car rego for three years, saving families up to \$200.
- Provide parents with a \$150 voucher for kids' swimming lessons.

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