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To:John Connelly

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Thank you John and your fellow residents for these thoughtful questions and my opportunity to respond to them.

1) Can you briefly outline in one or two sentences why you are standing for Council.

I HOPE TO BRING MY EXPERIENCE WORKING IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT, IN BUSINESS, AND IN COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS IMPROVE WHAT COUNCIL IS DOING AND THEREBY THE QUALITY OF THE VALLEY.

I HAVE A FLYER WITH MY POLICIES SUMMARISED. WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO POST A NUMBER OF THEM TO YOU?

2) Please rate, number in order (1 being the highest), your interests as a potential future Councillor:

a. planning: 1

b. environmental issues:2

c. development issues:4

d. road maintenance:5

e. community consultation:3

f. Other: (please name):GOVERNANCE, EMPLOYMENT/ BUSINESS CREATION.

3) The relationship between Councillors and the Council Executive is very important, as too is the need to seek supplementary external expertise to support Council decision-making, where necessary. Using the example of environmental issues, how do you see important decisions being made and who is ultimately responsible for those decisions?

COUNCILLORS MAKE POLICY DECISIONS.

WE NEED FIRSTLY CLARITY AND AGREEMENT ABOUT OBJECTIVES – INCLUDING AGREEMENT WITH STAKEHOLDERS AS WELL AS STAFF AND COUNCILLORS. YOU CAN GET CONSULTANTS TO GIVE YOU REASONS TO DO WHAT YOU WANT; THE FIRST QUESTION IS: WHAT DO YOU WANT? IF YOU WANT, FOR EXAMPLE, TO CUT UP GOOD QUALITY AGRICULTURAL LAND OR LAND WITH HIGH LANDSCAPE VALUES INTO 20 HECTARE LOTS, YOU CAN FIND CONSULTANTS WHO WILL RATIONALISE THAT FOR YOU.

COUNCIL COMMISSIONED AND ACCEPTED A VERY ORDINARY REPORT ON THAT MATTER. IT WAS A POOR OBJECTIVE AND A BAD DECISION. IT WAS A POLICY DECISION SO COUNCILLORS MADE THAT DECISION.

An issue in the near-border areas of Wallaroo / Spring Range is the dumping of spoil from ACT building construction sites. Please explain your position on this issue; specifically:

4) What are the 'pros' for the dumping of ACT construction spoil in the near-border region?

THERE ARE NONE. THERE MAY BE A NEED FOR FILL, BUT FILL SHOULD NOT BE CONFUSED WITH DUMPING.

5) What the 'cons' of dumping of ACT construction spoil in the near-border region?

DAMAGE TO ROADS, POTENTIAL IMPACT ON VEGETATION AND WATERFLOW, NOISE AND DUST FROM TRUCKS, AND THE POOR EXAMPLE SET FOR FUTURE PROBLEMS THE ACT MIGHT WANT TO OFFLOAD ON ITS NEIGHBOUR.

6) What do you understand is the business case for the conduct of dumping of ACT construction spoil in the near-border region?

ITS CHEAPER AND HAS LESS APPROVAL CONSTRAINT.

7) What should be the main features of a compliance regime for the dumping of ACT construction spoil in the near-border region?

I HAVE NOT GIVEN MUCH THOUGHT TO THIS AND WOULD SEEK ADVICE. A PERMIT SYSTEM, PERHAPS. COUNCIL'S COMPLIANCE REGIMES HAVE NOT BEEN NOTED FOR THEIR RIGOUR, SO RESOURCES WILL NEED TO ALLOCATED.

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