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Candidate survey – Noosa Shire Election 2024

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Position contesting:	Councillor		

1 About you:

Are you a member of a registered political party?	YES/NO	No
If so, are you endorsed or formally supported by that political party?	YES/NO	N/A

2 How will you deal with situations where you or your immediate family have assets, interests or affiliations that might be likely to present you with potential conflicts of interest in carrying out your tasks as a Councillor?

Comment:

As per the requirements of Conflict of Interest provisions I would declare any perceived conflict and leave the room as required if a conflict arises.

3 If elected, how do you intend to engage with your community and/or the region?

Comment:

Continue to meet with residents at every opportunity. My phone is always on happy to attend any situation that residents bring to my attention. Readily contactable and follow and try to address issues on social media as this seems to be the main outlet for grievance at present. Advocate State matters to State representatives or departments as required.

4 Why do you think that you are the best candidate for the position you are contesting?

Comment:

I am a long term community advocate with a proven track record of working for this community, even before my time on Council. I have 10 years experience on on Noosa Council and am the only candidate with experience in dealing with Disaster Management having spent 8 years as Deputy Chair of our Local Disaster Management Group and Chair of our Recovery Group. I firmly believe that experience counts as a community representative. I'm proud of my track record for delivering the right outcomes for this community as a Councillor.

5 Do you have any additional comments you would like to make concerning this section of the survey?

Comment:

Governance, Transparency and Ethical Behaviour

6 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
the relevant legislation and regulations that govern the conduct of Councillors and the activities of Council?	YES/NO	Yes

7 How do you see the above influencing your decision-making?

<p>Comment:</p> <p>These principles should be at the forefront of all decision making.</p>
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8 Will you:

support providing requested information (other than current commercial-in-confidence) to the community without the need for individuals and organisations having to resort to Right to Information applications?	YES/NO	Yes
support that community consultation will become routine and results respected and acted upon such that the public interest takes precedence over vested interests?	YES/NO	Yes
commit to forensic scrutiny of projects and expenditure directions and the budget overall?	YES/NO	Yes
support the Environment Levy and its policies, including the continued acquisition of land for conservation, support for the Council's Voluntary Conservation Agreement Programs and the provision of funding to the Noosa Biosphere Reserve Trust?	YES/NO	Yes

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

<p>Comment:</p> <p>Sustainable development aims to meet the needs of today without compromising the needs of future generations. We should all be able to enjoy an environment that facilitates the needs of humans as well as our native flora and fauna. We live in an ever changing and evolving world with an ever increasing population and global conflicts that impact our future. Issues such as global inequality, climate change, biodiversity loss, unrestrained urbanisation and destructive forms of economic growth all require action. We all have a role to play to maintain and facilitate a healthier and more fulfilling region and planet for all.</p>
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10 Do you have any additional comments you would like to make concerning Governance, Transparency and Ethical Behaviour?

<p>Comment:</p> <p>I believe that Council facilitates good governance transparency and ethical behaviour. There is always room for review and improvement in all operations of Council and Council undertakes these reviews regularly.</p>
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Climate Emergency

11 What do you see as the key impacts of Climate Change on the Sunshine Coast and how should Noosa Council deal with this now and into the future?

Comment:

The impacts of changing weather patterns should be evident to all. Our coastline is exposed and susceptible to severe erosion and flooding as are the communities that live along the coast and Hinterland. The devastating fires of 2019 and floods of 2022 should be a constant reminder of the potential of weather events to come. Disaster Management, Recovery and Resilience will need to be a major focus with severe weather events increasingly impacting to our community, economy and assets. Currently up to \$148 million is being spent on infrastructure due to the 2022 floods with a significant number of those works adding resilience to infrastructure in our Hinterland.

12 Do you endorse the Climate Change Emergency Declaration made by the Council in 2019 and will you advocate for a review of its scope, effectiveness, transparency and accountability to give effect to the Declaration?

Comment:

Yes. I believe that we need to understand the impacts and continue to plan and review our actions for the future.

13 What role do you see for the Noosa Council and its Planning Scheme to accelerate the LGA achieving net zero emissions by 2026?

Comment:

There are a number of actions already being undertaken by Council in an effort to attain that goal. The most significant actions for the next term will be to implement the new Waste Reduction Strategy with the landfill currently accounting for around 60% of Council's total emissions. Council has been implementing solar systems where feasible on all of its assets and community buildings and has plans for a significant solar project on the capped areas of our landfill. Council is also working with Zero Emissions Noosa on the first Community battery.

