

1. State Planning Issues

The LNP believe in protecting the environment and our way of life here on the Coast whilst ensuring economic growth, jobs and housing affordability.

With respect to the inter-urban break, an LNP Government would work with the relevant Councils to ensure the appropriate protections are put in place.

With respect to the Biosphere nomination, the LNP would like the opportunity to further discuss this with the council. The LNP support and actively promote the natural advantage the Sunshine Coast holds given its pristine environment. We will work with council and other stakeholders around how best to protect these elements whilst also ensuring economic growth in the region.

With respect to the proposed “surf ranch” at Coolum West, the LNP shares the community’s concerns regarding flooding, the environment, over development and congestion. However, we also welcome the opportunities such a development would bring. We would continue discussions with Council on a better location for such a development.

As the local State Member for Maroochydore, Fiona Simpson exposed the secret Labor Plan for commercial development of public land on Mooloolaba Spit (refer to Queensland Transport documents linked on her website). Fiona has been actively fighting to protect the Spit and for the release of the secret \$62,000 consultant’s report which investigates developing the land but the State Government has refused. Leaked public documents still confirm the State Government paid consultants to investigate going over the Council town planning height and giving land over to developers at the end of the Spit. Fiona believes the town plan must be respected and public land must be protected for public access and to support the marine services to do their job. The old Mooloolaba Yacht Club is not suitable for an accommodation complex as this is a conflict with the local marine industry.

On broader planning matters and the SEQ Regional Plan, an LNP Government commits to working with the council and communities to ensure we have the appropriate state and council regulations to allow sensible growth and economic opportunity whilst maintaining our lifestyle and protecting our environment.

2. Transport Infrastructure

With respect to road and public transport infrastructure the LNP have made the following commitments:

- Bruce Highway – the LNP will deliver Bruce Highway upgrades by confirming the State’s contribution to the expansion of the Bruce Highway from Steve Irwin Way at Beerburrum to Caloundra Road;
- North Coast Rail – the LNP will deliver the \$550 million North Coast Rail duplication including the necessary state contribution;

- Local Roads – the LNP has announced a \$1 billion SEQ congestion-busting infrastructure program including:
 - \$35 million to fast-track the Bells Creek Arterial Road;
 - \$15 million for Caloundra Road / Nicklin Way roundabout; and
 - \$5 million for Maleny-Kenilworth Road.
 - \$30 million for Coolum and Mt Coolum network upgrades

- Fast Rail– the LNP recognise faster rail is an important component of the long-term transport investment needed for the region. As such, the LNP is committed to working with relevant Councils and the Federal Government on faster rail options across the South East;

- Mass Transit – The LNP will provide \$7.5 million towards a mass transit detailed business case, led by the Department of Transport and Main Roads, as well as deliver a Sunshine Coast Integrated Transport Investment Plan for the broader Sunshine Coast. However, the LNP is concerned that the Council is too focussed on one particular option , notably light rail and believes that the mass transit plan should not have a predetermined outcome but rather incorporate public feedback about land use and density and other transport modes (including rail along the CAMCOS corridor) to find the best solutions to support the Sunshine Coast’s liveability and lifestyle. We support more public consultation on all options. It is disappointing that a number of Councillors recently voted against further community consultation on the mass transit plan.

3. Local and State Government Reform

The LNP have supported all Operation Belcarra and CCC recommendations pertaining to local government reform and transparency.

The LNP have committed to restoring Optional Preferential Voting (OPV) to state elections to ensure individuals have the greatest opportunity to express their vote. This includes not allocating preferences if they don’t want to.

4. Other

Due to electorate redistributions some LNP State Members of Parliament no longer reside in their electorates. Decisions were made to continue to represent the electorates they have been serving for many years rather than move electorates. For example – Anastasia Palaszczuk doesn’t live in Inala.