

## Michael Burgess - Mayor Candidate



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Best wishes,  
Rach Bermingham  
President  
The Beach Matters Group

### **PERSONAL BEACH USE**

Q. What is your favourite Sunshine Coast beach? Moololaba

Q. How often are you able to get there to enjoy some leisure time? Never

Q. When you go to the beach, what activities do you enjoy on the beach? Eating fresh seafood on the Spit

Q. Have you ever taken any activity to protect and preserve the beach? If YES, please explain how. Stood for mayor to stop it being destroyed by high-rises

### **PERSONAL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Q. Are you currently involved with any community group? YES

If YES, which groups and what has been your involvement and/or contribution over the past year? The Sunshine Coast – Local Government Oversight where we keep an eye on the council's actions or lack of them

### **ISSUE 1: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

If you answer yes and no to any of the following, please explain your answer clearly.

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Q. Do you feel the current community engagement process and surveys provide accurate and authentic community feedback? NO they are mere window dressing, whitewashing, greenwashing, sportswashing & hogwashing

If NO, what changes would you make to the community engagement to ensure community and stakeholder feedback was better instigated, managed, and assessed for greater community advocacy on projects?

Advocate for the formation of ad hoc Citizen Committees

Q. Would you consider establishing 2 permanent community reference groups:

1 coastal

1 hinterland

made up of local representatives from groups in these areas and interested residents to meet with council and management quarterly to provide input and feedback on local issues that may affect council planning? YES but more than that there should be groups to represent other sectional interests & even forums for discussion of particular matters

### **ISSUE 2: BEACH WASTE, LITTER, MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT**

*If you answer yes and no to any of the following, please explain your answer clearly.*

Q. Do you believe there is an issue with the amount of rubbish and waste on our beaches? YES

Q. Do you believe the Sunshine Coast Council is doing enough to keep our beaches free of waste and rubbish? NO

If NO, what actions will you take, immediate and on-going, to return our beaches to a clean state for residents, wildlife and marine life? I believe there are probably a great many high tech machines which can do more comprehensive ^& sensitive beach cleaning

Q. As the Sunshine Coast now relies heavily on tourism, would you support the Council becoming a 7-day-a-week organisation to provide community support, beach maintenance, cleaning, and availability to include weekends, holidays and public holidays where we see the most need occurring so our beaches are clean, safe, accessible, and presentable before residents and tourists wake up each day? YES

### **ISSUE 3: FUNDING / BUDGET FOR BEACH CARE**

*If you answer yes and no to any of the following, please explain your answer clearly.*

Q. Do you believe that funding directed to the care and maintenance of our beaches and surrounding vegetation is sufficient? NO

If NO, what actions will you take to ensure adequate funding is available and directed to the departments that provide the services necessary to ensure clean and healthy beaches? It is probably that there is no siloed accounting of a budget for beach maintenance/ Perhaps starting there & understanding what is really spent directly spent directly on the beaches would allow us to see whether can & should be increased

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### **ISSUE 4: BEACH INFRASTRUCTURE / PLANNING**

*If you answer yes and no to any of the following, please explain your answer clearly.*

Q. Do you agree the Shoreline Erosion Plan and Healthy Coast Management Plan should be incorporated into the new Planning Scheme Plan to ensure consistent and collaborative planning and design? YES

Q. Do you believe the proposed Mooloolaba seawall is correctly designed? NO

If NO, would you support a review and redesign of the proposed Mooloolaba Seawall to address beach loss and other issues raised by community and business stakeholders? Yes

Q. Do you believe the roads and entrances to our main patrolled beach entrances could do with natural beautification and be greener with more mature trees, shrubs and ambient lighting to make them more welcoming, warmer, and inviting and enhance the COASTAL beachside experience over the harder infrastructure we've seen recently in placemaking? YES

Q. Do you have any known conflicts of interest along the beachfront from Coolum to Shelly Beach? NO

If YES, can you please provide more information about any specific projects or developments?

### **ISSUE 5: BEACHFRONT TRANSPORT AND PARKING**

*If you answer yes and no to any of the following, please explain your answer clearly.*

Q. Do you believe the proposed mass transit route adequately services all Sunshine Coast residents and commuters? NO

If NO, what actions will you take to ensure the mass transit route meets resident and commuter needs? We probably need a more varied fleet of different sized buses more frequently & the system should be extended from centres like Caloundra to Landsborough Rail Station. The rail line to Nambour needs to be duplicated

Q. Do you think beachside carparking is essential to retaining the Sunshine Coast beach lifestyle and culture? YES

Q. What are your thoughts on this rapid bus transit route?

*From Caloundra along Kawana Way stopping at Meriden Plains, then*

*Along Kawana Way, stopping at SKUH servicing the health precinct, then*

*Along Kawana Way, stopping at the Aldi/Coles servicing the shopping precinct, then*

*Along Kawana Way, stopping at the Sunshine Coast Stadium servicing the sporting/entertainment precinct, then*

*Along Kawana Way, stopping at the proposed Kawana Industrial housing area, Kawana Island, then,*

*Along Kawana Way, stopping at Brightwater, then*

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*Along the Sunshine Motorway, stopping at Mountain Creek/Glenfields, then*

*Along routed through to the back of the Maroochydore CBD via the Camcos line to service the business precinct?*

*I think the design of bus routes & schedules are beyond my resources. But there is a mass of*

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*data available that gives precise number of usage for routes & time, Such data loaded into a computer would probably designed a system of bus sizes & schedule ideal to best fulfil our need*

*10 stops instead of 16, making the entire travel time far less than the current proposed route and also completely connecting the main services for commuters like health-shopping-education-business.*

AGREE WITH IT OR DISAGREE WITH IT? Explain why.

### **ISSUE 6: CONSERVATION**

*If you answer yes and no to any of the following, please explain your answer clearly.*

Q. Do you believe Sunshine Coast Council is providing adequate protection for the critically endangered animal species visiting or residing on our beaches or in the beach environment?  
NO

If NO, what actions will you take to ensure further protection and ensure long-term survival? Apply the principles of ecological economics to the development of the Coast so that the environment is considered a integral part of the economy not an adjunct to it

Q. Do you believe the new Planning Scheme addresses necessary lighting protection for our nesting turtles and migrating birds? NO

If NO, what actions will you take to ensure new developments, renovations and infrastructure incorporate the necessary conditions consistently and without exception, as well as public council-managed lighting? I doubt any voluntary scheme for light migration will ever work particularly if many oceanfront properties are short-termed rented. So it must be compulsory or ensure there is no possibility of any light be emitted from premise. Enforcement is probably not being done since are there any after hours rangers?