14 The Coastal Hazard Adaptation Plan (CHAP):

Will you ensure that the current CHAP is regularly updated as new Climate Change information and IPCC reports become available, and ensure CHAP updates are incorporated in the Planning Scheme?	YES/NO	Yes
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15 Do you have any additional comments you would like to make concerning Climate Emergency?

Comment:

Council continues to embed an understanding of Climate Change in all its policies in line with the declaration.

Planning issues

16 What is your understanding of when it is appropriate to override the Planning Scheme (PS) when there are conflicts?

Comment:

In my opinion, only in extreme circumstances as the planning scheme has been formulated in collaboration with the community. Opportunities for amendments are facilitated throughout the life of the scheme and enhancements or changes can be facilitated with community consultation at these times. Effective changes can be facilitated with community input, rather than as policy on the run.

17 Do you agree that:

Development Applications (DA) that conflict with the relevant PS Performance Outcomes and other planning instruments should be refused unless there is an overriding need in the public interest?	YES/NO	Yes
applicants wishing to lodge a DA that substantially does not comply, or seeks to override the PS, with or without a proposed amendment to the Scheme should only be permitted to lodge a DA following a successful appropriate Scheme amendment?	YES/NO	Yes
the community should be able to make formal public submissions and have the right of appeal to the Planning and Environment Court for development applications involving major impacts on the community and the environment?	YES/NO	Yes
Councillors rather than Council staff should decide such major development applications?	YES/NO	Yes
development that is vulnerable to the impacts of Climate Change such as flooding, inundation, coastal erosion, landslip and bushfire hazard should be prohibited?	YES/NO	Yes
longer public submission timeframes than the statutory minimum times concerning amendments to the PS should be implemented to allow time for the community to understand and make an informed response?	YES/NO	
further development on floodplains should be prohibited and not approved?	YES/NO	Yes
where community expectations about the PS are inconsistent with the planning directions and expectations of the State Government (eg in the SEQ Regional Plan Update or State legislation or policies), you will advocate strongly to ensure that the State accommodates the expressed planning wishes of our regional community to the greatest practicable extent?	YES/NO	Yes
Halls Creek should not be recommended for residential development and should remain part of the Inter-Urban Break?	YES/NO	Yes
Do you support measures to curb the proliferation of Short Term Accommodation (STA)?	YES/NO	Yes

18 What measures would you propose to reduce the impact of STAs on the liveability of the Noosa Shire?

Comment:

I was the only Councillor to argue that all 3 densities (low, medium and high) of residential property should have been made inconsistent when this was first put before Council as part of the 2020 Planning Scheme. Medium and High Density residential have the greatest concentration of STAs and facilitate the most affordable rental properties and greatest impact on worker accommodation. This needs to be addressed in my opinion.

I was a part of Noosa Council being the first in Queensland and one of the first in Australia to recognise the pressures of short stay letting on resident amenity and implement STA Registration, Local Laws and a Hotline to deal with the issue. We need to implement Tourism Zones in the Planning Scheme where STAs can be situated to facilitate the tourism industry and economy. STAs should essentially be limited to tourism zones in my opinion. There are only 7 purpose built Short Stay resort style properties approved in Noosa. The remaining properties are a mix of residential and short stay properties which present additional challenges. A number of these have live in on site managers which should be considered. Council has just completed facilitating an STA Dashboard to provide a regular snapshot regarding the statistics related to the operation of the Short Stay Local Law for the community. Council continues to defend its position on STA refusals.

19 Concerning the South East Queensland Regional Plan (Shaping SEQ) Update of December 2023, what are your views on the strategic directions for the Northern Subregion and the population and dwelling requirements for the Noosa region?

Comment:

I think the targets were set without due consultation and require a future plan that explains how the transport and infrastructure needs of the increased population targets will be met. There is a lack of projects being delivered for the Coast already. How will the State deal with the increases they propose? We lack adequate public transport and congestion issues already.

20 Given the focus on increased densification via higher buildings and/or “gentle density” as per the SEQRP2023 Update will you commit to:

the development of careful guidelines for “gentle density” and that this type of development is not just seen as “accepted” or “as of right” development?	YES/NO	Yes
Comment: There needs to be a considered approach as to how and where the proposed increases in density can and will occur. Issues such as existing congestion and public transport access need to be addressed. What about other amenity issues such as access to green space and impact on environment?		

