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Hi Melva,

I have found the survey questions are too broad in places and are without context leaving the answers open to interpretation. I hold integrity paramount and in the interest of informing you and you members where I stand, I have included my position on a range of issues and provided a bit of information about my history below.

I am running as I would like to see a Sunshine Coast Council which brings people together, rather than pit them off against each other.

A council that listens and works with the community and doesn't consider community consultation as a box ticking exercise to do and ignore.

Although the communities' view takes precedence over my own, I have the following views.

Good governance, transparency and integrity must be the framework for everything the council does.

I support community connectiveness through the provision of community assets such as libraries, pools, parks, walkways, playgrounds, exercise equipment, etc.

I am in favour of heavy rail connected with low emission bus services tailored to need.

I do not want to see light rail or any dedicated lanes for public transport as this increases congestion for other transport corridor users

Development plans should not allow high-rise on the beach front.

Infrastructure to support any development should be in place first prior to development.

Development where possible should support local employment.

As a priority I will work to have the recent law changes regarding the off leash areas for dogs at Point Cartwright reversed to restore the joy and community atmosphere which this law has taken from so many people. (Community Consultation results showed 73% did not want this law change)

I am an independent with no affiliation with any political party.

I live in Buddina in Division 4. My wife and I bought into Buddina in 2009. I have no previous council experience however have board experience with a health and community service provider and as a member of a board committee of the Australian Industry Trade College as well as the current chair of their Community Consultative Committee for the Sunshine Coast campus.

As for my background, I spent my career in the aviation industry looking after the engineering and maintenance of air traffic control equipment and navigational aids. I started as a Radio Technical Officer maintaining Communication, Navigation and Surveillance equipment to leading the group maintaining Pilot Briefing equipment for all of Australia. I then moved to an integrity role assuring the correct application of safety, change, engineering and maintenance processes as the Team Leader of Assurance and Compliance for Airservices Australia. I have a Graduate Certificate in Aviation Safety and Risk Management, a Graduate Certificate in Cyber Security and I am a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.