Q. Do you believe there should be more monitoring and stronger consequences for the poisoning and damage/erosion of trees, vegetation, and dunes along our coastal dunes? YES  
drone monitoring & computer overlay mapping can be more frequent & therefore unauthorised variations can be more quickly seen

### **ISSUE 7: PLANNING SCHEME 2024**

*If you answer yes and no to any of the following, please explain your answer clearly.*

Q. Do you support high rise/high density development along Nicklin Way? NO

Q. Do you support high rise/high density development along the Buddina/Warana beachfront?  
NO

Q. Do you support high rise/high density development along the Alexandra Headland beachfront? NO

Q. Do you support high rise/high density development in suburbs and neighbourhoods where there currently isn't any? YES but probably more medium rise & not east of the Bruce-Motorway

Q. Do you support Council changing the zoning from low density where it currently is along the beachfront, to higher density in the new Town Plan? NO

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Q. Do you believe the Planning Scheme represents the wants and needs of the community?

NO

If NO, what will you do to ensure the Planning Scheme does meet the community's expectations? Wor to spread medium density across a wider range of places beyond the Nicklin- Mootorway

**ISSUE 8: PROTECTING ACTIVE LIFESTYLES**

*If you answer yes and no to any of the following, please explain your answer clearly.*

*(NOTE: while this is not a beach-specific issue, community members who actively use our beaches also actively use our current sporting facilities. There is concern about the potential loss of these facilities that currently provide a place for grassroots and community-based sporting activities and the green space they offer, so we would like to understand your position on this).*

Q. Do you believe the Olympic Indoor Stadium should reside at Kawana? NO

If NO, which location is more suitable to protect and retain the current fields and facilities for long-term use by the community? Probably Honey Farm Road would be more central to the growing population centres south of Caloundra Road & in such places a Harmony. It would break the inclination to centralise everything along close to already congested places

**Rosanna Natoli - Mayor Candidate**



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**PERSONAL BEACH USE**

Q. What is your favourite Sunshine Coast beach?

My favourite Sunshine Coast beach is Mooloolaba down to the Spit. It holds so many wonderful memories throughout my life and I feel connected to nature here.

Q. How often are you able to get there to enjoy some leisure time?

I try to walk along the beach at least once a week and make sure to look at the view and appreciate the beauty of our environment every couple of days. I make it a priority to take a detour to see the ocean on my way to and from work, when I can.

Q. When you go to the beach, what activities do you enjoy on the beach?

Walking, swimming, taking in the beauty of the ocean and being grounded on the sand.

Q. Have you ever taken any activity to protect and preserve the beach? If YES, please explain how.

I have undertaken beach cleanups over many years. I have attended rallies with Beach Matters to save the values that are important to beach-goers.

**PERSONAL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Q. Are you currently involved with any community group? **YES** / NO

If YES, which groups and what has been your involvement and/or contribution over the past year?

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Caloundra Zonta Group – Made an Honorary Zontian for my work with their group. I MC their events and contribute.

Similarly, I am involved with the Cindy Mackenzie Breast Cancer Program, for which I am an ambassador. I am also a patron of the Sunshine Troupe, Sunshine Coast Oriana Concert Choir, Maroochydore Orchid Society, Roofs 2 Recovery, and I am on the committee for the Rise 2 - Restart in a Safe Environment.

I have also worked with over a dozen community groups in the past year alone by MCing and speaking at their events.

### **ISSUE 1: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

*If you answer yes and no to any of the following, please explain your answer clearly.*

Q. Do you feel the current community engagement process and surveys provide accurate and authentic community feedback? YES / NO

If NO, what changes would you make to the community engagement to ensure community and stakeholder feedback was better instigated, managed, and assessed for greater community advocacy on projects?

Community consultation must be meaningful under the Local Government Act. It must not be a tick box followed by council officers. Community consultation must be instigated at the initiation of a project and continued throughout all stages to ensure robust, collaborative outcomes. I am absolutely committed to improving the consultation process of council so that communities feel heard and know that their opinions matter.

Q. Would you consider establishing 2 permanent community reference groups:

1 coastal

1 hinterland

made up of local representatives from groups in these areas and interested residents to meet with council and management quarterly to provide input and feedback on local issues that may affect council planning? YES / NO

Yes, this is certainly one model that might work well. My platform is centred around community consultation, and I intend to have monthly forums, one division each month, every year to ensure that I am accessible and accountable to all members of the community. A hinterland and coastal community reference group could be an additional way of ensuring open, two-way communication.

### **ISSUE 2: BEACH WASTE, LITTER, MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT**

*If you answer yes and no to any of the following, please explain your answer clearly.*

### **Rosanna Natoli - Mayor Candidate**

Q. Do you believe there is an issue with the amount of rubbish and waste on our beaches?  
**YES** / NO

Any time there is any rubbish or waste on our beaches at all, it is too much, and it is an issue.

Q. Do you believe the Sunshine Coast Council is doing enough to keep our beaches free of waste and rubbish? YES **NO**

If NO, what actions will you take, immediate and on-going, to return our beaches to a clean state for residents, wildlife and marine life?

Anytime there is rubbish and waste on our beaches, it is too much. The council budget for officers to undertake this kind of work has been cut progressively, and this needs to change. Increasing budget for officers, specifically tasked with looking after the beaches, will be a priority. Our beaches are a fundamental aspect of our way of life and an integral part of our tourism offering, so they must be maintained appropriately. Our turtles and other marine life also depend on our commitment to ensuring clean beaches.

Q. As the Sunshine Coast now relies heavily on tourism, would you support the Council becoming a 7-day-a-week organisation to provide community support, beach maintenance, cleaning, and availability to include weekends, holidays and public holidays where we see the most need occurring so our beaches are clean, safe, accessible, and presentable before residents and tourists wake up each day? **YES** / NO

While I absolutely agree in principle because officers should be able to respond in a timely manner to any issues, having the Council become a 7-day-a-week entity is an operational issue that would impact on budgets going forward and I would need to investigate this impact further. I certainly believe we need cleaners and maintenance staff available every day of the week and especially during the busy holiday periods.

### **ISSUE 3: FUNDING / BUDGET FOR BEACH CARE**

*If you answer yes and no to any of the following, please explain your answer clearly.*

Q. Do you believe that funding directed to the care and maintenance of our beaches and surrounding vegetation is sufficient? YES **NO**

If NO, what actions will you take to ensure adequate funding is available and directed to the departments that provide the services necessary to ensure clean and healthy beaches?

Operational funding has been cut over recent years and it will be a focus area of mine, if elected, to return budget to maintenance and other 'back to basics' endeavours.

