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ECONOMY / JOBS – 470

Diverse economy – 146

"Immediately start a campaign to sell Cairns as a location for Australian business to relocate IT, accounts, HR departments etc. We need to build diversity within our economy, we need companies to relocate departments to Cairns (departments that do not require a shop front) This is a long term project, but must be tackled today, tomorrow and every day. Incentivise companies to come here. Offer reductions in rates, etc to bring them the benefits to their employees in being located in Cairns."

"Support a new 'Chamber of Business & Industry' for Cairns, which represents a diverse range of business and industry. Currently the potential growth, development and strength of Cairns is compromised by the over representation of tourist groups in the community and these tourist focused committee members. For Cairns to survive and grow other industries that support long term employment opportunities need to be supported and encouraged to establish themselves in Cairns. A Tourism only focus significantly reduces Cairns potential."

"Create a futurist based plan that focuses on Cairns becoming a region not solely reliant on tourism to ensure we get bigger employers to the region and develop talent locally to create an self-sustaining economy where people can stay local and still be part of the world stage."

"Campaign for big employers (tourism, miners, agriculture) to move headquarters to Cairns - rates deals, pre-approved development approvals."

"I would try and create new industries in the area, particularly tech and health care. Cairns already has great incentives for companies to move their operations or part of their business here. Great weather, balanced life style, affordable living and good commute times make Cairns an attractive location for companies to have a footprint. Big cities are becoming less affordable and commutes are terrible. We should be taking advantage. I would invest in areas that make Cairns a more marketable location for business to establish a presence or for start-ups. A lot of people in Australia live in our big cities because that is where the work is. Many of these cities are over-priced and populated. People want a more simple and affordable way to live but cannot leave the big cities. We need to bring or create those jobs in smaller cities like Cairns."

"Organise a think tank/regional forum on diversification of the regional economy to counteract the focus on SEQ. While I don't want a separate state with another level of expensive, self-serving bureaucracy, FNQ is overlooked in the development arena by state and federal governments."

Economy – 190

“I would cut red tape to encourage major investment in the city to ensure the viability for all locals by increased employment and spending.”

“Try to get the economy and construction industry moving faster.”

“Try to get business to build products in Cairns.”

“Host a Business investment forum for domestic and international dignitaries to see how many opportunities are possible by moving their business to Cairns and the surrounds.”

“After consultation with leaders of all ages, I would try and set up council assistance, financial and in kind, for anyone seeking to establish new business opportunities within Cairns.”

“Propose a lower corporate tax to lure big business to the area.”

“I would tackle the economy. I think Cairns has the potential to become an international hub for conferences, seminars and trade shows etc. This part of the economy would also be driven by tourism, however Cairns already has the hotel infrastructure to accommodate and an entertainment centre that rarely gets used. More concerts too.”

“Approve some of the stagnating tourism ventures on the drawing board, and get the money and tourism pouring back into the area, along with chasing more foreign airlines to start making Cairns a destination, so our "International Airport" truly becomes international.”

“Start creating a creative and environment zone in Bungalow and Portsmith. It's a great area that could be invigorated for activity, culture as well as business.”

“Establishing a taskforce to develop and implement a 5-10 year strategy to make Cairns the capital of Northern Australia (economy, jobs, global reach, technology).”

“Secure major national and international contracts to boost employment opportunities within the region.”

“Encourage big corporate companies to have their head offices here to create more job opportunities. There are too many small businesses that mess around with their employees, making for very unstable environments for workers.”

Jobs – 134

“Council is one of the biggest regional employers and yet it seems you have very little focus on providing employment opportunities for youth, particularly disadvantaged young people. As Mayor for the day I would develop a youth unemployment strategy that commits to employing up to 15 young unemployed people, supporting them with wrap around services, and giving them a pathway to a long term job opportunity. “

“Talk to schools/ students and business. Try to understand how to boost business and create stability, so that we can support every level of job seeker. Try to understand how we can help students see a successful and rewarding future for themselves in our community after finishing secondary from teachers and students themselves.”

“Stimulate more jobs in more areas - less dependent on tourism .Making it easier (less red tape) for industry coming to Cairns.”

