

Questions for Independent candidates

Queensland election 2015

Please limit each answer to no more than 100 words

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Summarise in one sentence what you stand for as a candidate:

Bringing the focus back to the people, rather than on parties, lobbyists and faceless power brokers.

List what you believe are the top 5 issues for Queenslanders:

1) A Government which listens to its voters and whos' actions reflect that fundamental concept. The government must listen to the people to be a democracy, observation indicates the Queensland Governments stance is "if we want your opinion we'll give it to you".

2) Employment and training.

3) Infrastructure and utilities.

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4) Budget and economy.

The budget must be made to balance otherwise we go broke, we cannot spend more than we earn: Stop all unnecessary expenditures.

5) Environment and long term sustainability.

What will be your top three priorities if elected?

- 1) Bringing focus back to the people and their needs, and away from political parties
- 2) Asking my community what is important to them rather than telling them how it's going to be.
- 3) Enacting reversal motions on any legislation which is having an adverse effect on my community and investigating community approved solutions to replace that legislation

Do you believe the suite of laws (VLAD etc) enacted by the LNP to target bikies and 'criminal organisations' should be retained or repealed?

Repealed

Why?

As I understand it the VLAD legislation unfairly targets all social groups, labeling everyone as "criminal" simply for being in the act of association.
The gool old Australia Post "posties" better not hang around together while on duty or they might be arrested.

In 2014, the overall crime rate in Queensland fell by approximately 2%. What do you believe is the best way to further reduce crime in Queensland?

Talk with my community to understand what people think would work in their different areas and what might be the best way to help people get back on track, establish positive mental and physical health stimuli which reenforces self-worth and self confidence to allow positive, long term pathways, and which allows this foundation to grow throughout the community so we can all work together to help each other.

Do you support asset sales and/or leasing?

Governments must not have authority to sell or lease the peoples assets without a referendum.

Queensland currently has the equal highest (with Tasmania) unemployment rate in Australia at 6.9%. What is your policy to address this?

Once again the key is community engagement, because that's how a democracy works, as mentioned two paragraphs up in my response to reducing crime. Understanding the historical, family and/or socioeconomic background for the people who are unemployed will provide a better understanding of what may be the best options for long term re-employment and path to a positive and prosperous future for individuals and, consequently, for our community.

According to reports, a record 80% of Queensland is drought affected. What policy do you have to address this?

We are the driest country on the planet and we all need to do our bit to manage our water supply with paramount importance. Each area will have different water management requirements and the locals have the best long term knowledge of environmental events in the area. Most people take water for granted because they don't understand the logistics and infrastructure involved to acquire the water and get it to the tap. Governments need to take genuine interest in long term, sustainable environmental, rainwater and greywater systems to reduce our collective environmental footprint and provide residents with sufficient information about water availability and usage in the area so people directly understand the environmental and water impact in their area.

What is your policy regarding the granting of mining licences in Queensland?

Mining licenses should only be granted with approval from the communities near the proposed activity, but without interference from lobbyists or faceless powerbrokers, and where government processes involved to grant licenses have integrity with sufficient legal mechanisms in place to hold those involved to proportionate account if the licensing process is misuses or abused. A democratic government would have strict penalties in place for manipulating the system.

Do you support coal seam gas mining (fracking)? Please give reasons.

No. Observation indicates that mining companies tend to have an attitude that "emergency contingencies are not required because accidents won't happen".|

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So nothing could ever go wrong while blasting high pressure poisonous liquid down a long pipe and penetrating into rock cavities, especially not when this activity occurs within reasonable range of a residential areas.

Flora and fauna can't survive when the water table is poisoned and ecosystems are crippled beyond repair.

Do you support the cruise ship terminal and casino proposal for the Gold Coast?

Not if the projects are conducted in the same farcical way as the development at Abbot Point. Any legal document which is the result of an approval process needs to have the same principals applied as those which I mentioned about mining licenses; with genuine community approval and no interference from lobbyists or faceless powerbrokers.

Did anyone ask Gold Coast residents if they wanted a cruise ship terminal or casino?

Should marijuana be legalised for medicinal purposes?

Yes. Some of my friends suffer from debilitating mental and physical health issues, their quality of life would be greatly improved with marijuana.

What should the Government invest more in, public transport or road infrastructure?

Both are important. Our roads and public transport need to be safe, reliable and efficient for those who use them. Roads and road reserves should be made wide enough to allow four wheeled vehicles to safely pass two wheeled vehicles so no one is squeezed off the road. Everything has an expense and the funds required to develop and maintain our infrastructure should be managed according to requirements.

Public roads and parking in QLd should be toll-free, we pay taxes for a reason.

Any other comments/ policy positions you feel are important?

The existing parties have considerable resources, I don't have that luxury but I do have integrity, passion and commitment for and on behalf of my community to bring positive change and make a positive difference in our community. With no party line to toe, every vote is a conscience vote for and on behalf of the community, not for a party.

I'm running my campaign with as much positivity as I can, to focus on what I can do rather do the usual trick of using social engineering, scaremongering and negativity against other parties. There is too much negativity in politics. I'm not running a negative campaign, I'll leave that to the others.