### **ISSUE 4: BEACH INFRASTRUCTURE / PLANNING**

*If you answer yes and no to any of the following, please explain your answer clearly.*



### **Rosanna Natoli - Mayor Candidate**

Q. Do you agree the Shoreline Erosion Plan and Healthy Coast Management Plan should be incorporated into the new Planning Scheme Plan to ensure consistent and collaborative planning and design? **YES** / NO

These planning instruments cannot be considered in isolation and must be viewed and progressed as a cohesive design.

Q. Do you believe the proposed Mooloolaba seawall is correctly designed? YES / **NO**

If NO, would you support a review and redesign of the proposed Mooloolaba Seawall to address beach loss and other issues raised by community and business stakeholders?

Absolutely, yes.

Q. Do you believe the roads and entrances to our main patrolled beach entrances could do with natural beautification and be greener with more mature trees, shrubs and ambient lighting to make them more welcoming, warmer, and inviting and enhance the COASTAL beachside experience over the harder infrastructure we've seen recently in placemaking? **YES** / NO

Q. Do you have any known conflicts of interest along the beachfront from Coolum to Shelly Beach? YES / **NO**

If YES, can you please provide more information about any specific projects or developments?

### **ISSUE 5: BEACHFRONT TRANSPORT AND PARKING**

*If you answer yes and no to any of the following, please explain your answer clearly.*

Q. Do you believe the proposed mass transit route adequately services all Sunshine Coast residents and commuters? YES/**NO** it was designed for a very narrow, small sector of the Sunshine Coast community.

If NO, what actions will you take to ensure the mass transit route meets resident and commuter needs?

Our community needs to be consulted regarding future density. The Mass Transit Strategy is centred around increasing density, but this connect has not be communicated clearly enough to community members. Any discussion about routes needs to be centred around this understanding.

Q. Do you think beachside carparking is essential to retaining the Sunshine Coast beach lifestyle and culture? **YES** / NO

Q. What are your thoughts on this rapid bus transit route?

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*Along routed through to the back of the Maroochydore CBD via the Camcos line to service the business precinct?*

*10 stops instead of 16, making the entire travel time far less than the current proposed route and also completely connecting the main services for commuters like health-shopping-education-business.*

AGREE WITH IT OR DISAGREE WITH IT? Explain why.

Mass Transit needs to be about improving public transport outcomes, (rather than a vehicle for delivering density), with north-south and east-west connections. I am not sure that the spur out to the university (which would add significant time to the journey from Caloundra to Maroochydore) is the correct solution, but I am not an expert in this field, and am willing to listen to stakeholders.

### **ISSUE 6: CONSERVATION**

*If you answer yes and no to any of the following, please explain your answer clearly.*

Q. Do you believe Sunshine Coast Council is providing adequate protection for the critically endangered animal species visiting or residing on our beaches or in the beach environment? YES / **NO**

If NO, what actions will you take to ensure further protection and ensure long-term survival? I will be informed by stakeholders and experts in this area.

Q. Do you believe the new Planning Scheme addresses necessary lighting protection for our nesting turtles and migrating birds? YES / NO - I have not seen the new Planning Scheme – this would be an element I would want to have included adequately.

If NO, what actions will you take to ensure new developments, renovations and infrastructure incorporate the necessary conditions consistently and without exception, as well as public council-managed lighting?

Q. Do you believe there should be more monitoring and stronger consequences for the poisoning and damage/erosion of trees, vegetation, and dunes along our coastal dunes? **YES** / NO

### **ISSUE 7: PLANNING SCHEME 2024**

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Q. Do you support high rise/high density development along the Buddina/Warana beachfront? YES / **NO**

Q. Do you support high rise/high density development along the Alexandra Headland beachfront? YES / **NO**

Q. Do you support high rise/high density development in suburbs and neighbourhoods where there currently isn't any? YES / **NO**

I do not support high rise/high density development – I do support medium density development around train stations for example, where purpose-built communities around a transport node allow access to public transport.

## **Rosanna Natoli - Mayor Candidate**

Q. Do you support Council changing the zoning from low density where it currently is along the beachfront, to higher density in the new Town Plan? YES / **NO**

Q. Do you believe the Planning Scheme represents the wants and needs of the community? YES / **NO** I have not seen the Planning Scheme, but I have witnessed protests in the community regarding density and infrastructure along the beachfront, which indicate that the community's wants and needs are not being considered.

If NO, what will you do to ensure the Planning Scheme does meet the community's expectations? Open, accountable and transparent decision making is a must.

### **ISSUE 8: PROTECTING ACTIVE LIFESTYLES**

*If you answer yes and no to any of the following, please explain your answer clearly.*

*(NOTE: while this is not a beach-specific issue, community members who actively use our beaches also actively use our current sporting facilities. There is concern about the potential loss of these facilities that currently provide a place for grassroots and community-based sporting activities and the green space they offer, so we would like to understand your position on this).*

Q. Do you believe the Olympic Indoor Stadium should reside at Kawana? YES / **NO**

If NO, which location is more suitable to protect and retain the current fields and facilities for long-term use by the community? I support the original location as identified by the Olympic Committee which is in Maroochydore.

## Jason O'Pray - Mayor Candidate



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Best wishes,  
Rach Bermingham  
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### **PERSONAL BEACH USE**

Q. What is your favourite Sunshine Coast beach?

#### **Maroochydore**

Q. How often are you able to get there to enjoy some leisure time?

#### **A few times a week**

Q. When you go to the beach, what activities do you enjoy on the beach?

**Swimming, surfing, body surfing with my daughter, watching her train in surf life saving.**

Q. Have you ever taken any activity to protect and preserve the beach? If YES, please explain how.

**Yes, I have attended numerous beach clean-up days, and turtle clean-up days. The activation of the Maroochy to Alex stretch beach renourishment program. Heavily involved in the development of the Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy.**

### **PERSONAL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Q. Are you currently involved with any community group? YES

If YES, which groups and what has been your involvement and/or contribution over the past year?

## **Jason O'Pray - Mayor Candidate**

Twin Waters Residents Association.

Pacific Paradise Residents Association.

Mudjimba Residents Associations

Sunshine Cove Residents Association

Town of Sea Side Residents Association

Northshore Residents Association

I am a life member of Maroochydore Surf Life Saving Club.

I support the Cotton Tree Swimming Club, Maroochy Sailing Club, Maroochy Rowing Club & EndED.

