

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

<b>Candidate Name</b>	Tim Burns
<b>Nominating for</b>	Councillor
<b>Which division for?</b>	Division 3
<b>Sunshine Coast Dark Sky Reserve</b>	I'm impressed with the intent of the designation, and admit to not fully understanding how we get there. I can see the benefit of it and love the stars as much as the next Turtle!
<b>Do you support the Sunshine Coast Dark Sky designation?</b>	Yes
<b>Circular Economy</b>	I haven't read it the strategy yet, however, I'm keen to see the SC continue to deepen our commitment to resource management. The circular economy makes sense to me, the multiplier effect of it is pronounced and it has the potential to form an important part of our continued economic development into the future. My answer as to whether I support is contingent on the fact that I haven't read it. But I do support strong consideration in this endeavour.
<b>Do you support the strategy?</b>	
<b>Biosphere designation</b>	I understand the Biosphere designation to be something of international importance and aligns strongly with Council's vision to be Australia's Most Sustainable Region. Healthy. Smart. Creative. It is more than an environmental designation and reflect the multi layered approach to our region. I love that it encourages us to consider how community and economy and the way we live daily reflects and supports the



	biosphere designation along with our ongoing efforts towards sustainability and responsible stewardship.
<b>Will you actively promote our Biosphere Aims and Objectives?</b>	Yes
<b>Inter-Urban Break</b>	The IUB is vital to ensure we do not end up as a conurbation from the GC to the SC. It enhances and protects important environmental aspects that support a more biodiverse region. There is also something about the IUB that supports visitors and residents to switch from a "city" mindset to a more regional mindset and I think that's important. I want to see it remain and protected.
<b>Do you support it's protection?</b>	Yes
<b>New Planning Scheme</b>	I have not seen the new draft, however, I hope to see further consideration into how we can engage in thoughtful or gentle densification that allows us to protect remaining green spaces, waterways and dunal systems. I'm also looking for focus on housing diversity and affordable housing expectations/percentages in new developments. The future of the SC will be shaped from a built form perspective by the PS and it's vital to me that we consider transport improvements and integration (including active transport), thoughtful densification, affordability, efficiency of service delivery, cultural and local amenability and continued protection and enhancement of open green/blue space.
<b>Will you uphold the Community Planning Priorities?</b>	Yes
<b>Climate and Renewables</b>	My understanding is the way we view and treat waste is significant in our pursuit of ZNE. As is the way we travel around the region. I'm encouraged by councils commitments already outlined in its ZNE plan, and hope to see further actions and

	efforts to reach the goal. The Blue Heart project is ambitious too and will drastically improve our climate change mitigation efforts.
<b>Do you support Nature based Solutions for climate resilience?</b>	Yes
<b>Sunshine Coast values</b>	I'm excited to continue strengthening and highlighting the cultural values and custodianship of the Kabi Kabi and Jinibara peoples. Council's new RAP will support this. An important part of this is to ensure we have conversations that are respectful and two way with our community about this so we can more broadly appreciate the value it will bring to our region. Ecologically, the balance of lifestyle, behaviour changes and our impacts (potential, perceived or real) on the environment will need to be carefully considered as people do love where the coast and experience it in a myriad of ways. But most people love the ecological elements of the coast and see it as one of the things making us a great place to live, therefore, well worth protecting.
<b>Do you support the use of non-lethal shark deterrent methods in our oceans?</b>	Yes
<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</b>	Yes

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