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Candidate questionnaire – Noosa Shire Council Election 2020

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Position contesting:	Councillor		

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? I see the 5 principles as the primary focus for all decisions and considerations of my role as a Councillor.
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Q 2 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 3 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 in such a situation?

Response: I would approach the CEO with any concerns in the first instance and have the matter referred for appropriate action where required.

Q 4 Do you believe that all Council meetings should be open to the public?

YES/NO No	If NO, then what circumstances might justify a closed meeting? Obviously, there are certain matters that are of a confidential nature, such as subject to legal proceedings, that could justify a closed meeting. Council has only gone into confidential session when required as per the Act
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Q 5 Will you commit to continuing to support/extend the live streaming and video recording of all council meetings including those of the Planning and Environment and Services & Organisation committees?

YES/NO

Q 6 Do you support that, once the previously published reasons for confidentiality have passed, the live recording, related staff reports and information of the confidential meeting should immediately be made public?

YES/NO Yes	<p>If NO, why not? As is the case currently.</p> <p>Q5 - In principal yes, as the meetings are open to the public regardless, but I have some reservations.</p>
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Q 7 Are you endorsed or supported by any registered political party?

YES/NO No

Climate change

Q 8 Do you accept the international scientific community's view that global climate change is the result of human activity over the past 200 years, principally through the burning of fossil fuels?

YES/NO Yes	If NO, why not?
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Q 9 What do you see as the key impacts of Climate Change on the Noosa Shire?

<p>Response:</p> <p>Threats such extreme weather events and localised weather events, coastal erosion due to sea level surges, increased flooding, increased fire threat, threats to water security, local food production, health and well being of residents, environmental impacts and economic impact.</p>
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Q 10 How should the Noosa Shire Council deal with Climate Change now and into the future?

<p>Response:</p> <p>Further Climate Change Adadptation assessment, consultation and planning and targeting lower emissions opportunities.</p>

Q 11 Will you advocate for the Noosa Shire Council to promote and support further Climate Change action within the broader community?

YES/NO Yes

Q 12 Do you support maintaining Noosa Shire Council's Declaration of Climate Emergency?

YES/NO Yes	<p>If NO, why not?</p> <p>What is the worst that can happen if we are wrong? A better planet to live in?</p>
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Q 13 Will you advocate for the Council 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 Plan is completed?

YES/NO No

Planning issues

Q 14 What do you mean by, and how would you measure, sustainable development?

Response:

To try and manage the challenge of development and retaining the natural environment. To ensure that development isn't just built form, but minimises the footprint that it takes and utilises the assets that exist to reduce the impact such as solar power, water tanks, grey water reuse, energy efficient design and materials that come from renewable resources. Planning for future needs such as public transport corridors and green spaces for communities to enjoy. The measurement will be the impact on future generations if we don't develop more sustainably and availability of resources to continue to build if we do not make changes.

Q 15 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 Yes
(b) applicants wishing to lodge a Development application that does not substantially 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
(c) that development that is vulnerable to the impacts of Climate Change, flooding, and inundation be prohibited?	YES/NO Yes
(d) 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

Q 16 The new Noosa Planning scheme has been approved by the Planning Minister subject to a number of conditions, two of which are of concern to the Council. They are:

(1) Provisions for mandating 10% of high density housing as social and community (affordable) housing at the Shire Business Centre and former Noosa Bowling Club site at Noosa Junction.

(2) Requirement that Noosa Council adopt the recent State changes to koala protection regulations and remove local provisions.

(a) Will you support the Noosa Plan as it is?

YES/NO Yes	If NO, why not? There will be reviews through the life of the plan to consider changes after monitoring any undesired impacts of the scheme as it stands, even if we don't agree with every element within.
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(b) If elected will you support Noosa Shire Council in negotiating with the State Government to achieve a better outcome for the community in relation to these two provisions?

YES/NO Yes	If NO, why not?
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Q 17 What is your understanding of when it is appropriate to override the Planning Scheme, where there are conflicts?

Response:

Where there is a transition period between schemes and applicants may apply under one or other scheme. Where probable outcomes within the scheme provide an element of latitude to a particular element of a development.

There may be other specific issues that are not covered by the plan, but I would suggest that these would be very few and the State can override a plan for significant projects.

Q 18 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 Yes

Q 19 Do you support the proposed Coolumb West intense residential/mixed use development and wave pool proposal on significantly constrained land, which is also outside the urban footprint?

NB The reason for this question being asked of Noosa Shire candidates is that Noosa Tourism published a survey in what appeared to be support for the project

YES/NO

If NO, will you, if elected to the Noosa Shire Council, support SCRC community groups in advocating to the State Government against this proposal?
I haven't had a good look at this as it is outside the shire, but in principal I don't support inappropriate development on constrained land.

General

Q 20a The Noosa Biosphere Reserve designation by UNESCO was recently renewed for another 10 year period. What do you understand is the significance of the Biosphere Reserve designation to the Noosa Shire and its community?

Response:

That Noosa has managed to achieve a place where people can live, work and holiday while still retaining a large part of the natural environment that is diverse and deserves to be retained for future generations and continues to value and protect that environment with a reduced impact from human habitation. That this is valued and the need to protect and preserved is recognised.

Q 20b Over the past 10 years the Noosa population has undergone significant change with new residents moving to the area. Will you advocate for an education and marketing program about what it means to local residents and the community as a whole to be a UNESCO Biosphere and how the community can assist in supporting and maintaining that status?

YES/NO Yes

Q 21 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

If NO, why not?

Q 22 In a recent interview the current Mayor referred to a "Crisis" in the Noosa River with biodiversity plummeting. What actions would you propose to address this issue?

Response:

Further research and understanding of the changes in the river's diversity, the causes and actions in a plan to manage it. The Noosa River Plan is a good platform from which to further develop and manage the waterway. A number of actions have been initiated to deal with sediment and diversity already, and more proposed.

Q 23 Given Noosa Shire is an undivided council, if elected, how do you intend to engage with the whole Noosa Shire community?

Response:

Respond to approaches of resident concern and visit with residents, attend community gatherings, community consultation opportunities, Council meetings in the community, engage with community groups across the shire, monitor social media issues. Continue to be a member of community organisations. It is a challenge to be known across the shire as many people do not engage in local issues until there is an issue that affects them.

Q 24 Why do you think that you are the best candidate for Councillor or Mayor of the Noosa Shire Council?

Response:

I moved to Tewantin from Brisbane with my wife and new born son 20 years ago. We have owned and operated 2 small businesses before I was elected, so I understand the challenges for small business operators. I have been actively engaged with Arts, Sport, Environment, Community and Youth organisations in this community and successfully advocated on issues relating to the environment and sporting clubs prior to be elected.

I feel privileged to have represented the Noosa Community as a Councillor for the last 6 years so have the experience and understanding of the role of a Councillor. I'm proud of my track record as one of our community representatives and the track record of this Council. I will continue to work to on the balance that sees services are delivered, facilities get much needed upgrades and rates remain manageable.