### **ISSUE 1: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

*If you answer yes and no to any of the following, please explain your answer clearly.*

Q. Do you feel the current community engagement process and surveys provide accurate and authentic community feedback?

**Yes and No. We can always do better. We've had great success with community engagement of the REDS, Sunshine Coast Events Board, Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy and the Environment and Liveability strategy and we can learn from these successful community campaigns and bring this into other areas of council.**

If NO, what changes would you make to the community engagement to ensure community and stakeholder feedback was better instigated, managed, and assessed for greater community advocacy on projects?

Q. Would you consider establishing 2 permanent community reference groups:

1 coastal

1 hinterland

made up of local representatives from groups in these areas and interested residents to meet with council and management quarterly to provide input and feedback on local issues that may affect council planning? YES / NO

**Yes, I would consider it.**

### **ISSUE 2: BEACH WASTE, LITTER, MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT**

*If you answer yes and no to any of the following, please explain your answer clearly.*

Q. Do you believe there is an issue with the amount of rubbish and waste on our beaches?

**Yes, it's community groups that are picking up the rubbish or others and we can do better with education and council support.**

Q. Do you believe the Sunshine Coast Council is doing enough to keep our beaches free of waste and rubbish?

**We can always do better. I am currently looking at more beach sweeping as we speak.**

Q. As the Sunshine Coast now relies heavily on tourism, would you support the Council becoming a 7-day-a-week organisation to provide community support, beach maintenance, cleaning, and availability to include weekends, holidays and public holidays where we see the

### **Jason O'Pray - Mayor Candidate**

most need occurring so our beaches are clean, safe, accessible, and presentable before residents and tourists wake up each day?

**We can consider that. We currently have on call services but as we grow as a community, this is something we should be considering.**

### **ISSUE 3: FUNDING / BUDGET FOR BEACH CARE**

*If you answer yes and no to any of the following, please explain your answer clearly.*

Q. Do you believe that funding directed to the care and maintenance of our beaches and surrounding vegetation is sufficient? YES / NO

If NO, what actions will you take to ensure adequate funding is available and directed to the departments that provide the services necessary to ensure clean and healthy beaches?

**No, I have been battling for more funding for our coast and canal program and beach replenishment programs.**

### **ISSUE 4: BEACH INFRASTRUCTURE / PLANNING**

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Q. Do you agree the Shoreline Erosion Plan and Healthy Coast Management Plan should be incorporated into the new Planning Scheme Plan to ensure consistent and collaborative planning and design? YES / NO

**This can be discussed in the planning scheme program for 2024.**

Q. Do you believe the proposed Mooloolaba seawall is correctly designed? YES / NO

If NO, would you support a review and redesign of the proposed Mooloolaba Seawall to address beach loss and other issues raised by community and business stakeholders?

**As the Mooloolaba seawall and Mooloolaba foreshore project, will come before the new 2024 council, I am certain this issue that is important to all of us will go through more discussion and debate.**

Q. Do you believe the roads and entrances to our main patrolled beach entrances could do with natural beautification and be greener with more mature trees, shrubs and ambient lighting to make them more welcoming, warmer, and inviting and enhance the COASTAL beachside experience over the harder infrastructure we've seen recently in placemaking?

**YES**

Q. Do you have any known conflicts of interest along the beachfront from Coolum to Shelly Beach?

**NO**

### **ISSUE 5: BEACHFRONT TRANSPORT AND PARKING**

*If you answer yes and no to any of the following, please explain your answer clearly.*

### **Jason O'Pray - Mayor Candidate**

Q. Do you believe the proposed mass transit route adequately services all Sunshine Coast residents and commuters?

**No, it needs more work. It doesn't currently go west to Nambour or the Hinterland.**

If NO, what actions will you take to ensure the mass transit route meets resident and commuter needs?

Q. Do you think beachside carparking is essential to retaining the Sunshine Coast beach lifestyle and culture? YES / NO

**Yes and No, it's a complex issue, we need to find a balance of parking close to the beach while utilising the appropriate spaces.**

Q. What are your thoughts on this rapid bus transit route?

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AGREE WITH IT OR DISAGREE WITH IT? Explain why.

**Generally, in agreeance, the enterprise corridor is covered. We need further solutions to bridge the divide between the coast and the hinterland.**

### **ISSUE 6: CONSERVATION**

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Q. Do you believe Sunshine Coast Council is providing adequate protection for the critically endangered animal species visiting or residing on our beaches or in the beach environment?

**I am currently working on shore bird protection plans in the North Shore in the dog beach area. We have our amazing turtle care program and macropod conservation plan that I am huge supporter of. I want to bring in more protection for koalas and expand on the wildlife road sign initiative I brought in 2023.**

If NO, what actions will you take to ensure further protection and ensure long-term survival?

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Q. Do you believe the new Planning Scheme addresses necessary lighting protection for our nesting turtles and migrating birds?

**This is something that will most certainly be addressed as we go through the new 2024 planning scheme. We can always do better and enforce the use of new technologies in this space.**

If NO, what actions will you take to ensure new developments, renovations and infrastructure incorporate the necessary conditions consistently and without exception, as well as public council-managed lighting?

Q. Do you believe there should be more monitoring and stronger consequences for the poisoning and damage/erosion of trees, vegetation, and dunes along our coastal dunes?

**YES, 100% I have had horrible experiences with this issue, particularly on the north shore. I have been very clear in my message that we should be throwing the book at anyone who damages or poisons coastal dunes.**

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Q. Do you support high rise/high density development along Nicklin Way?

**NO, however medium density and low rise could be considered.**

Q. Do you support high rise/high density development along the Buddina/Warana beachfront?

**I support the medium density that is in the current planning scheme since 2014.**

Q. Do you support high rise/high density development along the Alexandra Headland beachfront?

**I support the medium density that is in the current planning scheme since 2014.**

Q. Do you support high rise/high density development in suburbs and neighbourhoods where there currently isn't any? YES / NO

**Options for consideration for the new council include Yandina, Nambour & Burnside.**

Q. Do you support Council changing the zoning from low density where it currently is along the beachfront, to higher density in the new Town Plan? YES / NO

**No**

Q. Do you believe the Planning Scheme represents the wants and needs of the community?

**It's the communities town plan and we have the opportunity to plan for the next decade this year with the new council.**



**Jason O'Pray - Mayor Candidate**

If NO, what will you do to ensure the Planning Scheme does meet the community's expectations?

**ISSUE 8: PROTECTING ACTIVE LIFESTYLES**

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*(NOTE: while this is not a beach-specific issue, community members who actively use our beaches also actively use our current sporting facilities. There is concern about the potential loss of these facilities that currently provide a place for grassroots and community-based sporting activities and the green space they offer, so we would like to understand your position on this).*

Q. Do you believe the Olympic Indoor Stadium should reside at Kawana?

**Yes, the 11-court indoor basketball stadium is already approved and funded for this site.**

If NO, which location is more suitable to protect and retain the current fields and facilities for long-term use by the community?

