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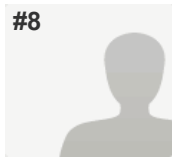
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Respondent #8



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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.

Helen Leach standing for Eppalock

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".

No

What do you think we should do about it in Central Victoria? How much influence humans have on climate is unclear, considering that the earth has not warmed for at least 16 years.

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)

- Highly energy efficient systems and buildings
- Zero recoverable resource sent to landfill
- Council will promote green job & industry creation in Bendigo
- 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

Comments

I don't believe we can achieve 100% renewable energy from either local or state sources, but I am positive toward solar energy and energy from waste (I tried to get that through Council recently as a partial solution for non recyclable, non organic, waste and renewable energy, without success). As far as Council (read ratepayers) supporting or funding initiatives for agriculture/horticulture or any industry creation, that must be worked through carefully with the available funds; keeping in mind the vast array of claims made on these funds. I'd like to hear more about this Greater Bendigo Green Team; this may be a positive thing that I would support. Don't forget we need to lower rates, not raise them.

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

It goes without saying that it is very convenient and good for lowering congestion if we were to live in 10 minute neighborhoods. I do myself and appreciate the advantages. We are at the mercy of PTV as far as public transport goes, and many people will never ride a bicycle, especially around town; but the concept is good.

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

No

Do you have any particular ideas how we can get the

As per no 4. I agree that we should have infrastructure that enables active travel, such as footpaths and cycle paths (onroad), but people should have

community actively walking or riding far more regularly instead of using the car? Please enter ideas here:

choice. Who is going to cycle to the Ulumbarra Theatre at 8pm, in the dark, up steep inclines? Not many I would suggest. Cars will always be with us as a form of transport, especially where public transport is inadequate or the terrain does not encourage cycling. Walking is good for those who are able.

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?

No

Comments

There are many demands on ratepayer funds and while some people in our municipality (e.g. Marong, K.Flat, Maiden Gully, Heathcote etc etc) don't have a footpath then I can't support further expenditure on separated bike paths. This would be inequitable and unfair.

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?

No

Comments

I explained my opposition to this plan in my Right of Reply in the Weekly on Sept 9th. please refer to that. It is unnecessary and promotes a climate of 'do what we say'.

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

No

Comments

there are elements of this Plan that I do endorse and will work to implement.

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 have always tried to work cooperatively with other councillors and I believe we have worked together on different issues, despite our personality differences. There is no room for bullying or disrespect by councillors toward other councillors.

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