

Mulder's reply

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?

Every consultation outcome should be posted on Councils website. For each, 'have your say', there should be a 'what you said'. Rarely does community consultation result in clear majorities, (the world is rarely binary) but when decisions are made the reasons must be articulated.

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 successfully moved Council into committing to a 40% reduction in emissions from Councils operations. Sea level rise is impacting on drainage in many coastal communities and I have and will consistently vote against developments in these areas until we have detention basins and pump out waste and storm water, as they do in the Netherlands.

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 will continue to oppose private development on public land. Public Land for public purposes.

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?

We must get rid of the Urban Growth Boundary so we can increase the supply of land and the size of house lots. The service economy is a decentralised one and this is where the jobs are. As private companies move out of the city, we need a decentralised SUB-urban model.

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 without additional stops it is not 'busting congestion'. Public transport is a state responsibility, and the Fed Gov has committed to expanding the service, hence it is a state government responsibility to sort out the parking and traffic and not dump it on Clarence. An all-day multilevel fee-paying car park in Percy St is required, but at State Govt. expense.

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?

Climate Action and back to basics.

Keep working on emission reductions

No more grandiose projects, master plans and street makeovers until every road and path is up to standard, every suburb is properly drained, every play park is adequately equipped, and every junior sports ground has adequate facilities.

Council amalgamations. Tasmania does not need 300 councillors let alone 29 General Managers and 29 cadres of senior executives. Senior Management salaries in Clarence were \$4million, double the \$2million capital works budget.