**Wayne Parcell - Mayor Candidate**



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Thanks for your time in completing these, and we wish you all the best in the upcoming election.

Best wishes,  
Rach Bermingham  
President  
The Beach Matters Group

**PERSONAL BEACH USE**

Q. What is your favourite Sunshine Coast beach? All the beaches have their own beauty and character

Q. How often are you able to get there to enjoy some leisure time? Rarely

Q. When you go to the beach, what activities do you enjoy on the beach? Watching the sea

Q. Have you ever taken any activity to protect and preserve the beach? If YES, please explain how.

**PERSONAL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Q. Are you currently involved with any community group? YES ~~NO~~

If YES, which groups and what has been your involvement and/or contribution over the past year?

President, Montville Village Association; Founder and Festival Director of The Rangebow Festival celebrating diversity, inclusion, sustainability and reconciliation. Life Member (Founder and Past President) of the Montville Tennis Club

**ISSUE 1: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

If you answer yes and no to any of the following, please explain your answer clearly.

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Q. Do you feel the current community engagement process and surveys provide accurate and authentic community feedback? ~~YES~~ NO

If NO, what changes would you make to the community engagement to ensure community and stakeholder feedback was better instigated, managed, and assessed for greater community advocacy on projects?

The current planning decision-making process, which includes the State and the Planning and Environment Court, is failing to properly connect the community and stakeholders, leading to misalignment of aspirations and outcomes. We will address this as a priority.

Everyone should benefit from better development outcomes, existing and new residents. The planning processes are legalistic and complex and not readily able to be understood by many in the community.

I will raise awareness and understanding of how the planning processes operate so that everyone is empowered with knowledge to participate. Consultation can then be informed and meaningful. Transparency of process is followed by clear and timely communication of decisions and the reasons for them. My fresh approach will build community confidence so that outcomes are understood by everyone.

I support stronger neighbourhood engagement and will seek legal advice as to what changes Council can implement to achieve this.

My priority is to ensure transparency in decision-making and community consultation. This will be a major focus for me as Mayor and be a significant factor in ensuring the Sunshine Coast maintains its own character and liveability, and not become another version of the Gold Coast.

Q. Would you consider establishing 2 permanent community reference groups:

1 coastal

1 hinterland

made up of local representatives from groups in these areas and interested residents to meet with council and management quarterly to provide input and feedback on local issues that may affect council planning? YES ~~NO~~

### **ISSUE 2: BEACH WASTE, LITTER, MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT**

*If you answer yes and no to any of the following, please explain your answer clearly.*

Q. Do you believe there is an issue with the amount of rubbish and waste on our beaches?

YES ~~NO~~

Q. Do you believe the Sunshine Coast Council is doing enough to keep our beaches free of waste and rubbish? ~~YES~~ NO

If NO, what actions will you take, immediate and on-going, to return our beaches to a clean state for residents, wildlife and marine life?

In today's interconnected world, environmental consciousness is not just a personal choice; it is a collective responsibility that extends from individuals to industries. I commit to actively advocate for a sustainable future through responsible consumption and production practices. Central to this mission is the urgent need to address the excessive use of plastic and packaging

### **Wayne Parcell - Mayor Candidate**

in the supply chain. The presence of plastics and other waste on our beaches, in our oceans, waterways and bush and parklands requires a holistic response from council, the community and business.

We need to raise awareness that every roadway, culvert and storm-water drain takes water, chemical run-off and loose waste to our waterways and to the ocean. We need everyone to be custodians of our waterways and oceans to protect our environment from further contamination and degradation. Engagement with key community groups will raise awareness and help deliver positive environmental outcomes.

I will look to collaborate better outcomes with the building industry regarding building material off-cuts, discards, surplus and the associated packaging which must not find its way into our natural environment.

Recycling, upcycling, and re-use are crucial components of a circular economy, but we believe it is equally important to tackle the root of the issue – the production of unnecessary plastic and packaging. As a society, we must push for innovative solutions and responsible policies that encourage businesses to adopt eco-friendly packaging alternatives and reduce their overall environmental impact.

Beach Cleanups in conjunction with community groups – a Council-assisted and promoted calendar event.

Habitat and dune protection through preventative measures through planning scheme and by-laws to control activity and lighting that impacts wildlife.

Q. As the Sunshine Coast now relies heavily on tourism, would you support the Council becoming a 7-day-a-week organisation to provide community support, beach maintenance, cleaning, and availability to include weekends, holidays and public holidays where we see the most need occurring so our beaches are clean, safe, accessible, and presentable before residents and tourists wake up each day? YES ~~NO~~

### **ISSUE 3: FUNDING / BUDGET FOR BEACH CARE**

*If you answer yes and no to any of the following, please explain your answer clearly.*

Q. Do you believe that funding directed to the care and maintenance of our beaches and surrounding vegetation is sufficient? YES ~~NO~~

If NO, what actions will you take to ensure adequate funding is available and directed to the departments that provide the services necessary to ensure clean and healthy beaches?

Keeping beaches clean requires a combination of individual action and community involvement. Here are some actions that can help:

We need everyone to be custodians of our beaches to protect our environment from further contamination and degradation. Engagement with key community groups will raise awareness and help deliver positive environmental outcomes.

I am committed to a review to identify areas where cost savings can be realised without compromising the quality of services. Collaboration and shared services among neighbouring local governments can also contribute to cost reduction. By pooling resources, we can achieve

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economies of scale, share specialised expertise, and negotiate better deals. This collaborative approach ensures that each locality benefits from cost savings without compromising the delivery of essential services. Cost savings means delivery of services for the beach that have been lacking.

#### **ISSUE 4: BEACH INFRASTRUCTURE / PLANNING**

*If you answer yes and no to any of the following, please explain your answer clearly.*

Q. Do you agree the Shoreline Erosion Plan and Healthy Coast Management Plan should be incorporated into the new Planning Scheme Plan to ensure consistent and collaborative planning and design? YES ~~/NO~~

Bear in mind that the Shoreline Erosion Plan is concerned mainly with identifying erosion threats to Council controlled assets and the consideration of management options.

Q. Do you believe the proposed Mooloolaba seawall is correctly designed? YES ~~/NO~~

The design may be correct but the location is a different issue. I support a further examination of this through consultation before any contract is let.

If NO, would you support a review and redesign of the proposed Mooloolaba Seawall to address beach loss and other issues raised by community and business stakeholders?

