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Ku-ring-gai Council Election 2024 – Candidate Questions

Please return your answers to info@foke.org.au by 5.00pm on FRIDAY 23 AUGUST 2024.

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Qualifications: ...BSc (Macquarie) MBA.(AGSM)..**Day job:** casual disability support and volunteer

Are you a member of a political party? **NO**

If **YES**, specify

Community/ lobby/ sporting group membership? **NO**

If **YES**, specify

Have you endorsed Save Greater Sydney Coalition’s election planning principles? **NO**

Have you signed the YIMBY election pledge? **NO**

Do you believe dwelling supply alone will solve the housing shortage and affordability? **NO**

Do you support Ku-ring-gai Council's legal action against the NSW Government's Transport Orientated Development (TOD) SEPP? **Yes. People in Ku-ring-gai understand there’s a housing crisis and acknowledge we have a role to play. However, the State Government’s policies were poorly designed and rushed through. We need local planning, associated infrastructure, and we need to preserve trees and heritage. Council is taking legal action to drive the State Government to the negotiation table, with mediation scheduled for September this year.**

Do you support 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? **Possibly – I need to learn more about this.**

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 artificial turf?

This term I have consistently made independent decisions based on the merits of each situation. If re-elected I would continue to do that, and am focused on reflecting the genuine preferences of our community based on effective consultation.

Expanded Questions:

Please keep each answer less than 200 words (longer answers may be cut).

1. What motivated you to run for office at the Ku-ring-gai local government elections?

A deep-seated desire to help the community and dissatisfaction with the previous Council.

2. What is your vision for Ku-ring-gai?

We need a Council that is customer focused, financially sustainable, and effectively preserves the leafy character of the area.

3. What life experiences and professional experiences do you bring that will serve in your role as a councillor?

I grew up in Ku-ring-gai and have lived in Lindfield with my family since 2010. We love the area, and enjoy walking the streets and bush whenever we can.

My corporate career in strategy and finance, and my MBA, have provided a good platform for the role of Councillor.

4. What do you see as the key issues facing Ku-ring-gai?

Customer focus, financial sustainability and preserving the leafy character of the area.

5. How do you propose to address those issues if elected?

Customer focus - Drive the GM to improve community engagement, customer service and transparency through overhauling the Community Strategic Plan, Community Participation Plan, metrics, and organisational culture.

Financial sustainability - drive the GM to engage with the community to determine the optimal level of service quality and costs. Seek funding alternatives for major projects.

Preserving the character of our area - Push the State Government to regain control of local planning that protects the leafy character of our area, achieves flexibility in delivering realistic new-dwelling targets, and secures commitments to adequate funding of associated infrastructure.

6. How will you ensure community engagement, and participation?

Drive the GM to improve community engagement, customer service and transparency through overhauling the Community Strategic Plan, Community Participation Plan, metrics, and organisational culture.

7. What do you consider are key issues in your Ward?

- **The State Government's housing policies**
- **Preserving the leafy character of the area**
- **Financial sustainability and not selling valuable community assets to pay the bills**
- **Delivering new facilities including a much better library, green space, and community centre in the Lindfield Village Hub**
- **Parking around Charles Bean Oval**
- **Improving Archbold rd and the Pacific Highway (which are managed by TfNSW)**
- **Improving the intersection at Lindfield Ave and Havilah Rd**

8. Are there any additional comments you wish to add?

Candidate's Name:.....**Signature:**.....

Date:.....

Thankyou for your time in answering the questions. Candidate answers will be published on FOKE's website, Enews and sent to members and supporters/resident's lists.

Please attach your election **photo**.



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