



Which Mayoral Candidates are committed to sustainable business practices?

SHASA asked the 8 Mayoral candidates to answer 8 questions on how they would adopt business practices that saves money for ratepayers with climate focused initiatives. SHASA received responses from Mayoral candidates: Anthony Mayne, Claire McAsh, Colleen Turner, Sharon Winslade and Rob Pollock. Disappointingly, even with a generous extension of the deadline, Mat Hatcher did not provide a response.

Voters can read the five responses on the SHASA website [Mayoral candidates' responses to questions prior to the online debate \(for upcoming local election\) - SHASA](#)

SHASA asked of the Mayoral candidates if they would, as mayor:

1. include climate risk assessments in the Council's decision-making process
2. require new developments to be all electric.
3. encourage active transport – build and maintain more footpaths, bike paths, walking routes.
4. install EV chargers at public council facilities.
5. stop new developments in high risk areas for bushfires, floods and sea level rise.
6. transition Council vehicles to electric.
7. implement FOGO (food organics recycling) before mandatory 2030 deadline.
8. upgrade tip shops

The following Mayoral Candidates supported the sustainable business initiatives listed above:

- Anthony Mayne (The Mayne Team)
- Claire McAsh
- Colleen Turner (The Greens)
- Sharon Winslade (Labor)

These candidates added the following additional comments:

Anthony Mayne would ensure that the Council's program and contract management processes include ongoing environmental assessments. Contracts need to contain environmental provisions that the contractor to must deliver. Requirements that new homes/housing developments be 'All electric' would be written into council's Development Control Plans (DCPs). Active transport pathways need adequate shade to protect users from extreme weather conditions. Advocate for zoning of high risks areas (sea level rise, flood, bushfire) to be changed under the Council's Local Environment Plan (LEP). The Mayne Group are committed to transparency and public engagement in all matters. Effective communication is critical to the success of any policy.

Claire McAsh would revise the Development Control Plan (DCP) to mandate ‘all electric’ in new housing developments. Is keen to look at the Rural Lands Strategy as these were recommendations from State Agencies that were ignored by the Council.

Colleen Turner stated that making it easier to ride and walk can deliver huge benefits for the entire community, promoting health and safety and opens up the option of leaving the car at home. We need a business case for developing revenue from EV charging stations. Extending the period of free green waste drop off at the tips at the beginning of the bushfire season will encourage residents to ready their properties for the oncoming fire season. Greens are committed to developing and implementing an affordable housing strategy. Recycled materials are an integral part of such a strategy.

Sharon Winslade stated we urgently need to improve our preparedness with a workable Climate Action Plan with practical steps Council could take to improve resilience and protect people, homes and our environment. Labor supports implementing the actions in the Net Zero Council Guide and the 31 Net Zero Milestones prepared by the NZAP to assist Councils to improve its emissions data capture, and account for their emissions data and actions in emissions reduction. This will require a re-alignment the Terms of Reference of the Climate Change Advisory Committee and the Climate Action Plan.

While **Rob Pollock** did not offer support for the 8 SHASA initiatives he did provide the following comment, ie he respects SHASA’s dedication and in our previous discussions you will recognise I share the desire to walk with a lighter footprint. Council has already moved significantly forward in many of these scenarios.

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