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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?

A series of workshops with council and all interested parties on all sides able to attend. This would increase the transparency of the consultation and create mediation and help create room for conflict resolution. Would also considerably speed up the overall process.

### **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?

Understanding this is a very complex matter that cannot be done overnight and CCC is far behind already in many ways. I would be starting small and working up. Proper solar system and recycling booth at the council Chambers. Free Recycling drop off at Mornington transfer station. As a council we need to lead by example.

### **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?

Local Government Act 93 s28(1)a To Represent the Community. This is a core duty of a councillor and if there is clear community opposition, then it would be my role to support 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?

I see only opportunities if the Council staff, Councillors and Community are working together. We need and can sufficiently accommodate growth in the region, it just needs to be done without cost to the community's current amenity and with future growth, roads, environment, ongoing maintenance and facilitates prioritised. Examples of good residential growth in the region are North Bay(Rokeby) and Bayview Estate(Atkins St Rokeby) where some blocks have been pre-emptively planned to accommodate higher density units. Ad hoc developments must stop.

### **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 do support this service and yet have not used it. I do not have enough knowledge or information at this stage to give a personal opinion of how to address the parking issues that have been reported as a result of this service. I would however be firm that any future development along the Kangaroo Bay Area should have sufficient or preferably excess parking all underground.

**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?

Transparency and community engagement needs to be addressed. Temporary relocation of council meeting room to a larger facility were the community is invited and feels welcome to attend until a new council chamber is built.

Funding and greater support for our local community volunteer groups that make our community what it is. Some like our local Landcare groups save this council huge amounts in looking after our Public Open Space.