

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:	Mark Wadeson	Date:	2 November 2024
Division contesting:	Division 4		

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 No

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

YES/NO Yes

If YES what?

Not 18th century transport! I said last election future cars are coming like automated, once they have stopped being blocked by our government this question is mute.

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

YES/NO No

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

Response:

Fix the pot holes might be a good start, but a road straight from the highway to hospital would open that up and if the green people want more transport then buy some more busses not wreck it for everyone else.

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

Response:

automated busses that drive on the same roads as now, not the need to put in their own lanes creating traffic chaos for everyone else.. these bus do exist in other countries already.

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

YES/NO No

Explain why?

I think the transport system put forwards by council is a joke, you don't go into the future by build and using 18th century ideas.

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:

if you want to live on the gold coast go live there it's a free county but this is the sunshine coast and a lifestyle is needed.

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?

it's only taking the sunshine coast towards becoming another broken gold coast

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?

i didn't know this was not already the case! what next they rip down your fence and put their garage wall as the fence!

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

Response:

Vote against people like John Conolly of the past that you voted out, but he is running again to turn your coast into another gold coast for their own benefit not yours. Joe Natoli has made the mistake of running with his wife and people don't vote for husband and wife teams in council!

That leaves me to vote for or you get john connolly back pushing hard for everything you don't want!

VOTE 1

MARK WADESON.