

# Sunshine Coast Mass Transit Action Group Inc. (MTAG)

## March 2024

### Divisional Councillor Candidate Questionnaire

As a key advocacy groups on the Sunshine Coast, we are seeking your views on public transport and housing densification in the region. Please be advised your responses will be collated and made public as we believe all voters should be aware of your position on these two key issues prior to voting. No response will be taken to mean you agree with the following:

1. The current Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) Southern Sunshine Coast Public transport strategy and their decision to proceed with Rapid Bus Transit in a dedicated lane along our coastal strip.
2. The current Sunshine Coast Regional Council plan to house the large majority of the future population growth out to 2041, in the Coastal corridor between Maroochydore and Caloundra.

Name of candidate:	Jenny Broderick	Date:	5 February 2024
Division contesting:	Division 1		

## Section 1: Transport

- 1 Do you think two public transport spinal networks (Heavy Rail from Beerwah to Maroochydore and a Mass Transit system from Maroochydore to Birtinya) with feeder networks running to them, is the best public transport system for the region?

YES/NO Yes

- 2 If NO, and you are elected, will you advocate to TMR for a different Sunshine Coast Public Transport strategy?

YES/NO

If YES what?

- 3 Do you support a Rapid Bus Transit system in a dedicated right of way along our coastal corridor?

YES/NO Yes

- 4 What will you do to improve public transport now?

Response:

Work with any authorities necessary to get seek more effective and efficient routes connecting the Hinterland to the Coast.

We know it's planned for down the track, however, there needs to be a bus service leaving Beerwah, making use of the new Bells Creek Arterial, through to Aura and Caloundra. This should link in with existing Aura services to Caloundra. This will become even more essential as Aura City begins to take place. There will be opportunity for employment, education, and entertainment for all of the region.

- 5 What do you think should be the priority for better public transport in the future?

Response:

Better public transport required a collaborative approach with all stakeholders working collectively together. We currently have individual departments working on individual projects, when each of those projects affect the other. Departments, levels of Govt. and key stakeholders need to be working collaboratively on the 'big picture', making the projects more efficient and cost effective.

## Section 2: SCRC 2024 Draft Planning Scheme

6 Do you support the current plan to put the large majority of new arrivals out to 2041 within the Coastal Corridor? (Maroochydore to Caloundra)?

YES/NO No

7 What does high-rise mean to you (how many storeys)?

Response:

When people talk about not wanting to become the 'Gold Coast' they are more often than not, referring to the densification and high rises. My ultimate goal is to listen to the people of the Sunshine Coast, find out what their vision is, and represent that in the best way possible. As for my personal opinion, I would consider high rise to be anything over 10-12 storeys

8 Do you think housing densification should occur along the Heavy Passenger Rail Corridor rather than the Mass Transit Coastal Corridor?

YES/NO Yes

Explain why?

For the public transport system to be viable, people need to use it! This will happen naturally when you have an efficient system that gets people to where they need to go, in the most direct way. Densification along this corridor makes sense as it should alleviate some of the pain of densification along the coastal strip. Having said that, we also need to be very careful and balanced in our approach to urban sprawl.

9 If you are an existing Councillor, did you vote in favour of the current draft 2024 Planning Scheme?

YES/NO

10 If you are elected, will you vote to review the draft 2024 Planning Scheme, in particular the densification of the coastal corridor?

YES/NO Yes

11 As a Divisional Councillor, what will you do to ensure we do not become another Gold Coast?

Response:

When people talk about not wanting to become the 'Gold Coast' they are more often than not, referring to the densification and high rises. My ultimate goal is to listen to the people of the Sunshine Coast, find out what their vision is, and represent that in the best way possible. My personal opinion is that we need to work with our communities to ensure we get the 'balance' right to ensure we continue to maintain and enhance our iconic, natural landscapes. Maintain balance for sustainable future growth, while protecting our culture, heritage and environment, forging a sustainable future together

12 Do you think the current planning decision making process is too lenient toward developers, especially in regard to site coverage, set backs and density?

YES/NO Yes

Why?

My concern here has mostly to do with consistency. Large developers are often granted leniencies that residents are simply not allowed to complete, making it often a costly process for private owners.

	I understand the need for more housing for our vulnerable, and we absolutely need to be making allowances and find further solutions for those. However, high density and lack of balance should not be used simply as a financial opportunity for our large developers as a detriment to our lifestyle and amenity. Balance is always required.
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**13 Do you think all Development Applications should require Council to notify all adjoining neighbours?**

YES/NO Yes	<p>If YES, what will you do to try and make this happen?          Communication is key! One of our roles as Councillors is effective communication with our community. One of my commitments for this campaign is to ensure that I keep Division 1 up to date with current applications that will be affecting them. This gives the opportunity for the community to have their say when needed.</p> <p>Ideally, Developers should be in a position that they or Council, notify the immediate neighbours as to what is happening next door. Communication!</p>
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**14 As a Divisional Councillor, what will you do to achieve better development outcomes for the region and your Division?**

Response:

I have a visible, proven, long term commitment to our community and greater Sunshine Coast. Authentic representation requires someone who understands, actively listens, genuinely engages and effectively communicates with the people within our region – in order to serve your community, you need to be actively involved in it! This is part of my mantra, and who I will continue to be.

We can achieve better development outcomes for our region, when we are transparent, authentic, available and accountable. I am committed to being that person. We need leaders who will stand up and give our community the strong representation they require.

We need to maintain balance for a sustainable future of the Sunshine Coast - one that protects and enhances our natural heritage and great community.

I am committed to working with all levels of Government (no matter the colour), key stakeholders, and our Community to get the job done. Hard work is who I am. We can only get the job done if we work together - efficiently and effectively. If we are going to drive change and enhance community, we will need everyone working together to get the job done.

Our representatives need to have a full 'vision' of the Coast. Not just understanding the needs of our individual Divisions, but understand that our Sunshine Coast is a community of communities, that needs to be nurtured and balanced as we grow. We are all part of the big picture. Every month, Councillors are called on to make decisions on behalf of our Sunshine Coast. As a Councillor I will be ensuring that I am educated, have heard the needs of the community and will represent them in the best way possible. We're here to serve.