

## 2024 Local Government Election - Sunshine Coast Council Candidate Questionnaire Responses

<b>Candidate Name</b>	Rosanna Natoli
<b>Nominating for</b>	Mayor
<b>Sunshine Coast Dark Sky Reserve</b>	<p>This designation of the area surrounding Maleny and Connondale in the Dark Sky Reserve is of great benefit to the nocturnal animal population and also, of enormous benefit in a tourism sense for the entire Hinterland. I know Jenny Mackay was instrumental in initially bringing this to council and I support this designation.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yes            Yes            Yes            Yes            Yes</p>
<b>Do you support the Sunshine Coast Dark Sky designation?</b>	Yes
<b>Circular Economy</b>	<p>I am very supportive of the circular economy - however, I do not believe council spends enough time and resources on educating the community on recycling and reusing resources. There has been a significant underinvestment over decades and we are seeing the poor results take effect. The vast proportion of our community does not understand recycling - despite a general desire to do better. Council needs to lead the way here. I support the principles of a circular economy, however, this cannot be undertaken by council alone. We must engage with the university to invest in research and development and continually work to attracting and supporting new innovations, development and use of additional recovered resource materials. While, I support the strategy, there is more to be done. There is an economy here and I wish to encourage council to be brave in challenging small, medium and large enterprises to capture more resources.</p>

<b>Do you support the strategy?</b>	Yes
<b>Biosphere designation</b>	The Biosphere designation is all about commitment - it should be more than a marketing tool, it must be a way of life. For this to occur, the community must 'own' the initiative. To date, this has not occurred at a significant level. More work needs to be done to bring the community on board, to develop a strong sense of ownership of the Biosphere status so that this becomes part every decision and everyone's thinking. I wholeheartedly support the designation and look forward to ensuring all of our community embrace the benefits of this significant achievement.
<b>Will you actively promote our Biosphere Aims and Objectives?</b>	Yes
<b>Inter-Urban Break</b>	Having a distinct, green break between the development from the Sunshine Coast to Brisbane is important on many levels: it gives visitors and residents a 'mental break' of green space on the journey between the two urban areas; importantly, it supports the environment by protecting Ramsar wetlands; protects the water quality in the nearby Pumicestone Passage; and protects the biological diversity of the area.
<b>Do you support it's protection?</b>	Yes
<b>New Planning Scheme</b>	The Planning Scheme must reflect the community's wants and I do not believe the community has been brought onboard regarding settlement patterns and infill development targets, set by the Council as per the 2017 Regional Plan. I am keen to understand what has been sent to the State Government for State Interest Checks, and if I do not believe that the plan reflects what is perceived to maintain the Sunshine Coast lifestyle, I will be demanding a review. I want to understand the impact on existing communities, and if it is too great, then I will seek to mitigate this. I want to understand the full impact on the environment, the infrastructure and the costs associated with this.

<b>Will you uphold the Community Planning Priorities?</b>	Yes
<b>Climate and Renewables</b>	Transitioning the region to Zero Net Emissions will involve increasing energy efficiencies (including households with energy-efficient appliances, energy-efficient housing), transitioning to renewable energies and storage. Initiatives could include: better public transport (this is a major platform of mine), move all of our street lights to LED, install more automatic lights and taps, and reducing our waste - especially our organic waste.
<b>Do you support Nature based Solutions for climate resilience?</b>	Yes
<b>Sunshine Coast values</b>	The cultural and ecological values of the region must be protected. These underpin the lifestyle that residents hold dear. The community must identify what these values are, and then work collectively to protect them. From our First Nations experiences - the culture, history, their language and connection to country, their sacred sites and arts - must be preserved. The Sunshine Coast is an incredibly diverse region with a suite of ecological values which need to be maintained and enhanced. Every decision made must be considered in light of the need to maintain and improve our environmental values. Engaging our young people through programs in schools and university are integral in being able to achieve this goal. Protecting our environment for future generations must be at the forefront of all of council's decision-making and practices.
<b>Do you support the use of non-lethal shark deterrent methods in our oceans?</b>	Yes

<p><b>Will you advocate to manage population growth to protect and restore the region's ecological and liveability values? Liveability definition from SCRC new planning scheme preliminary documents - Liveability is the sum of the factors that add up to a community's quality of life now and in the future, including the built and natural environments, economic prosperity, social stability and wellbeing, equity and access, education, cultural and recreation opportunities.</b></p>	<p>Yes</p>
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