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

I believe that all levels of government need to be doing more to address this crisis. At a Federal level, we have a 20% emissions reduction target - only the beginning! Darebin's commitment to achieving carbon neutrality is great on paper, but it requires councilors who have the courage of their conviction to see this through.

2. 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?

Yes.

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

Yes.

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

Yes. I support Cr McCarthy's visionary contributions to this plan for action. One Green Councillor was able to see this plan take shape, with more on Council, we can reform the attitudes of Council towards climate change and reinforce their responsibility to lead this change now and into the future.

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

Yes. I strongly support Council's former membership of NAGA, and as a Councillor I would move to reinstate this immediately.

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

I have worked as a volunteer with Quit Coal to move to more renewable forms of energy production. I am a small business owner, running a low carbon footprint eco guest house as an example of what can be achieved with ease and comfort. I previously ran an organic store promoting the benefits of local food production. I have been involved in Clean Ocean, Point Nepean Conservation Group, and the Indigenous Flora and Fauna Association, and I was a key campaigner fighting against the dredging of Port Phillip Bay.

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

I would continue the excellent work of Cr Trent McCarthy. I would like to focus on ensuring the carbon neutral goal of Council is successfully implemented. I will propose rejoining NAGA and support residents and traders to make the change to more sustainable practices. This would include working towards bulk purchases of

solar panels and solar hot water systems to reduce costs for residents, improving bike paths to make commuting by bicycle safer and more accessible for Darebin residents, and encouraging local food production through proactive policies.

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? [No need to repeat any already mentioned in question 3.]

Opposing the proposed development in Hutton Street, I am a foster carer, I'm a member of the Darebin Residents and Ratepayers Association.