



Candidate questionnaire – Sunshine Coast Regional Council Election 2020

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Position contesting:	Division 9		

Governance, Transparency and Ethical Behaviour

Q 1 Are you aware of the Principles listed at the beginning of the Local Government Act 2009 and will you commit to abiding by these principles?

YES/NO Yes	How do you see them influencing your decision-making? Elected representatives are there to literally, represent the residents of their division, in an ethical and transparent manner, which judging by the performance on our previous council, seems to have been completely forgotten. I will make my decisions and vote in accordance with the accepted consensus of the residents, without bias or prejudice.
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Q 2a What are the relevant legislation and regulations that govern the conduct of councillors and the activities of council?

Response: Local Government Act 2009, and Local Government Regulations 2012

Q 2b How will these impact your decision-making?

Response: See Q1

Q 3 Do you or your immediate family have assets, interests or affiliations which might be likely to present you with potential conflicts of interest in carrying out your tasks as a councillor?

YES/NO No	If YES, how will you deal with these?
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Q 4 As councillor/mayor you will regularly meet to vote on various matters. Some of these votes may be passed by a majority decision, yet there exists aspects which indicate some or all of the following: improper due process, breaches around what might be deemed ‘reasonable action’ according to duty of care, statutory instruments, local government legislative provisions, by-laws, policies, procedures and responsibilities. What action would you take?

Response: Call it out, at the time of the meeting, where it is to be dealt with at the time.

Q 5 Do you believe that all Council meetings should be open to the public?

YES/NO Yes	If NO, then what circumstances might justify a closed meeting?
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Q 6 Do you support providing requested information to the community without the need for individuals and organisations having to resort to Right to Information applications?

YES/NO Yes

Q 7 Will you commit to voting to implement the live streaming and video recording of council meetings at Caloundra, Nambour and subsequently Maroochydore by 30 June 2020?

YES/NO Yes

Q 8 Do you support that, once the previously published reasons for confidentiality have passed, the live recording, related documentation and information of the confidential meeting should immediately be made public?

YES/NO Yes

If NO, why not?

Q 9 Do you support all financial dealings of Council in relation to major projects such as, but not limited to, the Sunshine Coast Airport Expansion, The Maroochy CBD, the Broadband Cable, the City Hall and the Solar Farm being made fully available to ratepayers once a decision to proceed has been made?

YES/NO Yes

If NO, why not?

Q 10 What do you mean by, and how would you measure, sustainable development?

Response:

Sustainable development is quite simply: development that meets the current needs of the community while planning for the future needs of the community, while ensuring a consistent and ongoing level of activity that avoids “boom and bust” events.

Q 11 Are you endorsed or supported by any registered political party?

YES/NO Yes

Climate change

Q 12 Do you accept that:

(a) as the level of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere increases the proportion of the sun's radiant energy that is retained by the earth increases?	YES/NO Yes
(b) consequences of the increase in the retained energy include rising average temperatures and major changes in weather patterns that can result in drought and heavy rain in areas where such weather events had not previously occurred?	YES/NO Yes
(c) the combustion of fossil carboniferous fuels such as coal, oil and natural gas has been a major contributor to the increase in the level of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere that has occurred since industrialisation began?	YES/NO Yes
(d) clearing of forest for agriculture and housing has also contributed to the increase in carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere?	YES/NO Yes
(e) the major source of greenhouse gas emissions for local government comes from the decomposition of organic residues in landfill?	YES/NO No
(f) maintenance of biodiversity as close as possible to what it was before human intervention is essential for the healthy survival of the human species?	YES/NO Yes

Q 13 What do you see as the key impacts of Climate Change on the Sunshine Coast?

Response:

This is predominantly a "Coastal Town" and as such, the largest impacts will be felt from rising seas, but there will be other impacts. We are lucky that our river catchments are quite limited, so excessive wet weather is relatively low impact, but it is likely we will suffer from more frequent cyclonic weather and more frequent bush fires as our climate extremes intensify.

