

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 encourage the Council to hold citizen juries so there is a clear structure for community feedback.

I would also lobby other Councils to put to the government amendments to the interim planning

scheme that would include:

- Minimum % of trees planted in each development.
- The setting aside of land in large developments that ensure native corridors.
- Environmental assessment on the builds to ensure that the houses are able to take solar panels.
- Look at large developments having community batteries and community gardens.
- That ANY new development on Crown Land quarantines 15% of the build for social and affordable housing.

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?

It's baffling to me that our Council hasn't declared a climate emergency.

Our rapidly changing climate is just one of the reasons why I am running for Council. We need planning within new development that factors in tree planting to provide canopy and native corridors to protect our biodiversity. I would also suggest that council puts a requirement on all new developments to commit to a percentage of tree planting. As I have said above, I also think there needs for environmental assessments on the houses so that they are as resilient as they can be.

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 against it – if a development does not have social license from the community, then it should not go ahead. I am uncomfortable with public land being sold to private developers.

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?

The challenges are that we create housing developments where there are stretched or no services.

Any new development should have environmental assessments for solar, water and that the building materials used are sustainable.

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?

I support the ferry services and expanding them, but there I do not support the building of new car parks. Council needs to work closely with the State Government to ensure that there are bus services for each ferry stop.

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?

Good Planning

Climate Resilience

Community Voices .The Clarence community should have a real say in planning and new developments. All

development should be sustainable, future-proofed and add to the existing landscape.

Transparency and integrity are non-negotiable in local government. If elected I will hold regular community sessions and lobby for our Council to hold citizen juries.

We need action on the challenges of our rapidly changing climate, including flood and bushfire resilience.

Our green spaces should be preserved and protected for our community.

A thriving community is a creative community. I will use the arts and media contacts I have made over 30 years, to lobby for arts organisations (like MONA) to make art and bring creative events to our beautiful Eastern Shore.