

Sunshine Coast Mass Transit Action Group Inc. (MTAG)

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Mayoral 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:		Date:	
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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?

- 3 Do you support a rapid bus transit system in a dedicated right of way along our coastal corridor?

YES/NO

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

Response:

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

Response:

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

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

Response:

- 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?

- 9 If you are an existing Councillor, did you vote in favour of the current draft 2024 Planning Scheme (no answer required if not an incumbent Councillor)?

YES/NO

- 10 If you are elected Mayor, will you review the draft Planning Scheme, in particular the densification of the coastal corridor?

YES/NO

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

Response:

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	Why?

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

YES/NO	If YES, what will you do to try and make this happen?

14 As Mayor, what will you do to achieve better development outcomes for the region that better protect existing residents' privacy and amenity?

Response: