

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/Disagree/Abstain	Comments You've touched on the big issue of who decides infrastructure priorities. Is it the Council or
Question 1: Would you act & vote in a manner to help ensure Dunns Creek Road is developed as priority infrastructure project?	It is dangerous for a candidate to make a promise.	the executive i.e. engineers, planners etc.? From very hard experience, I believe
Question 2: How would you help achieve this?		it is best to keep politics out of setting infrastructure priority.

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>	Agree/Disagree/Abstain	Comments On projects the size of Ellerton Drive (\$80M.) it is essential that Council brings in
Question 1: Do you support the construction of the Ellerton Drive Extension (EDE)?		outside expertise so that the whole community is served as
Question 2: How would you help achieve this?		best as possible.

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/Disagree/Abstain	Comments Again, this is way outside the expertise of any candidate, any councillor, and probably any one engineer. Therefore it is essential that Council look for a consulting firm with relevant expertise.
Question 1: what is your plan for a sustainable traffic solution for Queanbeyan?		This is a technologically advanced country. If the E.D.E. proceeds,
Question 2: How would you help achieve this?		I have no doubt that any impacts will be mitigated to the best of man's ingenuity.
Question 3: If the EDE proceeds, what measures will you support to mitigate the impact on traffic through Jerrabomberra?		

Topic: Infrastructure and investment in community

Issue 4: 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.	Agree/Disagree/Abstain	Comments A well run council would have had a Community Services Plan in place in the early nineties, specifically to fund Sport and Rec. Facilities, as the population grows in Jerrabomberra Valley. Sadly, that appears not to be the case.
Question 1: How would you help achieve this?	Therefore the	Council will have to fund these necessary facilities.

Topic: Ensuring engagement and representation

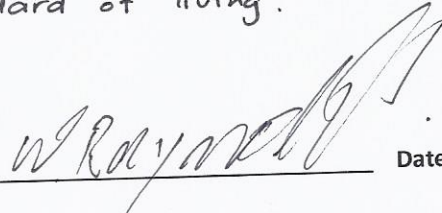
Issue 5: The JRA is concerned about the reduced representation with the merged Council, the expanded Council having only 11 Councillors.	Agree/Disagree/Abstain	Comments I firmly believe that all Councillors must not be parochial. They must look at each issue with a view to the effects on every part of the
Question 1: How do you intend to engage and be inclusive of all QPRC residents and in particular of Jerrabomberra residents?	From experience, it is important that a Councillor sets his or her own philosophy, and applies it evenly	Queanbeyan/Palerang area - not only the local effect, but the total effect. This allows a community to reasonably judge how a Councillor will react to any issue and in any circumstance.
Question 2: How would you help achieve this?	and consistently across the whole L.G.A.	

Topic: Priorities and recurrent expenditure

Issue 6: 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.	Agree/Disagree/Abstain	Comments A well run Council will have a rolling 5 year Infrastructure Plan. Then, and only then, can any part of the Community see and expect their project to be commissioned
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?	Careful financial management and due care and diligence of public money are the only ways to achieve an	If it's not on the plan they can reasonably ask, "Why not?"
Question 2: How would you help achieve this?	increase in, any community's standard of living.	

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