

# 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:	Kathryn Hyman	Date:	30 January 2024
Division contesting:	Division 8		

## 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

- 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?

Difficult to answer with recent funding cuts - as Div 8 Cr I would be particularly vocal regarding effective public transport also servicing the Airport.

- 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:

Immediately arrange for stakeholder dialogue with ALL parties including Translink and discuss with Noosa Council 'how' they have negotiated such matters.

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

Response:

Comprehensive bus services including express buses, feeder buses with improved time tabling (every 15 minutes/hop on/hop off) and improved routes ie Nambour/Yandina/Coast. Servicing our Industrial areas is also very important in order that apprentices can access education and training.

## 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:  
Above six storeys is highrise.

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

YES/NO

Explain why?

According to the Qld Statisticians Office projected growth against current dwelling approvals to 2043 - this will not occur. The balance of 1,900 dwellings required p/a across SSRC and Noosa over the next 20 odd years can be achieved without this densification. In principle I hold concerns for ALL vulnerable coastal communities and hope to bring better coastal management practices and ethos to council.

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:  
Strongly oppose any Casino proposal

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?

I have countless examples of the big wigs having rules broken for them meanwhile everyday people are put through the wringer just to build a carport.

13 Do you think all Development Applications should require Council to notify all adjoining neighbours?

YES/NO Yes

If YES, what will you do to try and make this happen?

Bring a case for reform of this section of the Planning Act/subordinate regulations.

**14 As a Divisional Councillor, what will you do to achieve better development outcomes for the region and your Division?**

Response:

Ensure sound scientific methodology is fundamental to the scheme, that the scheme is heavily consulted on and the primacy upheld across the board throughout decision making as the local planning authority to the greatest extent possible. There is a proper process for amending the planning scheme, not at the DA phase for example.