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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.

Damien Irving (Lockwood Ward)

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? One of the most effective things we can do is educate the community on how we can all make changes to our behavior. How much waste we use, how emergency efficient we are, what forms of transport we use – we need to encourage residents and businesses by highlighting the incentives for change.

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)

100% renewable energy generation from local & regional sources

Highly energy efficient systems and buildings

Zero recoverable resource sent to landfill

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

Council will promote green job & industry creation in Bendigo

Council will fund initiatives like Sustainability Awards and the Community Sustainability Festival.

Council will empower the City of Greater Bendigo Green Team with a budget and give them accountability for the City's own waste and energy goals

Council will work with businesses and community to secure 100% renewable energy for all Greater Bendigo residents & businesses

Comments These are fantastic goals. I'd love to see Bendigo become a leader in this area.

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 Absolutely! This makes perfect sense. We are too reliant on our cars - especially for short-distance trips to the shops etc.

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:

Yes. If the infrastructure is there, I believe people will use it. We need far more footpaths, walking and riding tracks connecting neighbourhoods to shops, train stations etc.

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

I'd love to see tracks all across town - we have a network of roads for vehicles - we need a similar network of tracks for walking and cycling. Not necessarily aligned with roads. This will go a long way in changing people's reliance on cars.

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

Comments

Of coarse! Bendigo should be proud of it's long history of diversity - it is what has made our city great. No resident should be made to feel excluded from the community in which they live. I support any plan that encourages fairness and equality for all. I am surprised that this plan is the first of its type to be undertaken in Bendigo. I feel there needs to be a particular focus on developing inter-cultural relationships and cultural awareness.

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

Yes

Comments

Absolutely!

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?

This is one of the major complains about the current councillors and is one of my main reasons for running. A council that cannot represent the community's views whilst acting harmoniously is a failed council.

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