“Try to create more jobs. Get approvals going ahead for big projects (that could bring more jobs into the area).”

“Focus on creating more employment opportunities. We need more industries such as manufacturing. We are losing a lot of factories and manufacturing work. More can be done for recycling, stripping computers, appliances and electrical goods. Are we too good for work that other countries gladly do and make their economy thrive?”

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT – 373

“Collaborate with the leaders in the community to discuss what problems Cairns currently face and investigate options to address these issues.”

“Set up an information stand where any member of the community can come and talk to you as Mayor to provide suggestions/feedback on improvements for Cairns and our region.”

“Meet with the struggling families and single people in Cairns and see the real Cairns through the eyes of these people. “

“Meet and mingle with the peeps of Cairns in some sort of open day. It's always good to be relatable and genuinely interested in your community.”

“I would have a mobile van and go to as many suburbs as possible to listen to what people in Cairns believe are our issues and what we are doing well.”

“Listen to general public about complaints or areas of improving then put best ideas to public vote then council puts a plan in place to get ideas going in under 12 months.”

“Walk around and speak to locals/business owners to see how they were going and what their issues were.”

“Have a series of talkfests. For all age groups in all suburbs where elected councillors are present, and community are taken seriously.”

“Have a listening day where people can come and give a 10 minute pitch on what could be doing in the future.”

“I'd actually listen to the ordinary people, the rate payers, not the business people, and ask the hard questions about what they think and then take on board what they say even if I didn't like it.”

“Set up a stall at the showgrounds or Barlow Park and interact solely with the community. Ask everyone their No 1 idea to improve Cairns.”

“I would walk around Cairns Esp, northern beaches, southside and start up conversations with people, then I would just listen....”

“Visit the local, average homeowner and talk to them about their needs and ideas for the city.”

“I would engage the public at an open forum and gather the residents true views on the future of Cairns supported by their ideas and strategies for implementation of those ideas. Especially in the suburbs.”

:Open the council to the public with all the members listening to their people and work towards solving dilemmas, explaining services etc. Not for anyone who would choose to attend to abuse council. Open discussions, get to know the areas and people you choose to represent.”

“I would go out and talk to the public. We need to understand about the homeless, young people, small businesses.”

“Search out people who don't have time nor don't normally speak to, to see what is happening in their Cairns and what could be done to help them.”

“Listen to its people, walk a day in some of their shoes.”

“Spend it at the front counter and on the phone to find the real issues.”

“Chair a council meeting attended by all councillors who were well informed by their constituents through both this survey, and through door-knocking; advertised meeting times in shopping centres and various events such as the Cairns Show, to follow up on the information gained in order to commence the process of putting into

effect the community's opinions/wishes on matters such as those dealt with in the surveys; and to indicate at that meeting a time line by which results would be made public, including the cost factors associated particularly with the wishful thinking of a light rail service.”

“I would set up a question booth in the city so I can spend an entire day just listening to the community to get an overall perspective of what common concerns are.”

“I would conduct a series of open forums allowing all Cairns residents and visitors to take part in, make sure it is conducted in an open area so all can participate and be involved. Somewhere like the esplanade and publicise it well, get the children involved, find out what the people actually want.”

LITTER / LOOK OF CITY – 310

Litter – 76

“Big clean up by council of waste and litter dumped in parks, waterways, beaches, national parks, road sides, footpaths etc”

“Make littering a criminal offence with a mandatory jail term.”

“Regionwide clean up day involving kerb side pick up and removal of abandon cars etc.”

“Clean the litter from the streets of Cairns and clean all footpaths and gutters/drains.”

“Coordinate a day where community can help clean up parks, pick up litter, help the elderly, feed the homeless, engage our youth in helping with us for the day.”

“Have owners and residents clean up around their properties and suburbs to show visitors and ourselves that cleanliness reduces disease and promotes Cairns.”

Clean up the streets - Literality. Too much rubbish on our city streets and major road into and out of the city.”

“Add bins back into the city (Mulgrave Road around DFO) has litter everywhere without a bin in sight.”

“Organise a mammoth clean-up of litter from all areas. Singapore is a clean city - Cairns is not.”

