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## Candidate survey – Sunshine Coast Regional Council (SCRC) Election 2024

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Position contesting:	Division 1		

### 1 About you:

Do you live in the Division for which you are standing?	YES/NO	No
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	No

### 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:

I will prioritize transparency and integrity in handling potential conflicts of interest. Firstly, I'll disclose any such affiliations or interests to the council's ethics committee. If a conflict arises, I'll recuse myself from related discussions or decisions. Seeking advice from legal counsel and ethics advisors will ensure compliance with laws and standards. Regular review of potential conflicts and proactive measures will mitigate risks. Engaging the community in decision-making fosters trust and inclusivity. By adhering to ethical principles and maintaining open communication, I aim to uphold the public's confidence and serve their best interests faithfully.

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

Comment:

If elected, I plan to engage with the community through various channels. Regular meetings will facilitate direct communication and discussion of local concerns. Community surveys will gather feedback to inform decision-making. I'll maintain open communication channels, including email, social media, and a website, for easy access to information and dialogue. Attending and organizing community events, workshops, and forums will foster personal connections and understanding of residents' needs. Establishing advisory committees with community members will ensure diverse perspectives in decision-making processes. Door-to-door outreach will provide opportunities for personal interaction and deeper engagement. Collaborating with local organizations and businesses will strengthen community ties and leverage resources. Utilizing online platforms for virtual meetings and webinars will accommodate diverse schedules and preferences. Regular updates through newsletters and bulletins will keep residents informed. Finally, I'll prioritize inclusivity, ensuring all residents can participate in engagement efforts and have their voices heard.

#### 4 If elected as a Divisional Councillor, how will you advance the specific needs of your community?

**Comment:**

As a divisional councillor, I will advance the specific needs of my community by actively listening to constituents, advocating for infrastructure improvements, prioritizing essential services, fostering economic development opportunities, and collaborating with local stakeholders. Through transparent communication, regular engagement, and proactive problem-solving, I will ensure that the unique concerns and priorities of our community are addressed effectively and that policies and initiatives reflect the best interests of residents.

#### 5 Why do you think that you are the best candidate for your Division or for Mayor?

**Comment:**

I believe I am the best candidate for my division because of my deep understanding of our community's needs, my track record of effective leadership and collaboration, and my commitment to transparent and inclusive governance. With a background in community organizing ( Rotary) and a history of bringing diverse voices together, I am dedicated to listening to constituents, advocating for their interests, and working tirelessly to address local challenges. My vision for our division is one of progress, equity, and opportunity for all residents, and I am prepared to leverage my skills and experience to make that vision a reality.

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

**Comment:**

In addition to the responses provided, I would like to emphasize the importance of accountability and accessibility in public service. If elected, I am committed to being transparent about my actions, accountable to the residents of our division, and accessible to all constituents. Building trust and fostering meaningful engagement are essential for effective governance, and I am dedicated to upholding these principles throughout my tenure as a councillor. Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective, and I look forward to serving our community with integrity and dedication.

### Governance, Transparency and Ethical Behaviour

#### 7 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

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

**Comment:**

Adhering to the principles and regulations outlined in the Local Government Act 2009 influences decision-making by prioritizing transparency, accountability, community engagement, compliance with legislation, and ethical conduct. These principles guide councillors to make decisions that are transparent, accountable to the community, legally compliant, ethically sound, and focused on addressing community needs efficiently and effectively.

#### 9 If elected 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
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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
advocate to ensure consistent, high-quality, professional outcomes by requiring the planning and execution of all Council-initiated community engagement processes to be oversighted by the community engagement team of the Council?	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, partnership funding for Land for Wildlife and other environment programs?	YES/NO	Yes

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

### Comment:

Sustainable development can be measured through a set of indicators across economic, social, environmental, and governance dimensions:

1. **Economic:** GDP, income distribution, poverty rates, and employment.
2. **Environmental:** Pollution levels, biodiversity, energy consumption, and carbon emissions.
3. **Social:** Education access, healthcare, housing, gender equality, and human rights.
4. **Governance:** Political stability, rule of law, corruption levels, and public participation.
5. **Resilience:** Disaster preparedness, adaptive capacity, and climate change resilience.

These indicators provide insights into how well a society is balancing economic growth, social equity, environmental protection, and effective governance to ensure a sustainable future.

## 11 Do you have any additional comments you would like to make concerning Governance, Transparency and Ethical Behaviour?

### Comment:

Certainly! Governance, transparency, and ethical behavior are essential for sustainable development:

1. **Governance:** We must have transparent, accountable institutions for effective decision-making.
2. **Transparency:** Provide open access to information and ensure accountability.
3. **Ethical Behavior:** Uphold moral principles, including human rights and environmental stewardship.

Together, these principles foster trust, integrity, and cooperation, promoting sustainable development locally and globally.