Q 14 How should the Sunshine Coast Regional Council deal with this now and into the future?

Response:

Consideration for flood mitigation on new developments must also consider existing development, otherwise the direction of overland flow will be intensified in to low lying areas, exacerbating problems for current residents. Doing anything otherwise does not follow the principles of sustainable development. SCRC must also properly fund and allocate resources to emergency services in support of existing State funding arrangements, and allow QRFS to manage our fire risks with input from our traditional custodians.

Q 15 Do you support the SCRC in joining other councils in signing a Declaration of Climate Emergency?

YES/NO Yes

Q 16 Will you advocate for the SCRC to have a moratorium on any development proposed in areas vulnerable to the impact of climate change such as in flood-prone areas and coastal zones until such time as the Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy is completed?

YES/NO Yes

Planning issues

Q 17 Do you agree that:

(a) development applications that conflict with the relevant Planning Scheme Acceptable Outcomes and other planning instruments should be refused?	YES/NO No
(b) genuine community consultation should be undertaken in the early stages of a Proposed Planning Scheme amendment and prior to being progressed to the state?	YES/NO Yes
(c) applicants wishing to lodge a Development application that substantially does not comply, or seeks to over-ride the Planning Scheme should be advised to await the formulation of the next planning scheme when they can lodge a submission on that new planning scheme during the public consultation period?	YES/NO Yes
(d) that development that is vulnerable to the impacts of Climate Change, flooding, and inundation be prohibited?	YES/NO Yes

Q 18 Do you agree that:

(a) Planning Scheme provisions regarding density, site cover, height and parking requirements must comply with the Acceptable Outcomes in the Planning Scheme?	YES/NO Yes
(b) financial contributions in lieu of the provisions of onsite parking should not be allowed unless improvements are provided within 200 metres of the development?	YES/NO Yes
(c) greater enforcement is needed where a developer constructs (or private certifier signs off) other than what has been approved, particularly in relation to height and density of development?	YES/NO Yes

Q 19 What is your understanding of when it is appropriate to override the Planning Scheme, when there are conflicts?

Response:

Sometimes the Planning Scheme has failed to account for new technology, or ways of living, and there needs to be allowance for approvals that would otherwise be considered in conflict. The major reason there are conflicts with large developments is that developers buy cheap, inappropriately zoned land and try to have the Council approve development that is not allowed. There are few, if any, reasons these applications should be allowed to raise exceptions.

Q 20 Would you support extending submission timeframes from the statutory minimum in relation to Planning Scheme amendments?

YES/NO Yes

Q 21 The floodplains of the Sunshine Coast have been extensively filled primarily for urban development. This has increased the risk to people, property, infrastructure and the environment from coastal inundation and flooding and contributes to greater exposure to extreme weather events associated with climate change. Planning instruments, State Planning regulation and various reports give regulatory and guidance material regarding floodplain management with land-use one of the key areas to avoid and manage risk.

Will you act to prohibit further development on the floodplains?

Response:

Not all development is inappropriate for floodplain; you can still site sporting fields and other non-structural development on flood plains without impacting existing structures, or altering the overland flow of water.

Q 22 With respect to the South East Queensland Regional Plan (Shaping SEQ) that was given effect on 11 August 2017, do you support the Plan in its current form relating to the Northern sub-region, including designation of the Urban footprint and population targets?

YES/NO No

Q 23 Do you support the proposed Coolum West intense residential/mixed use development and wave pool proposal on significantly constrained land, which is also outside the urban footprint?

YES/NO No

If NO, will you, if elected to council, support SCRC advocating to the State Government against this proposal? YES/NO Yes

Q 24 What is your view in relation to this statement:

“ALL mixed-use multi-residential buildings requiring a Material Change of Use (MCU) must be “impact assessed” except where compliance is achieved with all relevant SCPS “Acceptable Outcomes” in the codes applicable to each development application. Community notification and rights of appeal in the P&E Court will therefore be restored for all non-compliant applications simply by this change”

Response:

All MCU applications on land in excess of 4000m² or where the MCU seeks to add more than 10 dwellings, should be impact assessable. Given the ease at which electronic communications can be sent out, it should also immediately trigger community notification within a defined radius, and not just to those sharing a boundary. Any change that restores community rights is going to be better in the long run.

