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

Surname:	Willing	Given name:	Kym
Position contesting:	Division 3		

### 1 About you:

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

Only have one rental unit left which we will likely sell next FY. If any planning works were to be approved for that area I would abstain to avoid any real or perceived conflict of interest.

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

Comment:

Via Social Media (candidate FB page being set up - will advise link when live), public consultation in public spaces such as shopping centres, and by email.

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

Comment:

Through proper consultation process at Council, and via Social Media.

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

Comment:

Life and work experience in govt has given me a great skillset to operate in this space. Professionalism, transparency and integrity are important and I will bring those values to this role.

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

Comment:

As a muso of some 50 years total experience, I will also be seeking opportunities to advance the role of live music in the culture and vibe of this wonderful region.

## 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:

All decisions must be run through the filter of legislation and policy and if non-compliant, rejected.

### 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
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	

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

Comment:

Overall compatability with the Community's majority expectations of how the coast will evolve going forward. If they don't want the place to end up like the Gold Coast, then it would mean development would be very prudently managed to preserve that overall look and feel of the region.

Development must be tightly controlled and regulated so as not to damage the liveability, beauty and natural vitality of the coastal area

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

Comment:

As an ex public servant involved in conducting and reporting on several serious fraud and misconduct investigations, I will uphold these governing principles without question.



# 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:  
Carbon Dioxide is not pollution, it's plant food and essential for all life on Earth. It was way hotter in the Medieval Warming period (1400's) than it will ever be now.

I'm not in agreement with the 'climate alarmist' view of the IPCC and its various propaganda arms and fanatical adherents. Science is not about consensus, it's about investigation, testing a hypothesis, and confirming that it is valid, not illogical and unscientific slogans based on political extremism and used to manipulate feelings, especially those of the young.

The only 'climate change' we have ever had is essentially 'the weather', and it's many and various cyclical patterns that occur over millenia. We are currently in a very mild cycle which has demonstrated conclusively not real effective warming over the past 30 years and the small increase we have experienced coming out of the 70's has benefitted the world via a proliferation of plant life and therefore all life that interacts with plants.

I encourage anyone who wishes to educate themselves on this subject please read Prof Ian Plimer, Prof William Happer, and watch John Robson's excellent commentary on the Climate Discussion Nexus (CDN) on YouTube. For a lady's point of view, please check out the excellent work of Joanne Nova.

## 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:  
No, definitely not.

## 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:  
See above, no need for any levels of govt to act on this junk science let alone waste taxpayer's precious resources on it.

## 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	No
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## 16 Do you have any additional comments you would like to make concerning Climate Emergency?

Comment:  
There is no "emergency". The world is a closed self-balancing system and it's going just fine where proper corrective action has been taken to stop real and actual environmental pollution, eg, airborne industrial pollutants, dumping of chemicals and heavy metals etc, and that's occurred mainly in the West.

The real pollution is in developing countries and those that have significantly upscaled industrially in recent decades such as China. I've been there, it's large cities have very polluted environments and have many many days of smoggy skies annually.

Australia has a comprehensive environmental management system via proper scientific investigation leading to the passing of laws and implementation of systems which ensure that these problems that have occurred in the past are not repeated.



## Planning issues

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

**Comment:**

I do understand the principle of 'relaxation' where Council rules that after examination of all factors bearing on a DA/BA, that it is acceptable to allow a certain project to proceed or not based on the facts of the case.

Obviously my experience of this has been at the local level only, ie, a shed/carport etc, not a major project, so i would need to do additional study of that to be across all the aspects that bear on whether the DA should proceed or not.

### 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	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
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?**

**Comment:**

**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:**

Yes to expand into these areas would leave the SC ending up like the GC, with massive beach erosion and eventual destruction of buildings erected too far out into the coastal strip and nearby verges.

Can only oppose in Council as that's where such decisions will be made.

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

**Comment:**

Via proper mapping of key nature reserves and ensuring there is no creeping incursion into them. This should already be in place, but can always be revisited periodically to ensure no breaches have occurred.

Google Earth makes this process very doable.

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

**Comment:**

Needs a shake up. Applications for simple structures like carports etc are ridiculously expensive and unnecessarily restrictive.

## 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	
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?**

**Comment:**

More criss cross roadways needed in Caloundra. Current access to city centre is ridiculously congested and number of time a day, especially around daily school ingress and egress times, due to the "ring road" arrangement currently in place. It's full of choke points leading to easy congestion even with a moderate traffic buildup.

For example, an East-West road to allow direct access to say Arthur St from Nicklin Way will expedite traffic movement,

Thank you for your responses. We appreciate your time commitment to complete this survey.