## Climate Emergency

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

### Comment:

Certainly! The Sunshine Coast faces key climate change impacts like rising sea levels, extreme weather events, and shifts in precipitation patterns. To address these challenges, the SCRC should:

1. **Develop adaptation plans** to assess vulnerabilities and integrate resilience into infrastructure and land-use planning.

2. Upgrade infrastructure to withstand climate impacts, protect natural habitats, and engage the community through education and outreach.
3. Implement emission reduction initiatives and collaborate with stakeholders to build climate resilience together.

By taking proactive measures, the SCRC can protect communities, infrastructure, and ecosystems while ensuring a sustainable future for the Sunshine Coast.

I do endorse

**13 Do you endorse the Climate Change Emergency Declaration made by the current Council and will you advocate for a review of the scope, effectiveness, transparency and accountability of the current corporate performance mechanisms to give effect to the Declaration?**

**Comment:**

I do endorse the Climate Change Emergency Declaration. But I would be advocating for a review of the scope, effectiveness, transparency, and accountability of corporate performance mechanisms in light of the climate change emergency declaration. This review can help ensure that organizational strategies, policies, and practices align with the goals and principles outlined in the declaration. It can also enhance accountability and transparency in monitoring and reporting progress towards climate-related objectives.

A comprehensive review may involve assessing current emissions reduction targets, evaluating the implementation of climate adaptation measures, analyzing the allocation of resources towards sustainability initiatives, and engaging stakeholders in the decision-making process. By conducting such a review, councils can identify areas for improvement, strengthen their commitment to climate action, and enhance their capacity to respond effectively to the climate crisis.

Ultimately, the effectiveness of any corporate performance mechanism in addressing climate change will depend on its ability to drive meaningful change, engage stakeholders, and foster a culture of accountability and transparency within the organization.

**14 What role do you see for the SCRC and the Planning Scheme to accelerate the Sunshine Coast becoming a low emissions region by 2041?**

**Comment:**

The Sunshine Coast Regional Council (SCRC) and the Planning Scheme can play pivotal roles in accelerating the transition towards a low-emissions region by 2041. Here are some key roles they can undertake

1. **Integrate Climate Goals into Planning:** Ensure the Planning Scheme includes provisions for energy-efficient buildings, sustainable transportation, and renewable energy installations.
2. **Promote Sustainable Transportation:** Prioritize public transit, cycling infrastructure, and pedestrian-friendly designs to reduce reliance on private vehicles.
3. **Support Renewable Energy:** Streamline permits, provide incentives, and support community-led renewable energy projects to reduce reliance on fossil fuels.
4. **Enhance Energy Efficiency:** Require energy-efficient building designs and green standards for new developments and renovations.
5. **Engage and Educate:** Raise awareness and provide support for sustainable lifestyle choices through community engagement and education programs.
6. **Collaborate with Stakeholders:** Partner with businesses, organizations, and neighboring municipalities to leverage resources and expertise in emissions reduction efforts.

By taking these steps, the SCRC and the Planning Scheme can accelerate the Sunshine Coast's transition to a low-emissions region by 2041.

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## 15 The Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy (CHAS):

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

<p>Comment:</p> <p>Certainly! The declaration of a climate emergency signifies a critical recognition of the urgent need to address the profound challenges posed by climate change. It serves as a call to action for governments, businesses, communities, and individuals to prioritize climate mitigation, adaptation, and resilience-building efforts.</p>
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## Planning issues

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

<p>Comment:</p> <p>Overrides to the Planning Scheme (PS) are justified when significant public interest or emergent needs arise, requiring flexibility or adaptation. This may include instances where development aligns with broader community goals, responds to urgent public needs, or catalyzes sustainable growth. Considerations such as environmental conservation, social equity, and economic vitality guide such decisions. Overrides should occur transparently, involving robust assessment, stakeholder consultation, and adherence to legal and regulatory frameworks. They should also be exceptional, preserving the integrity and intent of the PS while ensuring responsible and accountable decision-making in line with long-term community well-being.</p>
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### 18 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
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	No
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
financial contributions in place of the provisions of onsite parking should not be allowed unless improvements are provided within 200 metres of the development?	YES/NO	Yes
longer public submission timeframes than the statutory minimum times concerning amendments of the PS and for the proposed new PS should be implemented and consultation time for the new PS should be longer than the statutory timeframes (currently a minimum of 40 business days) to allow time for the community to understand and make an informed response?	YES/NO	Yes
further development on the floodplains should be prohibited and not approved?	YES/NO	Yes

a thorough review of the proposed Draft of the new PS, including the assumptions underlying it and the provision of infrastructure on which the proposed Draft PS is relying should be undertaken by the new Council? These include for example, the proposed rate of population growth specified in the SEQ Regional Plan Update to be accommodated on the Sunshine Coast and the impact of that rate of population growth in the region including the increases in dwelling numbers and densities mandated in the Update.	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 as per the long-held view of the SCRC and supported by OSCAR?	YES/NO	Yes
there should be a level playing field for all quarry operations in the Sunshine Coast region by ensuring that the new PS has the same zoning for all quarry operations and the same level of development assessment for their operations?	YES/NO	Yes