Q. Do you believe the roads and entrances to our main patrolled beach entrances could do with natural beautification and be greener with more mature trees, shrubs and ambient lighting to make them more welcoming, warmer, and inviting and enhance the COASTAL beachside experience over the harder infrastructure we've seen recently in placemaking? YES ~~/NO~~

Q. Do you have any known conflicts of interest along the beachfront from Coolum to Shelly Beach? ~~YES~~/ NO

If YES, can you please provide more information about any specific projects or developments?

#### **ISSUE 5: BEACHFRONT TRANSPORT AND PARKING**

*If you answer yes and no to any of the following, please explain your answer clearly.*

Q. Do you believe the proposed mass transit route adequately services all Sunshine Coast residents and commuters? ~~YES~~/NO

If NO, what actions will you take to ensure the mass transit route meets resident and commuter needs?

I will champion a vision of active and public transportation as the backbone of sustainable, connected communities across the whole Sunshine Coast Region, embracing cutting-edge technology, on-demand, surge and active transport options to revolutionise the way we move and live.

Public transport is not just a mode of conveyance but a catalyst for positive and appropriate development on the coast and in The Hinterland. Together, in conjunction with the State Government's public transport offering, we can leverage technology and active and public transport options to build smarter, greener, and more connected communities that stand as a testament to progress and sustainability.

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The public transport system needs to be flexible and adaptable to ensure that it can meet both current and future needs. Today's choices will need refining and changing as growth proceeds. I will approach this challenge with a vision about potential innovation.

As Mayor, I will advocate that the Department of Transport & Main Roads is actively engaged with the community in defining and refining its Sunshine Coast Public Transport strategy. A static strategy is unacceptable. A public transport strategy for the future must be dynamic and innovative.

Better public transport that continues to attract a very small percentage of patrons does not equate with better public transport. The priority must be to enhance the attractiveness of public transport to encourage people to choose active transport or public transport before their car.

I recognise the transformative power of on-demand and active transport options, such as ride-sharing, electric scooters, and bike-sharing. By incorporating these into our urban planning, we aim to reduce congestion, provide convenient last-mile solutions, and encourage eco-friendly modes of transportation. These options will not only complement traditional public transit but also contribute to a more sustainable and resilient transportation network.

I will lobby for the State to take a more immediate role in improving the current public transport system. I would also meet with the private operators to see how they can improve. As Mayor, I would urge council to investigate on-demand public transport for low density areas, for example in the Hinterland and west of the Bruce Highway, and the scope for greater opportunity for active transport and innovative transport solutions that incorporate technology.

A rapid bus transit system requires a sufficient dedicated right of way be created, and therein lies a problem and a challenge that I will immediately tackle to ensure its success.

Q. Do you think beachside carparking is essential to retaining the Sunshine Coast beach lifestyle and culture? YES ~~NO~~

Q. What are your thoughts on this rapid bus transit route?

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Along Kawana Way, stopping at SKUH servicing the health precinct, then  
Along Kawana Way, stopping at the Aldi/Coles servicing the shopping precinct, then  
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sporting/entertainment precinct, then  
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then,  
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Chancellor, Stella Maris), then  
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business precinct?  
10 stops instead of 16, making the entire travel time far less than the current proposed route  
and also completely connecting the main services for commuters like health-shopping-  
education-business.*

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AGREE WITH IT OR DISAGREE WITH IT? Explain why.

Looking at one route in isolation is not my preferred approach. In addition to frequency, energy, cost and vehicle size, we need to consider this strategically and in the context of active transport options also. Community demand and expected uptake, determined through consultation, are fundamental to a successful public transport system. I will be seeking to have this comprehensively reviewed to ensure the transport system is flexible and adaptable to ensure that it can meet both current and future needs.

### **ISSUE 6: CONSERVATION**

*If you answer yes and no to any of the following, please explain your answer clearly.*

Q. Do you believe Sunshine Coast Council is providing adequate protection for the critically endangered animal species visiting or residing on our beaches or in the beach environment?

~~YES~~ / NO

If NO, what actions will you take to ensure further protection and ensure long-term survival? An audit needs to be conducted to determine status of endangered wildlife and habitat and the current response and determine appropriate measures and cost of delivery to enable a strategic approach.

Q. Do you believe the new Planning Scheme addresses necessary lighting protection for our nesting turtles and migrating birds? ~~YES~~ / NO

If NO, what actions will you take to ensure new developments, renovations and infrastructure incorporate the necessary conditions consistently and without exception, as well as public council-managed lighting?

The planning scheme will require specialised input to ensure the necessary guidelines and requirements are focussed on the outcomes required to protect wildlife and habitat.

Q. Do you believe there should be more monitoring and stronger consequences for the poisoning and damage/erosion of trees, vegetation, and dunes along our coastal dunes? YES / ~~NO~~

### **ISSUE 7: PLANNING SCHEME 2024**

*If you answer yes and no to any of the following, please explain your answer clearly.*

Q. Do you support high rise/high density development along Nicklin Way? ~~YES~~ / NO

Housing densities will change in various areas, pursuant to the planning scheme, and in many places east of the Bruce Highway as population growth continues. It is more important to ensure that density changes are appropriate and sensitive to communities and support liveability of the Sunshine Coast region as a whole. Balancing liveability and density is crucial for our future.

Q. Do you support high rise/high density development along the Buddina/Warana beachfront? ~~YES~~ / NO

Q. Do you support high rise/high density development along the Alexandra Headland beachfront? ~~YES~~ / NO

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Q. Do you support high rise/high density development in suburbs and neighbourhoods where there currently isn't any? ~~YES / NO~~

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Q. Do you support Council changing the zoning from low density where it currently is along the beachfront, to higher density in the new Town Plan? ~~YES / NO~~

Q. Do you believe the Planning Scheme represents the wants and needs of the community? ~~YES / NO~~

If NO, what will you do to ensure the Planning Scheme does meet the community's expectations?

The Planning Scheme is currently with the State Government for State Interest Review before it returns for further community consultation. I support an engaged community review of the scheme and the outcomes will be reflective of community interest for the whole Sunshine Coast Region.

### **ISSUE 8: PROTECTING ACTIVE LIFESTYLES**

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Q. Do you believe the Olympic Indoor Stadium should reside at Kawana? ~~YES / NO~~

If NO, which location is more suitable to protect and retain the current fields and facilities for long-term use by the community?

I am aware of the difference of views around the stadium plans and the tension with local sporting groups. I am still gathering information about this issue.



