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2024 State Government Election Candidate Questionnaire

The Organisation Sunshine Coast Association of Residents Inc. (OSCAR) an umbrella group for resident and community groups in the Sunshine Coast and Noosa Local Government areas (LGAs) has a tradition of seeking the views of candidates for State elections on Local Government issues that are partially or wholly the responsibility of the State Government (by way of funding or legislative control).

Your responses, in full, will be published on the OSCAR website for the benefit of our members and the wider community.

We appreciate the fact that you are very busy at this time but we would value receiving your responses on the issues we have identified by **October 16**. Many questions can be answered with a simple Yes or No but the opportunity is there for you to expand your response.

We welcome individual responses from all candidates. Those of you who are members of the same political party may submit a collective response if preferred.

Candidate	Andrew McLean
Electorate	Glass House
Party	Greens
Date	7/10/24

State Planning Issues

1. Will you commit to ensuring there is statutory recognition and protection of the existing regional inter-urban break, between the Sunshine Coast and Moreton Bay Regional Councils (including Halls Creek)?

Yes. Absolutely

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2. (a). Will you support the Blue Heart project on 5000 ha of the Maroochy floodplain as a critical response to climate change?

Yes.

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- (b) Will you ensure that funding from the State's Land Restoration Program is continued and is available to landowners within the Maroochy floodplain?

Yes

3. As the Planning Act includes forms of planning and development that fall within the scope of "development" in the Economic Development Act, if elected, in the interest of consistency across state legislation, will you commit to amending the Economic Development Act to ensure that the ecological sustainability principles in Sections 3, 4 and 5 of the Planning Act are incorporated fully into the Economic Development Act and applied as intended by the Planning Act?

Governments are bought - by developers, and big business. It's no surprise, therefore that the planning act is 'bent' towards developers. The Greens will do all in our power to redress this, and 'bend' the power back to the residents, who after all, have to live there. The current practise, of what I call, "Scorched Earth' development is so utterly destructive to habitat and biodiversity, that this practice needs to stop. Bringing the ecology sustainability principles into the EDA seems like a great place to start!

4. The State Government has established a State Facilitated Development (SFD) process to "deliver affordable housing". It allows the state to ignore and override local planning schemes, local councils and the community and removes the right of appeal to the Planning and Environment Court.

Recently the State Government declared an SFD in Noosa Shire in opposition to Noosa Shire Council, its Planning Scheme and against Community Expectations.

At its September General Meeting OSCAR member groups voted unanimously that:

OSCAR calls on the Government, the Opposition, and all standing Candidates to commit to repealing the SFD legislation within 6 months and Rejecting or Suspending all current Applications/designations.

Will you commit to repealing the SFD legislation and reject or suspend all current applications/designations and undertake negotiations with Councils and the community.

Absolutely. Not only is this a lie - that the SFD provides affordable housing, it allows state government overreach to override councils and again, has disastrous effects on the ecology of the region; often without financial redress. I commit to the repealing the SFD legislation.

5. In relation to the finalised Sunshine Coast Airport Development Scheme finalised by EDQ on Friday 27 September 2024: will you commit to the stated objective of "no worsening for existing communities around the airport", by guaranteeing that ALL infrastructure (road and drainage) will be in place in time to manage non-aviation development impacts?

This is outside my electorate, but I am, in principle, supportive of reducing any development impact, and what OSCAR is proposing seems entirely reasonable.

6. Given the significant and diverse implications of Climate Change for this region and the State as a whole, what emissions reduction and renewable energy targets and associated timeframes do you commit to for Queensland, and what detailed plans do you have to achieve those targets?

We need to follow the science on this. We will stop ALL new coal and gas projects (Lab has approved 38, and both parties want to approve at least 15 more). We will invest in 100% renewable energy by 2030.

Social and Affordable Housing

7. What do you see are the issues underlying homelessness on the Sunshine Coast and what strategies will you implement in the next term, if elected?

The lack of social and affordable housing is the cause of the housing crisis. The old parties will NOT fix the root cause, as building public housing is in direct competition with their developer mates.

We will strengthen Q-build, and create a public housing developer to build high-quality homes to buy and rent. They will be cheaper (public developed don't need to make as much money as private developers), and this will increase demand for these homes and put downward pressure on house prices. The Greens will build over 6000 homes in the sunshine coast in 6 years. These homes will be infill projects so as to not impact sensitive ecologies.

The Greens will also create a public bank to provide cheaper mortgages.

8. How will you seek to facilitate greater availability of affordable housing and improve the abysmally low amount of social housing on the Sunshine Coast?

As above.

Infrastructure

9. The delivery cost and capacity of the proposed Direct Rail Project are publicly debated between parties.

a) By 2032, how far are you committing for the direct heavy rail line to go, and where will the stations be located?

The Greens will direct money towards public transport solutions instead of directing it towards road projects. Extra roads lead to more traffic and more congestion. More lanes just induce more demand which means more lanes which mean more demand. A vicious cycle that will see our city turned into an American hellscape of smog-choked highways bulldozed through what's left of our koala habitat — and do nothing to cut down how long your commute is.

The Greens will invest in expanding Sunshine Coast's rail network with an extension to Maroochydore, duplication from Beerburrum to Nambour and a second urban bypass connection that will allow for more express Sunshine Coast services. I would work with the community for the location of stations.

- b) How can we be confident that you can deliver this project in time and on budget?

The greens will force mining companies and big banks to pay their fare share. A lift in royalties on mining will net \$60 billion alone. We would be keen to showcase public transport solutions in as short of a timeframe as possible

10. Will you commit to reviewing Public Transport timetables for the Sunshine Coast from the hinterland to the Nambour Hospital, Sunshine Coast Airport, Peregian Springs and other locations across the Coast currently with hourly services?

The Greens are fully committed to boosting public transport services. Some major routes will have 10 minute services. Frequent and reliable services is the key to boosting usage. We would also make all public transport free, thereby saving a further \$300 million on private company contracts to service the 'go-card' system. Actual ticket prices only pay for 10% of the total expenses of the public transport system. Imagine the pressure this would take off the road system. SO yes. Absolutely.

11. Will you commit to ensuring that Active Transport is provided progressively across the Sunshine Coast and, in particular, will you campaign for State funding for the Nambour to Coolum Trail and the Mapleton to Maleny trail as a landmark Olympics Legacy projects for the Sunshine Coast?

Active Transport is also very high on the Greens radar. Healthy people create healthy communities.

12. Do you agree that heritage, natural environment, cultural values and the values of the Sunshine Coast and Noosa Biosphere designations must be acknowledged, respected and taken into account in any major new infrastructure projects to protect the character of our villages and towns and unique fauna, for example, fauna friendly underpasses/overpasses?

Absolutely. Political will is all thats missing. We have the will.

13. Seqwater's Water Security Program 2023 (WSP2023) sets out a 30-year plan to ensure we continue to maintain high levels of water security for South East Queenslanders.

What do you feel is the best approach to ensuring water security for the Sunshine Coast given the continuing high rates of population growth and the implications of Climate Change?

The humble water tank will go a long way. Decentralised systems are much more resilient than centralised ones.

Local/State Government Reform

14. In the interests of consistency, will you support the State funding of Local Government Elections under a similar model to that of the State Elections?

Absolutely. Thats a great idea.

Thank you for taking the time to respond to our questions. Responses will be posted on the OSCAR website as part of our "one-stop shop" for elections.