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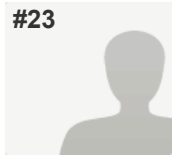
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#### PAGE 1: 2016 City of Greater Bendigo Council election survey of candidates

#### Q1: Please enter your name and Ward that you are standing in.

Andrea Metcalf Whipstick Ward Candidate

#### Q2: Do you agree with the following statements by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)? 'Warming of the climate system is unequivocal' and 'Human influence on the climate system is clear'.

Yes

#### What do you think we should do about it in Central Victoria?

For individuals, our housing is a start point in ways that we can manage the impact of climate change. This includes the design and orientation of the house. All households could be looking at ways they can reduce their greenhouse emissions. Our use of cars and how we dispose of our waste are other key areas that need to be considered. To engage with the community and change behaviour there has to be an education process. Simple ideas that people can take on board to benefit the environment would be a good start point. This is a whole of Government issue so there is an advocacy role within Council on this issue. Businesses also have a major role to play and Council can be actively working with them.

#### Q3: Select the goals you support from the recently released City of Greater Bendigo Environment Strategy 2016-2021; which includes (click to select, leave blank if not supported)

Zero recoverable resource sent to landfill

Council will support commercial scale agriculture & horticulture, and local urban food production

#### Comments

All the sustainability type things are desirable but I don't get a sense of how practicable some of them are (e.g. 100% renewable energy) or how you prioritise the 'winners'. The sustainable water stuff is also important but doesn't seem to be listed in the survey? What's notably missing in terms of what Council says it will do, despite saying that planning for increased flood capacities is important (p18), is taking climate change into account in the flood planning overlays. It is difficult to know which goals you can support without knowing fully what the competing priorities are within the Council Budget.

#### Q4: Do you support Council's plan to transition Greater Bendigo to an integrated transport and mobility network built around neighbourhoods containing most of residents needs and able to be accessed within a 10 minute walk or cycle or via public transport?

Yes

#### Comments

There are issues around ten minute neighbourhoods that need to be considered. Overseas the issues that have been identified are around accommodation being built, waiving the need for parking for example. Do we have the necessary infrastructure in place for walking or cycling to areas where people's basic needs can be met? We would need to be talking about this issue with our senior citizens and people living with disabilities to see if it works for them.

#### Q5: Do you support the proposition that our urban areas of tomorrow should be designed predominantly for people and not cars?

Yes

**Do you have any particular ideas how we can get the community actively walking or riding far more regularly instead of using the car? Please enter ideas here:**

I believe this starts at the planning phase of developments. At the same time that housing estates are being considered schools, medical facilities and supermarkets need to be included so communities can be built from the ground up.

**Q6: Would you support us having a network of connected and safe 'separated' bike paths and lanes criss-crossing our city and towns instead of the current mostly white lines painted on the road?**

Yes

**Comments**

It is much safer for bike riders to be off the roads. This approach could encourage more people to be riding to their workplaces. The health benefits of having regular exercise can't be understated.

**Q7: The Council has approved a Cultural Diversity and Inclusion Plan to encourage fairness and equality for all Bendigo's citizens. Do you support this plan?**

Yes

**Q8: Will you work to ensure the Cultural Diversity & Inclusion plan is implemented effectively?**

Yes

**Comments**

The corporate arm of Council has a facilitating role in implementing this plan. The Community however needs to own it.

**Q9: Do you think a Council can represent many views, but act harmoniously?**

Yes

**If you answered yes, how will you contribute to the Council working together harmoniously?**

I am respectful of other people's views and will listen to what they have to say. Earlier this year I lodged a complaint to the Councillors and Craig Niemann about the behaviour of one Councillor towards another Councillor at a public meeting. Not one person at the Council meeting table spoke out against the behaviour which concerned me. I will speak up immediately if the behaviour I see is not appropriate.

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