**Ashley Robinson - Mayor Candidate**

***DID NOT RESPOND TO THE BEACH MATTERS SURVEY***

## Min Swan - Mayor Candidate



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Best wishes,  
Rach Bermingham  
President  
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**\*\*Note from Min for readers – In many cases I have not answered a definitive yes or no because these are big topics that can not be distilled into yes or no answers without research, thorough investigation and/or prior involvement in the topics at hand. As a leader with integrity, I do not believe in saying one thing in election mode to get elected, and then backflipping in the future when all facts come to light.**

You will see my leadership style and commitments at my website which will allow you to assess if I am aligned to you - <https://www.minswan.com.au/commitments>. Min

### **PERSONAL BEACH USE**

Q. What is your favourite Sunshine Coast beach?

Impossible to choose amongst our beautiful beaches. I have different beach preferences for different moods and reasons for visiting. I would spend most time at Mooloolaba due to my kids and living in Mountain Creek but will travel all over the Coast for different reasons.

Q. How often are you able to get there to enjoy some leisure time?

Normally at least for a weekly walk.

Q. When you go to the beach, what activities do you enjoy on the beach?

I prefer to walk on the beach or take my kids to the rock pools. Due to having very fair skin I rarely lay on the beach for a long time, but enjoy walking and remembering why this is the most incredible region in the world to live. Beach walks reset your mind and prepare you for your day.

Q. Have you ever taken any activity to protect and preserve the beach? If YES, please explain how.

Yes, I have participated in clean up days and will regularly collect rubbish whilst walking.

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### **PERSONAL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Q. Are you currently involved with any community group? YES / NO

If YES, which groups and what has been your involvement and/or contribution over the past year?

- Leadership team for Sunshine Coast 2032 (Volunteer) that is a community driven organisation aiming to ensure the 2032 Games leaves a real and long lasting legacy for the Sunshine Coast.
- President Sunshine Coast Business Women's Network (Volunteer)
- My organisation oversees the management of 8 Chambers of Commerce and Industry Groups with myself donating many hours of volunteer time to these groups and the business community
- Provide advice and direction on fundraising initiatives for many not for profits on a voluntary basis

### **ISSUE 1: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

If you answer yes and no to any of the following, please explain your answer clearly.

Q. Do you feel the current community engagement process and surveys provide accurate and authentic community feedback? YES / NO

If NO, what changes would you make to the community engagement to ensure community and stakeholder feedback was better instigated, managed, and assessed for greater community advocacy on projects?

I believe there is inconsistency in the delivery of consultation processes and a greater need to bring people together in larger groups to arrive at more meaningful outcomes. From feedback during the campaign, some consultations appear to have been done well and people felt constructive outcomes came from the results. On a larger number of issues, this does not seem to be the case. I firmly believe in community consultation and a strength of mine is engaging and understanding how people feel and seek to understand their views. As an accessible Mayor I would be actively involved in understanding where the gaps exist and making myself available to the community to get to the bottom of cases where breakdowns in consultation appear evident. I have a natural change management skillset, and a large part of that is understanding the viewpoints of the audience, identifying the hurdles, working together collaboratively and making sure people feel valued and heard.

Q. Would you consider establishing 2 permanent community reference groups:

1 coastal

1 hinterland

made up of local representatives from groups in these areas and interested residents to meet with council and management quarterly to provide input and feedback on local issues that may affect council planning? YES / NO

I actually see this as a bare minimum. I would look to create Advisory Groups on topics of key significance and especially where significant investment is being made (i.e. Mooloolaba Foreshore Development). I do not shy away from the tough conversations and believe working together leads to better results. Being highly accessible and consultative is part of my platform and key priorities. Key delivery of providing the community a voice can be found on my website - <https://www.minswan.com.au/community-voice>

### **ISSUE 2: BEACH WASTE, LITTER, MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT**

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Q. Do you believe there is an issue with the amount of rubbish and waste on our beaches? YES / NO

Q. Do you believe the Sunshine Coast Council is doing enough to keep our beaches free of waste and rubbish? YES / NO

If NO, what actions will you take, immediate and on-going, to return our beaches to a clean state for residents, wildlife and marine life?

Q. As the Sunshine Coast now relies heavily on tourism, would you support the Council becoming a 7-day-a-week organisation to provide community support, beach maintenance, cleaning, and availability to include weekends, holidays and public holidays where we see the most need occurring so our beaches are clean, safe, accessible, and presentable before residents and tourists wake up each day? YES / NO

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I often wish I was an incumbent Councillor that would have more detail on the background of the questions we are asked so that I could give you a really comprehensive answer. I know from meeting Rach that The Beach Matters Group feels more needs to be done. I also know from participating in Clean Up days that the Sunshine Coast community takes such pride in their beaches that they actively engage in regular cleanups and daily action. I believe the beaches are all of ours to care for and love how the community come together to ensure our region is kept beautiful. I have met many volunteers within our community throughout the campaign that focus on their particular part of the world and it provides a support network and comradery while protecting our environment. I am gathering a document of issues and actions raised by community for investigation when internal to SCRC, and have added this to my document. I would commit to a review of the structure of the SCRC team in relation to beach cleans and the associated costs of those changes.

### **ISSUE 3: FUNDING / BUDGET FOR BEACH CARE**

*If you answer yes and no to any of the following, please explain your answer clearly.*

Q. Do you believe that funding directed to the care and maintenance of our beaches and surrounding vegetation is sufficient? YES / NO

If NO, what actions will you take to ensure adequate funding is available and directed to the departments that provide the services necessary to ensure clean and healthy beaches?

One of the major roles of the new leadership team is to review the spending priorities within SCRC and ensure key priorities are being allocated in the budget accordingly. Our beaches are a key part of our region. As an informed decision maker, I am avoiding making viewpoints without full knowledge and commitments I can't keep when in office. I hope you understand that but will certainly include this in my review of budget spending.

### **ISSUE 4: BEACH INFRASTRUCTURE / PLANNING**

*If you answer yes and no to any of the following, please explain your answer clearly.*

Q. Do you agree the Shoreline Erosion Plan and Healthy Coast Management Plan should be incorporated into the new Planning Scheme Plan to ensure consistent and collaborative planning and design? YES (unless I find out a serious and overriding reason why not when elected. It seems logical at this point) / NO

Q. Do you believe the proposed Mooloolaba seawall is correctly designed? YES / NO

If NO, would you support a review and redesign of the proposed Mooloolaba Seawall to address beach loss and other issues raised by community and business stakeholders?

As part of the new Council we will receive a full briefing on this project. I am grateful to Rach for sharing the views of The Beach Matters Group so that I can take those into the assessment of the project and ask meaningful questions. What is challenging for me is that such a large investment is taking place with community unrest and I will look to play an active role in identifying the breakdowns in communications (where possible with any regulatory constraints that I am likely to learn about in the new role). I am a highly consultative, results driven individual who brings people on the journey. There needs to be more of that when large investments are being made.

