

Ku-ring-gai Council Election - Candidate Questionnaire -FOKE

Overview Summary details:

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Qualifications: Bachelor of Science Hons (Syd), DTM, CPM

Community/ lobby/ porting group membership - YES

Ku-ring-gai Chamber of Commerce, President

STEP - member

Turrumurra Trotters - Member

Marian Street Theatre - ACTION

Summary Questions:

Save Greater Sydney Coalition's election planning principles - Not endorsed

Signed the Yimby election pledge - NO

Ku-ring-gai Council Legal Action: Yes, support the legal action against the State Government as per Mayor Sam Ngai's overview in the Extraordinary Meeting, June 2024. Ku-ring-gai council is asking for time to plan the best placement of increased density so there are not problems with infrastructure. This action is trying to put in preventative measures so that residents are not adversely affected.

Support of making a new place based LEP to mitigate the adverse impacts of the TOD and Low to Mid-Rise Housing SEPP on Ku-ring-gai - **YES**

Do you support maintaining public Council land for community use - **YES**

Do you support listing Ku-ring-gai GeoRegion as a UNESCO GeoRegion - **YES**

Do you support the protection of Ku-ring-gai's Heritage Conservation Areas - **YES**

Do you support the establishment of a Ku-ring-gai Council Environmental Advisory Group - **YES**

Do you support natural turf on Ku-ring-gai's sports and playing fields; or the installation of synthetic turf? **NATURAL TURF**

Expanded Questions:

1. Tell us about your connection to the electorate and name three places in the electorate that you love

I am 4th Generation Ku-ring-gai resident and my children 5th generation. deep connections with the whole of Ku-ring-gai and memories of so many places within the district. The three places I love are:

1. Bobbin Head - went here as a child and we've had many family days out on the water with our children. I'm so grateful to have this within 15mins of my home.

2. Philip Mall - this is a delightful community precinct that offers a nice, easy to get to community area with cafes, IGA and all the shops needed. It's got a chocolate shop that has been around since the 1950's and handed on from parents to children, a true family business.

3. Turramurra - have so many memories growing up in Turramurra, visiting friends, the local businesses and know part of the history. This is my home and it is part of my world.

2. Why are you running as a candidate in this election and why should locals vote for you?

I am running for Ku-ring-gai council because I feel I can contribute my skills to help our community. At this time, with so much change imminent, good councillors who care for their community are needed more than ever.

Why should locals vote for me? I will vote in alignment for the Comenarra residents best interests. I will be available should residents have some concerns. Things happen and a councillor is there to bridge the gap between the council staff and the resident. I am sensible and do not play political games.

As a Councillor and the President of the Ku-ring-gai Chamber of Commerce, I'd like to be able to raise awareness of local businesses and help build the vibrancy of the district for the youth, the young adults and our community.

3. Our Ku-ring-gai Living members have told us that rising costs for households is a key election concern for them. How will you advocate on their behalf for policies on this issue?

This is a tricky one as councils reach is only so far.

However, supporting the community with programs to help, supporting community groups who do help in this area, putting in actions that can connect the residents with support, with the State Government would be an assistance. Programs could involve education on budgeting, help with employment, assistance at tax time and so on.

4. Given the state government's recent push for increased housing density, what policies would you implement to balance the need for additional housing with the preservation of our community's character and amenities?

I would like to see:

- a design that is pleasant for Ku-ring-gai apartment blocks - what is being build are not fitting with the area.

- I'd like to see duplex and townhouses built rather than apartments blocks

- one car spot per 1 bedroom unit - the assumption that people aren't going to have cars if they live within 400m of the station is not realistic and this is causing issues with parking on the street.

5. Are you an Independent or a member of a party and if the latter, which one? Why are you Independent or a member of your political party?

I am totally Independent.

I am an Independent because I don't want to have the need to vote along party lines, on either side. I don't agree with Nuclear energy as a viable energy source and this has also impacted my decision. I don't think that the centre of Australia should be a depository for nuclear waste.

6. What are the main issues you see as important in the Ku-ring-gai area for this election, and how will you advocate for them?

The facilities in Ku-ring-gai are poor, aged town centres, community spaces are old and need looking after, the town centres don't have a centre and are not designed well. The property developers are designing the look of Ku-ring-gai upgrades and something needs to be done about this.

7. If you could instantly fix just one issue in Ku-ring-gai what would it be?

Preserve our local environment and upgrade footpaths where necessary. Both these are essential.

8. Where can the community find out more about you (please add any website/ facebook page links, etc)

Facebook Page - Comenarra Ward - VOTE 1 - Adrienne McLean

Website - <https://adriennemclean.com/comenarra-ward>

My over-riding goal is to support and help the residents in Comenarra Ward with better connection with council, preserving the beautiful environment and improving the amenities.

This council term, 2024 - 2028, will be a time of change. I am keen to help the community as a councillor.



Adrienne McLean

Candidate, Comenarra Ward , Ku-ring-gained Council Elections September 2024