

Liz Leveridge (Cazaly)

1. How serious a threat are global warming and climate disruption?

Yes a very serious threat particularly for the next generation my grand children and future generations. From an environmental impact global warming and climate change also possess a whole lot of other implications for the people of the affected areas but also a financial and sociological component. When communities are affected by global warming and climate change this also changes peoples lives after floods, bush fires, landslides etc with the trauma and uncertainty of the future and all that brings. We can already determine the impact with the demise of frogs, crops and plantations.

2. Do you support the following Darebin Council initiatives? Please comment briefly on each. Do you support the following Darebin Council initiatives? Please comment briefly on each:

a. *Climate Change Action Plan 2007-2009* including the aim of carbon neutrality for council operations by 2020?

b. *Darebin Community Climate Action Change Plan 2009-2015* including the aim of carbon neutrality for Darebin municipality by 2020?

c. *Darebin Climate Change and Peak Oil Adaptation Plan 2009?*

d. *Membership of the Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action?*

I have quickly read through the policies and I would support measures that were proven to be sustainable to benefit all residents as part of the Council initiative to further improve our environmental footprint before it is too late. I would agree to support all of the current policies and review these by relevant experts and to see how things can be improved. I would conduct a Green Audit of Council to reduce costs and waste. Continuous review of policies needs to occur and relevant work by timelines and with changes this needs to be factored in to this important area and serious threat to our future.

3. What action have you taken to influence climate change and/or sustainability policies at the local, state or federal level?

I have taken action on supporting a number of things via email protest and lobbying politicians on numerous items that are developing and will continue to do so. As per my candidate statement I will lobby state and federal government to fund items that are not solely councils' responsibility.

4. What action would you take on climate change and/or sustainability policies if [re]elected to council?

I would suggest measures that were proven to be sustainable and to be of benefit for residents to be adopted at council. I would also have this area under constant review and looking at all the ways in which our community could work together to be sustainable.

5. We are also interested in your community campaigning in areas other than climate change and sustainability. What other community groups or campaigns have you been active in and what was your role?

I am running as an independent candidate again on the issue of rates and to lower these and improve services. I would conduct a Green Audit of Council to reduce costs and waste, to achieve carbon neutrality and a greener Council. Protect our environment from unnecessary development. Understand the issues of the future Darebin and plan facilities appropriately. I want to represent the community with courage, care and common sense to make Darebin a thriving, diverse sustainable community. I want to achieve reduction in costs and waste, increase quality services, increase State Funding and Federal funding, increase accountability to residents and achieve a greener better Darebin.