Q. Do you believe the roads and entrances to our main patrolled beach entrances could do with natural beautification and be greener with more mature trees, shrubs and ambient lighting to make them more welcoming, warmer, and inviting and enhance the COASTAL beachside experience over the harder infrastructure we've seen recently in placemaking? YES / NO

Q. Do you have any known conflicts of interest along the beachfront from Coolum to Shelly Beach? YES / NO

If YES, can you please provide more information about any specific projects or developments?

### **ISSUE 5: BEACHFRONT TRANSPORT AND PARKING**

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Q. Do you believe the proposed mass transit route adequately services all Sunshine Coast residents and commuters? YES/NO

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If NO, what actions will you take to ensure the mass transit route meets resident and commuter needs?

One of my main focuses in the role is delivering an accessible, cost effective, safe and reliable public transport system that meets the needs of connecting our community. With the changing nature of this project I believe this will continue to evolve and I plan on bringing the smartest minds in our region together to deliver a viewpoint to State Government (responsible for the project) that will meet our needs in a changing environment. Regardless of the plan, we need to work on building a 'Team Sunshine Coast' mentality that can unite us and provide a powerful voice to Government of the investment we need.

Q. Do you think beachside carparking is essential to retaining the Sunshine Coast beach lifestyle and culture? YES / NO

Q. What are your thoughts on this rapid bus transit route?

*From Caloundra along Kawana Way stopping at Meriden Plains, then*

*Along Kawana Way, stopping at SKUH servicing the health precinct, then*

*Along Kawana Way, stopping at the Aldi/Coles servicing the shopping precinct, then*

*Along Kawana Way, stopping at the Sunshine Coast Stadium servicing the sporting/entertainment precinct, then*

*Along Kawana Way, stopping at the proposed Kawana Industrial housing area, Kawana Island, then,*

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*Along the Sunshine Motorway, stopping at Sippy Downs to service the education precinct (Uni, Chancellor, Stella Maris), then*

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*Along routed through to the back of the Maroochy CBD via the Camcos line to service the business precinct?*

*10 stops instead of 16, making the entire travel time far less than the current proposed route and also completely connecting the main services for commuters like health-shopping-education-business.*

AGREE WITH IT OR DISAGREE WITH IT? Explain why.

As per my response above, this is one alternative option to the route and worth consideration. The Beach Life Matters Group could be involved in developing the solution as part of my 'Team Sunshine Coast' approach – see my views on this at <https://www.minswan.com.au/clear-vision>

### **ISSUE 6: CONSERVATION**

If you answer yes and no to any of the following, please explain your answer clearly.

Q. Do you believe Sunshine Coast Council is providing adequate protection for the critically endangered animal species visiting or residing on our beaches or in the beach environment? YES / NO

If NO, what actions will you take to ensure further protection and ensure long-term survival?

Q. Do you believe the new Planning Scheme addresses necessary lighting protection for our nesting turtles and migrating birds? YES / NO

If NO, what actions will you take to ensure new developments, renovations and infrastructure incorporate the necessary conditions consistently and without exception, as well as public council-managed lighting?

Q. Do you believe there should be more monitoring and stronger consequences for the poisoning and damage/erosion of trees, vegetation, and dunes along our coastal dunes? YES / NO

This is another topic that The Beach Life Matters Group would have more viewpoints on than I would and thanks again to Rach for sharing those views with me. As a longterm local I have seen a significant increase in attention on our animals, turtles and birds over the past few years thanks to groups like The Beach Matters Group that are popularising the role we all play in protecting our wildlife. The input from Public Consultation into the new Planning Scheme was the prioritisation of the environment. When privy to the contents of the new Scheme, I would be evaluating how effectively this input was included in the outcome currently presented to State Government.

### **ISSUE 7: PLANNING SCHEME 2024**

If you answer yes and no to any of the following, please explain your answer clearly.

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Q. Do you support high rise/high density development along the Buddina/Warana beachfront? YES / NO

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Q. Do you support high rise/high density development along the Alexandra Headland beachfront? YES / NO

Q. Do you support high rise/high density development in suburbs and neighbourhoods where there currently isn't any? YES / NO

Q. Do you support Council changing the zoning from low density where it currently is along the beachfront, to higher density in the new Town Plan? YES / NO

Q. Do you believe the Planning Scheme represents the wants and needs of the community? YES / NO

If NO, what will you do to ensure the Planning Scheme does meet the community's expectations?

The Planning Scheme is currently in for State Review and the contents of it are not yet public. I commit to a thorough public consultation process. You will see my stance on the Planning Scheme review on <https://www.minswan.com.au/clear-vision>

I would consider my approach to development to be balanced recognising the need to face the population growth head on, yet not losing what makes the Sunshine Coast so unique. The Planning Scheme review over the next year or so is one of the main reasons for my decision to run for Mayor. I believe the next four years will have generational consequences for our region and it is critical to have a levelheaded, community minded, people focused leader who can ask the tough questions to arrive at a Planning Scheme that will provide direction and certainty to our communities. I will be assessing the outcome against the community consultation document that you will see a link to on my website, to ensure our community members were heard. This document clearly outlines the priority of the environment and our natural resources as top priorities in planning for growth.

In terms of high rises, I believe there are pockets of areas where high rise development would be welcomed (or at least tolerated) on the Sunshine Coast, however I am not a fan of long expanses of high rise that would dramatically change the uniqueness of our region. I know developers are also seeking more certainty and clarity in the direction of the Sunshine Coast and looking for leadership so they are not wasting resources aiming for development that will be rejected by community or Council. A strong plan and strong governance is needed so both developers and community feel heard and can make clear and certain decisions.

### **ISSUE 8: PROTECTING ACTIVE LIFESTYLES**

*If you answer yes and no to any of the following, please explain your answer clearly.*

*(NOTE: while this is not a beach-specific issue, community members who actively use our beaches also actively use our current sporting facilities. There is concern about the potential loss of these facilities that currently provide a place for grassroots and community-based sporting activities and the green space they offer, so we would like to understand your position on this).*

Q. Do you believe the Olympic Indoor Stadium should reside at Kawana? YES / NO

If NO, which location is more suitable to protect and retain the current fields and facilities for long-term use by the community?

I don't have a strong view on this either way. Changes will be made to the Sunshine Coast over the next eight years to accommodate the 2032 Games. The main priority is bringing the community along on the journey. When the stadium was announced, I accepted the premise of building a sports precinct in Kawana. Happy to hear the views of others to the contrary.