**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, the expansions of the Urban Footprint at Yandina, and the population and dwelling requirements for the Sunshine Coast region?**

<p><b>Comment:</b></p> <p>1. Strategic Directions for the Northern Subregion: Strategic directions should prioritize sustainable development, balanced growth, environmental conservation, and infrastructure provision. It's essential to consider community needs, economic opportunities, and environmental constraints to ensure the long-term prosperity and resilience of the Northern Subregion.</p> <p>2. Expansion of the Urban Footprint at Yandina: Expansion should be carefully planned to minimize environmental impact, preserve biodiversity, and maintain the region's unique character. Comprehensive urban planning, including infrastructure development, transport networks, and green spaces, can support livability and quality of life for residents while managing growth sustainably.</p> <p>3. Population and Dwelling Requirements for the Sunshine Coast Region: Population and dwelling requirements should be aligned with projected growth, economic development, and community aspirations. Sustainable land-use planning, affordable housing strategies, and infrastructure investment are essential to accommodate population growth while safeguarding natural resources and enhancing social cohesion.</p> <p>It's crucial for stakeholders, including local communities, government agencies, and private sector entities, to collaborate in the planning and implementation process to ensure that development decisions reflect the diverse needs and interests of the region's residents and contribute to the overall well-being and sustainability of the Sunshine Coast and surrounding areas.</p>
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**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 development"/"as of right"?	YES/NO	Yes
ensuring that SCRC undertakes a pilot project for higher density living that demonstrates the best in planning outcomes as per the ELS policy?	YES/NO	Yes

- 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:

**Opposing increased urban footprint and density in Queensland's designated coastal hazard areas aligns with sustainable planning. Strategies include stricter zoning regulations, incentives for low-impact development, and public education on coastal risks. Collaboration among stakeholders and integrating climate change adaptation into planning are vital. Emphasizing setback requirements, green infrastructure, and resilient building standards fosters adaptive land use. Prudent measures mitigate risks, safeguard communities, and preserve coastal ecosystems for future generations. These strategies collectively promote resilience, minimize vulnerability, and ensure sustainable coastal development in the face of evolving climate hazards so for the safty and benefit of the community I would not support**

**22 How can the Planning Scheme support the biosphere?**

Comment:

**The Planning Scheme can support biospheres through various strategies that prioritize environmental conservation, sustainable development, and biodiversity protection. Here are some ways the Planning Scheme can contribute to supporting biospheres:**

- 1. Zoning and Land Use Designations: Establish zoning categories and land use designations that protect sensitive ecosystems, critical habitats, and biodiversity-rich areas within the biosphere. This may include designating conservation zones, nature reserves, and buffer areas around protected sites to safeguard ecological integrity.**
- 2. Biodiversity Corridors and Green Infrastructure: Incorporate provisions for biodiversity corridors and green infrastructure networks within the Planning Scheme to connect fragmented habitats, facilitate species movement, and enhance ecosystem resilience. By promoting connectivity between natural areas, the Planning Scheme can mitigate habitat loss and fragmentation while promoting genetic diversity and ecosystem functioning.**
- 3. Development Controls and Guidelines: Implement development controls and guidelines that prioritize ecological sustainability, minimize habitat disturbance, and promote low-impact development practices. This may include requirements for ecological assessments, setback requirements from water bodies, and green building standards to mitigate adverse environmental impacts and conserve biodiversity.**
- 4. Natural Resource Management: Integrate principles of sustainable natural resource management into land-use planning and development decision-making processes. This involves considering water quality protection, soil conservation, and sustainable land management practices to maintain ecosystem services and support long-term environmental health.**
- 5. Community Engagement and Education: Engage local communities, stakeholders, and Indigenous groups in the planning process to raise awareness about the value of biodiversity and the importance of conserving natural resources within**

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

Comment:

**By integrating the strategies described in question 22 into the Planning Scheme, authorities can promote sustainable development while safeguarding the ecological integrity and biodiversity values of biospheres, contributing to the long-term health and resilience of ecosystems and communities within these unique and valuable landscapes.**



## 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	Yes
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 traditionally have been funded by the State and Australian Governments 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

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

<p>Comment: CALOUNDRA ROAD MUST BE FIXED .We do not need to reinvent the wheel but just learn from other countries that have and move many more people.</p>
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Thank you for your responses. We appreciate your time commitment to complete this survey.