21 The coastal hazard “erosion prone area” is defined by the Queensland Government. The State Planning Policy Guidance states redevelopment is to “avoid urban footprint expansion into erosion-prone areas while the State Policy prohibits this land “to be used for urban purposes” unless already located in an urban area or urban footprint in a regional plan.
Will you oppose increases in the urban footprint and the density of medium and high-rise mixed-use residential buildings in these designated coastal hazard areas to reduce overall risk – and if so, how?

Comment:

The impact on erosion prone areas could not be more evident that in the current funding of up to \$148 million dollars to facilitate land slip remediation works following the 2022 floods in the Noosa region. As per above, development in these areas needs to be restricted or we will only be putting lives at risk, and increasing the risk rather than working to limit any potential impact.

22 How can the Planning Scheme support the biosphere?

Comment:

By incorporating consideration of the biosphere concept throughout its ideology and management actions.

23 Do you have any additional comments you would like to make concerning Planning Issues?

Comment:

The plan must continue to consider the needs for further social and affordable housing options.

Transport Infrastructure and Service

24 Given the Australian Government has withdrawn financial support for all but one of the 5 major transport projects on the Sunshine Coast and has reduced Federal contributions from 80% to 50% for approved projects, and given the strong nexus between land use planning decisions and the provision of transport infrastructure, do you agree that:

all the current regional transport projects should be reassessed to identify and “lock in” the most effective and affordable project or projects that realistically can be delivered with Federal and State funding?	YES/NO	
accurate budgeting with realistic cost increases and contingency funding must be included in this reassessment process?	YES/NO	Yes
projects that meet the need to efficiently move large numbers of Olympics 2032 spectators to, from and within the Sunshine Coast and that deliver a significant “legacy” transport benefit to the region must be a major decision-making consideration?	YES/NO	Yes
any reassessment should explore some options that do not involve the high capital cost, fixed transport infrastructure projects currently under consideration eg significant increases in the regional public bus network with small and large battery buses on more routes, servicing all major regional destinations, with greater frequency and express services, and with bus right of way clearways at peak periods and priority at traffic lights?	YES/NO	Yes
that ratepayers should not be subsidising major infrastructure projects that have been traditionally funded by the State Government through an increase in Council debt or increases in the Transport Levy?	YES/NO	Yes
given the importance of synchronising and integrating land use planning and development approvals with the planning, funding and delivery of transport infrastructure and services, you will support including in the proposed new Planning Scheme medium, high and gentle density land use changes only where the relevant transport infrastructure and services are guaranteed to be funded and delivered in a synchronised way?	YES/NO	Yes
Active transport and Accessible transport should be made priorities in any transport infrastructure projects?	YES/NO	Yes
Would you advocate for the Noosa Council to own and manage its own small, electric bus fleet to service the Noosa region?	YES/NO	No
Comment: I think we have identified a range of priority projects for the Coast that need to be funded. However, fast rail and connections beyond Nambour or Maroochydore need to be included. NSW had fast rail connections to Gosford and Woolongong when I worked in Sydney in the 1980s. Brisbane needs fast rail connections North to Noosa, Gympie and the Fraser Coast. There is a lack of future vision as the government struggles to deliver for existing populations let alone future growth or the Olympics.		

25 Given the community is calling for a “transformational” approach to address Noosa’s transport and traffic issues, what specific proposals do you advocate to address the problem?

Comment: Introduce paid parking to facilitate free public transport in the region and remove the transport levy for residents. A transport hub and community centre for Cooroy and road bypass to redirect traffic around the town. Underground parking options and solar panels on existing carparks. Improvements to pedestrian, cycle and trail networks or better connectivity.

26 Do you have any additional comments you would like to make concerning Transport Infrastructure and Services?

Comment:

Upgrades to State Assets at Myall and Elm Sts, Diamond & Elm Sts and Cooroy rail bridge alternatives, Continued upgrades of Pomona Kin Kin road including single lane bridges and cycle and pedestrian connectivity. Completion of the upgrade of Beckmans Rd. Upgrades to public transport services for the Noosa Community including direct access to SCUH Hospital and review of local routes for more Hinterland services and better local connections.