

CANDIDATE ----- Doug CHIPMAN

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.

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?

**I am personally committed to community consultation, both informal and statutory, about any divestment of public land.**

***Additional information:***

***In the first instance, I am not aware of any community members who did not have the opportunity to have their say about either the Master Plan for Kangaroo Bay, the Management Strategy for Rosny Hill, or the subsequent DA for KB. In both cases, the developers were only selected only after a publicly advertised Expressions of Interest process was undertaken. That process attracted one local response in the case of KB, as well as the ultimately successful one by Hunter Developments for both sites.***

***Secondly, there is a fundamental difference between land owned the Crown/Council, and public land. The development site at KB was never public land because it was Crown Land under lease to the BYC. Public access through the site via a sealed pathway will be vastly improved in terms of quality and alignment to the foreshore as a result of the development.***

***Finally, the divestment of Public Land must be in accordance with the Local Government Act and all Planning decisions must be in accordance with the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act.***

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?

**I have an open mind on this and would like to understand more about what it would cost and how it would work.**

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?

**I would like to hear how it could add value to the Statutory Consultation process, eg for advertising planning applications, and advertising draft by-laws.**

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?

**Yes, absolutely.**

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

**Clarence Council already does this through its Community Health & Wellbeing Plan, Reserve Management Strategies and Plans, Reserve Activity Plans, and the Planning Scheme. 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?



**More recycled water to the Coal River Valley**



**Green waste collection to include food organics**



**A civic cultural arts centre for Clarence**



**Closure of the Rosny Sewerage Treatment Plant**