Q 25 The coastal hazard and “erosion prone area” is defined by the Queensland Government and State Planning Policy Guidance states redevelopment is to “avoid urban footprint expansion into erosion prone areas (3.2)”.

How will you participate in supporting a change to limit or avoid increases in the footprint and density of medium and high rise mixed use -residential buildings in these designated coastal hazard areas to reduce overall risk?

Response:

The simple rule in coastal regions had always been “no development past the first dune” but since we have removed all the dunes in the ever increasing desire to live and work closer to the beach, that understanding has long since passed as we no longer have a “first dune” in many of the areas in question. The current demand for beachside residence has resulted in applications being made for much higher densities closer to the beaches, and this needs to be put to an end. Allowing small transgressions leads to greater transgressions and before we know it, there will be an application for a 12 floor high-rise with private beach access.

General

Q 26 The Sunshine Coast Regional Council ratepayers have been consistently hit with annual rate increases much higher than the region's CPI. How would you address this?

Response:

The budget needs a complete overhaul. I don't know where all the council funds are being expended and the lack of transparency doesn't help. If we opened up the books, I'm sure there would be a chorus of community input asking why money was being spent on particular activities or services, and why. Armed with those queries, Council could set about removing excess spending and start looking at ways to reduce our rates

Q 27 Would you support a proposal that all Statutory Community Engagement exercises either by Council or other parties (including developers) must be carried out by a demonstrably independent and professional third party organisation according to specific pre-determined parameters?

YES/NO Yes

Q 28 Do you support the Environment Levy and its policies, including continued acquisition of land for conservation, partnership funding for Land for Wildlife and other environment programs?

YES/NO Yes

Q 29 Do you live in the division for which you are standing as a Councillor?

YES/NO/NA No

Q 30 If elected, how do you intend to engage with your community?

Response:

An open, permanent office, and pop-up stalls in the major population areas on a routine basis. For the more tech savvy (read: younger residents), I'll also host a web based forum to get community input and feedback.

Q 31 If elected as a Divisional Councillor how will you advance the specific needs of your Division?

Response:

I'll run an Agile/Kanban board that shows where resident projects are at in the methodology, from the backlog, where the best or most important would float to the top, through the action areas of 'business case/assessment', 'before Council' 'In planning', 'In progress', and finally 'complete'.

Q 32 Why do you think that you are the best candidate for your Division or as Mayor?

Response:

I'm a family man being a father of two, and a small business owner. I run two companies; one being responsible for building software and digital applications, and the other a regular builder, building physical structures for people and businesses such as the new facilities for CoYo at the Big Pineapple.

From 2015-18 I worked with Grant Kimmorley, a local Coolum resident (and president of the Maroochy River Golf Club), and our team of 17 to bring office equipment, networking, communications and related services to schools and businesses across the Sunshine Coast, including both Councils. For 15 years prior to that I worked at Fuji Xerox Head Office managing a network of dealerships across Australia and the Pacific, including the one here on the Coast. I've worked at all levels in business, home and abroad, and my experience speaks for itself.

I'm on the board of Zero Emissions Noosa, and enjoy a successful professional and volunteer career that covers a broad range of activities and community services. I'm the only person that has a wide range of experience in community and business across multiple sectors, particularly building (given the importance of planning), and understands current and future technology as it relates to modern planning and infrastructure.

I have a Diploma of Building and Construction, a Bachelors of Technology, a Masters of International Studies (majoring in Politics and Economics), and a Commercial Pilot's Licence. I'm a straight and honest operator, and if you ask me a question, you'll get a timely, accurate and honest answer, because I treat everyone like I expect to be treated, and that is with respect.