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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.

<b>Candidate</b>	Dr Shaun Sandow
<b>Electorate</b>	Buderim
<b>Party</b>	Legalize Cannabis Queensland Party
<b>Date</b>	<b>121024</b>

## 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

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

Yes

- (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?

Yes

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.

Needs further discussion subject and information to be provided before an emphatic stance is made.

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?

Yes, but subject to the caveat that any housing built post-airport expansion is done with the onus on those purchasing the property – that is, if you buy a property in proximity to airport and there is noise or activity, now or in the future, that’s your problem. Make the choice to buy there, the onus is on you.

Note that I lived in and owned property in the Sydney airport corridor – the government paid for noise insulation, and that was nice, but given that the airport was there before I bought the property, if I wanted sound proofing, it should have been up to me to pay for it.

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?

Complicated question...although examples include encouraging uptake of solar and EVs, with appropriate cost effective subsidies in the context of an affordable budget. Detailed plans are for those in power; and maybe later for us.

## 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?

Again, a complex topic that does not have a simple answer. However, key issues are affordability, mental health, domestic violence, and opportunities for employment.

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?

There are many aspects to this issue and some include government facilitating public-private partnerships, including housing with folks from mixed socio-economic backgrounds; policies that promote affordable housing, such as tax incentives for developers linked to forcing them to have a specific inclusion of properties for lower income folks in developments.

## 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?

This is outside my current area of expertise and an issue that would need access to planning documentation and significant effort to answer appropriately. As a general statement, I would consult with the community and commit to fulfilling majority community views on the issues.

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

As above, this is outside of my remit without having planning documentation available. Such documents are those that the government the day refer to as commercial in confidence and until they were available, I am unable to comment further. However, corridors for the line and stations should be identified and confirmed as soon as possible and reserved for such.

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

Yes

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 Coolool Trail and the Mapleton to Maleny trail as a landmark Olympics Legacy projects for the Sunshine Coast?

Yes

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?

Yes

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?

Again, a complicated question; and one that is beyond my expertise, but certainly recycling of water, using RO systems is one part of a viable approach.

## 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?

Yes.

**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.**