

JRA Questionnaire for Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council election candidates

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The Jerrabomberra Residents' Association Inc. (JRA) requests
all candidates answer the following questions.

The results of this questionnaire will be published throughout the community prior to the election.

Topic: Traffic and road planning		
Issue: <i>The JRA supports the construction of Dunns Creek Road from the Monaro Hwy to Old Cooma Road to be completed before the 7th year of the Googong town development.</i>	Agree	Comments
Question 1: Would you act & vote in a manner to help ensure Dunns Creek Road is developed as priority infrastructure project?		Absolutely - we need to progress the planning of the corridor, ensuring the link to the Monaro is via Sheppard Street, and secure funding for construction of this vital piece of transport infrastructure. Living in Googong, I see firsthand the traffic increase and the impact it has.
Question 2: How would you help achieve this?		Move the required motions in the chamber, and vote to support the above

Issue 2: <i>Jerrabomberra residents are concerned that construction of the EDE will result in the ELP being used as a Queanbeyan by-pass, effectively cutting the suburb in two with a dangerously busy road</i>		Comments
Question 1: Do you support the construction of the Ellerton Drive Extension (EDE)?		I have been an outspoken critic of the road – however it now appears a decision has been taken and similar to the ACT’s light rail project, I would not support tearing up contracts if it will cost the ratepayer funds. If the road does proceed, the best way we can reduce the traffic flowing through Jerra via the Edwin Land Parkway is to progress the Dunns Creek Road urgently
Question 2: How would you help achieve this?		Move the required motions in the chamber, and vote to support the above

Issue 3: <i>We strongly believe that the EDE will not solve Queanbeyan’s or Jerrabomberra’s traffic problems, and is more likely to make them worse.</i>	Agree	Comments
Question 1: what is your plan for a sustainable traffic solution for Queanbeyan?		Further review needs to be undertaken into the calamity that has been the EDE process, including

		<p>probity and decision making processes, back to the early 90s. We also need to review what has been done thus far, ensuring again that progression of the Dunns Creek option is fast-tracked.</p>
<p>Question 2: How would you help achieve this?</p>		<p>Move motions in the chamber that ensure it occurs</p>
<p>Question 3: If the EDE proceeds, what measures will you support to mitigate the impact on traffic through Jerrabomberra?</p>		<p>We would need to ensure safe crossing point for the community, whether that be designated points, or over / under passes. This decision would need to be made by the Jerra community and implemented by the council / RMS. We need to ensure speed limits are maintained at acceptable rates, and we may require the installation of cameras to deter people from speeding.</p>

Topic: Infrastructure and investment in community

Issue 4: <i>The JRA supports the development of a major district sporting centre and community facility. Including an indoor aquatic centre, athletics facilities and additional sports fields etc. to be developed in the Poplars area, Jerrabomberra Valley for the benefit of all in the Queanbeyan and Palerang Region.</i>	Agree	Comments
Question 1: How would you help achieve this?		Planning is already well underway for this project – the way in which it is funded will be very important – I would not support taking funds planned for Googong via the VPA – however it appears that the NSW Govts grant for Old Cooma Road opens the door for funds designed for that project to be spent elsewhere. We need to work with the community to determine what eventually is built there, with an aquatic centre, indoor basketball/netball centre, synthetic hockey & soccer field all mooted

Topic: Ensuring engagement and representation


Issue 5: <i>The JRA is concerned about the reduced representation with the merged Council, the expanded Council having only 11 Councillors.</i>	Agree	Comments
Question 1: How do you intend to engage and be inclusive of all QPRC residents and in particular of Jerrabomberra residents?		I actively opposed and voted against the merger, and can provide copies of speeches I gave in regards to this issue. It was never effectively explained how the merger would benefit wither QBN or Palerang. However it has progressed, so we need to make the best of it and I certainly will be. I pride myself on the way I interact with the community and anyone who had issues during my time as a QBN councillor can attest that I do listen and act. In regards to representation, I was and am supportive of a ward system, which would guarantee representation for people from Palerang (and Jerra) on the QPRC. An expansion of the number of councillors from 11 is also something that I would seriously look at if it was proposed.
Question 2: How would you help achieve this?		Continue on in the same vein as I have been. I have always listened to the community, including Jerra, and have attended JRA meetings when I

		felt it appropriate and time permitted (Wednesday nights are difficult!)
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Topic: Priorities and recurrent expenditure

Issue 6:	Agree	Comments
<p><i>The JRA appreciates the scale of implementing and maintaining infrastructure and facilities covered by QPRC. With budget limitations priorities need to be set to ensure adequate and equitable services are provided to all residents.</i></p>		
<p>Question 1: How would you ensure the priorities are focused across all areas of the region? What areas in Jerrabomberra do you see as priorities?</p>		<p>This will be a huge challenge for the QPRC. The way we ensure that everyone has a voice is by actively seeking opportunities to meet and discuss issues with all residents. Regular "town hall" type events, as well as one-on-one opportunities, utilising social media, and engaging experts in the field of consultation is the way we can achieve this goal. There are a number of issues facing Jerra, not least of which is the overcrowding at the public school, and lack of high school. The implications of the EDE, and Tralee development, will have a huge impact on Jerrabomberra.</p>
<p>Question 2: How would you help achieve this?</p>		<p>Get out there and actually listen, before making decisions!</p>

Name and Signature of candidate and date:

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