

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

<b>Candidate Name</b>	Ken MacKenzie
<b>Nominating for</b>	Councillor
<b>Which division for?</b>	Division 7
<b>Sunshine Coast Dark Sky Reserve</b>	I am fully supportive of the concept of the Dark Sky Reserve for a number of reasons such as supporting the health and wellbeing of Sunshine Coast residents and visitors (I am aware of the physiological and psychological effects of blue light in urban environments), supporting wildlife (in particular nocturnal species) as well as the benefits to astronomers and star gazers.
<b>Do you support the Sunshine Coast Dark Sky designation?</b>	Yes
<b>Circular Economy</b>	I am in favour of waste reduction, reuse and a circular economy. This I have included in my Environment and Sustainability Policy contained on my web site ( <a href="http://www.kenmackenzie.com.au">www.kenmackenzie.com.au</a> ). The Sunshine Coast Resource Recovery Strategy 2023 contains a number of strategic actions and priorities that I support. But I also recognise that the Resource Recovery Strategy should also be a fluid and dynamic strategy that can adapt to changes in technology and the community's expectations and needs.
<b>Do you support the strategy?</b>	Yes
<b>Biosphere designation</b>	I understand that the Sunshine Coast Biosphere was designated in June 2022, internationally recognised as a member of the World Network of Biosphere Reserves



	by UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation). I also understand that the Biosphere designation has no statutory or legal mandate to change our way of living. In this respect the success of the Biosphere is dependent on the culture of Council and the community to make it work and make it successful.
<b>Will you actively promote our Biosphere Aims and Objectives?</b>	Yes
<b>Inter-Urban Break</b>	The Northern Inter-urban Break is very important for a number of reasons including it provides a range of scenic amenity and recreation opportunities which contribute to active lifestyles and healthier communities, it is important for local agricultural production and forestry, increasing food security (peri-urban food and agriculture supply), it plays a key role in protecting water quality in the Pumicestone Passage (reduces erosion and sediment due to urban development) and it provides a break from urban sprawl.
<b>Do you support it's protection?</b>	Yes
<b>New Planning Scheme</b>	I am aware that the new Planning Scheme will set the vision for the Sunshine Coast in 2046 and guide growth and development to help achieve that vision. I am also aware that the new Sunshine Coast planning scheme is intended to be completed by 2025. Whilst I understand that preliminary consultation occurred in 2022, I also understand that the community will have another opportunity to provide feedback on the draft planning scheme itself, including details such as proposed zoning and code provisions (potentially in 2024). I am an advocate of a full review of the Planning Scheme, and I am also an advocate for community consultation (and Long-term Community Plans) to guide the Planning Scheme in line with the community's expectations and needs.

<b>Will you uphold the Community Planning Priorities?</b>	Yes
<b>Climate and Renewables</b>	I am aware of the Sunshine Coast Council organisational Zero Net Emissions Plan is in alignment with the Paris Agreement to limit global warming. I am also aware that The Zero Net Emissions plan actions are based around 6 key focus areas linked to our main emissions sources and key decision making processes. I am generally supportive of the actions and focus areas, but I also recognise that the Zero Net Emissions Plan should also be a fluid and dynamic strategy that can adapt to changes in technology and the community's expectations and needs. I also believe that any Zero Net Emissions Plan needs to take into account the financial implications for each abatement strategy.
<b>Do you support Nature based Solutions for climate resilience?</b>	Yes
<b>Sunshine Coast values</b>	There are a number of mechanisms that can be utilised to protect Sunshine Coast ecological and cultural values. The main mechanisms would include a clear and concise Planning Scheme which protects these values (eg. wildlife corridors), land buy-back schemes to reclaim ecological and cultural significant areas currently in private ownership and making the community aware of significant sites through education programs.
<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</b>	Yes

<p><b>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>	
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