

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

<b>Candidate Name</b>	Joe Natoli
<b>Nominating for</b>	Councillor
<b>Which division for?</b>	Division 4
<b>Sunshine Coast Dark Sky Reserve</b>	I have supported the investigation into create a Sunshine Coast Dark Sky Reserve in the Maleny Blackall Range area. I think it will be a wonderful tourism opportunity for the Blackall Range with many added environment benefits especially for nocturnal animals.
<b>Do you support the Sunshine Coast Dark Sky designation?</b>	Yes
<b>Circular Economy</b>	I have been a big supporter of the recover, recycle and reuse. I am very keen to explore partnerships small and big to look at repurposing materials into useable items. I would love to see a sponsored research Centre in collaboration with a University. I am also mindful council has done very little to educate the public to be better recyclers, and more can be done in this space. I also believe council needs to be more proactively seeking partnerships to reuse various materials into value added saleable products.
<b>Do you support the strategy?</b>	Yes
<b>Biosphere designation</b>	I believe that it presents a unique opportunity to promote the Biospheres within the region Sunshine Coast and Noosa as well as the World Heritage listing of K'gari which has not been explored yet. Council has done very little in promoting what a

	Biosphere designation means, no signage to acknowledge the designation. I also would hope that it means a stronger commitment to sustainability, minimising our human imprint on our natural environment. It will mean nothing unless we see a real change in the way we do things on the Sunshine Coast.
<b>Will you actively promote our Biosphere Aims and Objectives?</b>	Yes
<b>Inter-Urban Break</b>	I have never supported ribbon development all the way from Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast like we see on the way to the Gold Coast. It creates a real distinction to who we are and want to be. It is also an important gateway to the incredible Glasshouse Mountain setting. Finally it is important that the Ramsar Wetlands are protected and a buffer maintained around them.
<b>Do you support it's protection?</b>	Yes
<b>New Planning Scheme</b>	The Draft Town Plan acknowledges the 2017 Regional Plan with 62 percent of the future population as infill development. The community has never been consulted on the population settlement plans which locates most of the future infill in the coastal corridor. This will mean with a Mass Transit a majority of infill will be channelled into this corridor. I do not support this strategy however there are many aspects of the draft plan which give strong protection to a large part of the Sunshine Coast. These Community Planning Priorities are important to uphold.
<b>Will you uphold the Community Planning Priorities?</b>	Yes
<b>Climate and Renewables</b>	Efficient and reliable public transport is an important component to reducing the reliance on cars. Council must work hard to get vitale funding for transport

	infrastructure and system improvements. Also a transition to lower emissions for council fleet and the community. Diverting green and organic matter away from landfill must happen. Education is key to any success, both within council and the broader community.
<b>Do you support Nature based Solutions for climate resilience?</b>	Yes
<b>Sunshine Coast values</b>	Our community must own this, not council. We must engage with our community to create a vision for our region, one which enshrines the values of our ecology and our culture. Very clear statements of intent must be drawn up and articulated. Understanding what will make us better and what will erode our values. Set clear boundaries so our community will own it and drive political will into the future.
<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 to a community's quality of life now and in the</b>	Yes

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