

Candidate ----- Debra THURLEY

1. Clarence Action Network is concerned that under the current Council's administration, community members have been given limited opportunities to express their views on the use and development of land owned or controlled by Council until well after developers have become involved.

Sale of public land Sect 178 of the LG Act 1993 - right of appeal for the public. Crown land surplus to Government needs offered for sale by public auction through local real estate firms. Crown land is sold at market value as determined by the Director-General of Lands (DGL). (KB was Crown Land under lease to the BYC sold for \$2.44m, the market value advised by the State Valuer-General).

If elected, what steps will you take to ensure that community consultation about the divestment of public land becomes a permanent and essential part of the planning process in Clarence, before development proposals are fully formulated?

Development applications over Crown land made under LUPAA could be referred to Crown Land Services to assess the proposal against a public benefit test.

2. At a packed public meeting about the proposed hotel development for Rosny Hill Nature Reserve, a motion to establish a dedicated public consultation unit within the Clarence Council was unanimously carried. Do you support this as a priority for the new Council?

It's a priority as Clarence is in the process of a review of its community consultation policy. I don't support a complete unit as I believe it is a whole of Council issue. I support an update of the Community Participation Policy

http://www.ccc.tas.gov.au/webdata/resources/files/community_participation_policy.pdf

the purpose of which is to involve the community in decision making and improve understanding between Council and the Clarence community.

What do you believe should be the priorities for such a unit to improve council/community consultation processes across all of its activities and responsibilities?

The one area I think needs improving is to increase the public's knowledge of the legislation under which Council must operate because much of the public's concern arises out of their being unaware of the legislative constraints.

3. Clarence Action Network supports the establishment of a long-term strategy to protect, conserve, and manage public land and facilities across the municipality to enhance the health and well-being of residents and maintain habitats for significant flora and fauna. Do you support this objective?

Of course, we must maintain for future generations. My desire for Rosny Hill for example was that its flora and fauna was enhanced and protected and that it would provide for a passive recreation space that the community could relish and share in.

What action would you take to propose and develop strategies to achieve this goal?

At Council with a number of strategies and policies in place I would ensure they are applied more rigorously: Community Health & Wellbeing Plan, Reserve Management Plan, the Planning Scheme and as a result of the State Government being reticent in producing a Coastal Management Policy, we have decided to prepare a Council Coastal Management policy. For the full list see <http://www.ccc.tas.gov.au/page.aspx?u=1957>

4. What new initiatives are you eager to champion if you are elected and why do you see these as important to the future of the Clarence community?

- **Promote Quality Infrastructure – “fit for purpose” and future proofed**
- **Fastrack the Review of the Community Participation Policy**

To provide a platform from which Council and the Community could engage.

- **Address Recycling/Waste– together with State Government tackle the growing waste issue i.e. a Council Joint Venture to convert waste to product – modelled on best European practice – investigate the possibility of a conversion facility at the Copping “C” Cell site Waste Management is one of the most pressing issues of the future and requires a bi-partisan approach.**
- **A civic arts centre for Clarence like the Moonah Community Arts Centre History, Arts and Music events are not showcased within our City.**
- **An upgrade of the Clarence Aquatic Centre and surrounding precinct.**

The precinct which encompasses the aged National Fitness Building could be developed to become an attractive public space for Montagu Bay/Rosny and the whole community.