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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?

At times there will be conflict between what some sectors of the community want and the broader financial, legal and governance responsibilities of Council and so people will feel their views haven't been heard.

If elected I would seek to be accountable for my decisions. I would use various media to explain my decisions on major issues such as an annual newsletter, social media and responses directly to people who have raised it with me.

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 will advocate for Council to investigate, and if appropriate adopt, the following measures:

- Expanding charging stations to encourage the uptake of electric vehicles.
- Advocating for updates to planning controls for areas vulnerable to climate-related impacts (eg. bushfire risk, flood risk, coastal inundation/erosion, biodiversity etc.) based on the latest expert advice.
- Supporting communities in Clarence to adopt community-level renewable energy and backup battery storage projects with Commonwealth and/or state government assistance.

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 refer to my answer to question 1. I would always approach planning decisions according to my statutory responsibility and I would never agree to creating sovereign risk. Where an opportunity arises to revisit preferred developer status there are many considerations to weigh up including (but not limited to) the views, and needs, of the whole community, the potential public benefits of the project, the intentions of the developer and alternative uses for the site.

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 will mention two in particular, recognising there are many more.

Geographically, Clarence has great potential to contribute to easing the housing crisis. For more detail on how we can do this I refer to my opinion piece in The Mercury last Monday. The key challenge presented by rapid population growth is traffic congestion. We need to encourage more active and public transport use, but also future proof our road network when creating new subdivisions.

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 service, but would like to see expert advice on the cost and feasibility of parking solutions before committing to any.

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?

- Economic Development** – In my previous term I championed the 2016-2021 Economic Development Plan. I believe Clarence has huge untapped economic potential.

- Housing Affordability** – Once again refer to my opinion piece in The Mercury for detail on how we can help address the escalating housing crisis.

- Traffic Congestion** – I believe the Hobart City Deal was a lost opportunity to take a broad, strategic approach to tackling one of the biggest threats to liveability in our city.