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Community consultation

Council has been conducting community consultation on several issues and this has been done through 'Your Say' and other more active methods such as surveys. Many in the community feel that even though the consultation is conducted, the input from it is not considered since many decisions made more recently by the Council seem to be at odds with community wishes.

If elected, what would you do to ensure that the community consultation conducted by Council had more influence on decision making?

I would make the consultation a priority. After all why have a consultation if you're not going to listen to it.

Climate Change

Every year we are seeing increasingly devastating impacts of climate change across Australia and the world. Many councils have declared a "climate emergency", along with delivery of Climate Emergency Plans which include actions such as 100 percent renewable energy, zero net emissions, divesting finances and pledges to lobby state and federal politicians for stronger action.

What are your views on this and in your role as councillor what sort of actions would you support to mitigate or adapt to climate change?

I think the council should lead by example and do everything it can to support the environment

Public Land

In the last 10 years we have seen proposals put forward or invited by Council for the building of private developments on public land (such as Arm End, Kangaroo Bay, Rosny Hill). These proposals have been controversial suggesting that they will have significant impacts on community.

If you were elected and you received evidence of significant community opposition to a proposed development on public land under Councils control, how would you act on it?

I would vote accordingly and support the residents. After all we are here to represent them.

Urban Growth

In the last ten years, the Census shows that the population of Clarence has increased by almost 10,000 people, and there has been a corresponding increase in dwellings of 3,500. With new suburbs still being developed, further growth is underway.

What challenges and opportunities do you think this level of growth presents to Council?

Challenges: over development creates serious traffic issues, not enough schools, doctors etc. Total lack of infrastructure.

Opportunities; it is difficult to gauge this question due to my answers in Challenges. Any opportunities must not have a detrimental effect on the residents.

Ferry service

The new ferry service between Hobart and Bellerive is anticipated to continue. The current patronage of the service is already putting pressure on the parking around Bellerive, and this will only increase if the service grows.

Do you support the service and, if you do, what would you do to address the parking pressures especially if the service was to be expanded in the future?

Yes, I support the ferry service, but as always not enough thought went into the idea before they implemented it. ie; parking

Your key issues

What new initiatives are you eager to champion if you are elected and why do you see these as important to the future of the Clarence community?

Planning needs a total overall. It has a massive impact on the community.

I would like to see the council far more proactive concerning climate change. Just one idea is changing all the garden employees equipment to electric.

I would fight tooth and nail to stop the council/state from selling public land for development. This is like selling the family silver, you can only do it once and it's so short-sighted.