

Candidate ----- Leanne DOHERTY

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?

While I thank you for the 4 questions I feel they have a similar theme regarding community consultation and communication which in my work I hold in high regard.

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?

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 don't know if the idea of a dedicated unit for such a purpose is needed but I would definitely support the idea of investigating the possibility. While I certainly feel council have not been the best communicators and I do believe they have been more re active than pro active.

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?

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

I do not have a great amount of knowledge regarding the strategies council have in place around your concerns re significant flora and fauna but I do know they do have a health and well being plan and are involved in various activities promoting healthy lifestyles in Clarence and this is where they could be more active in advertise this.

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?

This of course leads us back to communication. This is why communication, community consultation and valuing our greatest assets our community and the people in it are my top priorities.