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1. How serious a threat are global warming and climate disruption?

Climate change will utilmately threaten the survival of human society around the globe and may cause 90% extinction of current species.

2. Do you support the following Darebin Council initiatives? Please comment briefly on each.

a. *Climate Change Action Plan 2007-2009* including the aim of carbon neutrality for council operations by 2020?
Great that is it there. Understate the problem and need to go further. I oppose the use of co generation. Needs to have a target of negative emissions. Council should adopt a 100% green energy policy. Tree planting is not really an offset and is simply putting the tree back where they once were, biochar provide a real choice.

b. *Darebin Community Climate Action Change Plan 2009-2015* including the aim of carbon neutrality for Darebin municipality by 2020?

Great that is it there. Need to have a target of negative emissions.

c. *Darebin Climate Change and Peak Oil Adaptation Plan 2009?*

No comment

d. Membership of the *Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action?*

Should rejoin

3. What action have you taken to influence climate change and/or sustainability policies at the local, state or federal level?

Started BZE, worked on climate change since 2003, saved to Otway forests.

4. What action would you take on climate change and/or sustainability policies if [re]elected to council?

Make it a priority. I am running on the issue of climate change. We are now well past the time we can avoid taking serious action. See below for my views on how Darebin Council can respond to climate change and related issues.

Council operations and policy

a. Immediately reverse the previous council decision and support a vote for the City of Darebin to rejoin Northern Alliance For Greenhouse Action.

b. Support and strengthen existing council Climate Action plans.

c. Work with other councillors to develop support for strong action on climate change

d. Ensure council operations are carbon negative.

Emergency preparedness and response to climate events

a. Ensure Council is prepared to provide emergency assistance during extreme weather events, particularly support the most vulnerable during future extreme heat waves, and mop up after severe storms and flooding.

b. Ensure the community is emergency ready.

Helping People Respond to Climate Change

a. Facilitate local food growing, including increasing education and increasing the number of community food gardens, especially for the disadvantaged and those living flats or with limited growing space.

b. Increase public education on climate change, the solutions and treats.

c. Support the most vulnerable to adapt to climate change.

d. Rebuild a sense of community and community support networks where people begin to look after each other and get to know their neighbours

Transport

a. Build and facilitating zero emission transport infrastructure such as bike paths, on road lanes and bike parking,

b. Expanding the creek bike network and linking Darebin Creek Trail directly to the Main Yarra River Trail, a new trail to Edwards Lake, and improve creek crossings such as at Merri Creek and Moreland road with a new bridge at creek level.

c. Safety also needs to be address on the St Georges road bike path.

d. Encourage the expansion of the tram network with Darebin such as extending the 112 to Edwards Lake.

Housing and development

a. Support initiatives to increase minimum efficiency standards for all building.

b. Protect suburban blocks and maintain access to garden space, with the exception of developments that include significant garden space and high environmental standards.

c. Support co-housing projects within Darebin.

5. We are also interested in your community campaigning in areas <u>other than</u> climate change and sustainability.

What other community groups or campaigns have you been active in and what was your role? [No need to repeat any already mentioned in question 3.]

Just climate change related.