“Clean it up especially the roadsides coming into Cairns, and all areas not just those that are considered affluent, present a good first impression for newcomers and tourist so they want to stay and come back.”

“Try to fix the littering problem- make people see it as important problem and take responsibility for their actions- organise free tip days, verge side pick-ups, cameras in places where people dump to ensure they are fined heavily.”

Clean all broken glass around the streets of Cairns

Stop backpackers treating Cairns like the local rubbish dump, make retailers apply a charge on shopping trolleys.

“Erect signs at every natural water hole & national park telling people to keep our natural assets beautiful and to take their rubbish with them. Note. These signs don't have to be flashy with pretty pictures costing thousands per sign. Just a sign that lets them know how long a chip wrapper takes to break down to make them think twice about littering.”

“Instigate a roadside clean up of all litter thrown from cars, using the jobseekers locally.”

“Make fast food restaurants responsible to collecting litter in a 2km radius.”

“Include more litter bins in Council development policies and in public spaces.”

“Implement a litter awareness and education campaign.”

“Prohibit littering. It's not dogs who leave rubbish everywhere - it's humans!”

“Purchase a high pressure cleaner to be used every Saturday night after the revellers have left rubbish all over the esplanade and CBD.”

“Make more and bigger bins because I see at the esplanade the rubbish is over loading the bins.”

“Mobilise everyone to pick up rubbish all over the town , creeks, parks, roadsides and really drive the message if we can't keep our town clean and tidy how can we save the reef from rubbish and plastic. We are the custodians of the area we live in. We should respect it and care for it. Love it. Love Cairns. If you love it, you will clean it.”

“Clean up the litter and create policy for those residents who actively contribute to a cleaner, safer environment the ability to do so in as many as varied ways that we can.”

“Make all suburban drains, gutters, footpaths clean and rubbish free AND impose huge fines on people who leave their own properties overgrown with grass, weeds and/or junk!”

“I would get all the council employees to walk along the sides of the road up the Gillies Hwy , Kuranda Range and especially the Cook Hwy picking up rubbish as a sign that we care about this region.”

Look of city – 234

“Clean up inner city area, oblige shop owners to improve frontage of properties

Sheridan Street from Spence to Florence Street is "shabby" and I would like to see some of the buildings painted, upgraded or cleaned up.”

“Tidy up the wastelands in town. Couldn't do much in a day but perhaps a good look on a walk around the inner city area would show some needs that should be met- empty shops, itinerants, rubbish.”

“Smarten up city centre with cleaning and repainting of buildings.”

“Reinstate the full garden maintenance along roads and parks that was in place previously. The place looks shabby again.”

“Put in more greenery, pop up shops, music all week , paint shop fronts, keep it very clean, as in Hawaii, a lot more seating, & public art on esplanade, to give a tropical feel.”

“Clean areas and improve roads and gardens. Eliminate the indigenous sleeping on the main pathways and esplanade and ensure the safety of all citizens by implementing harsher ruling against crime.”

“Get rid of abandoned cars and rubbish from roadsides.”

“Instruct the city engineers to hide the industrial pumping station in Terminus St. It is a mining industry facility in the middle of a character precinct.”

“Get rid of all the abandoned cars that you see everywhere. Stop people parking on the footpath.”

“Put something in place with regard to the aesthetics and appropriateness of the built environment. Too much of Cairns' commercial areas are an eyesore. Mulgrave road being a prime example. It is the varicose vein of Cairns. You could be driving into or out of any ugly city in the world with its hoardings, junk food joints and car yards.”

“Install more colourful lighting through parks and footpaths, more lights in city outskirts for tourists.”

“Lock in making sure our city looks like a tropical destination.”

“I would restart the City in the Garden program and plant shrubbery on the centre strips in Sheridan Street and other arteries.”

“I would improve the Welcoming to Cairns region signage and ensure the continuous up keeping to southern Cairns corridor is maintained to make Cairns more beautiful and invitingly attractive then Townsville's welcoming signage.”

“Clean up, Roads, wash footpaths throughout CBD. Make business owners accountable for the appearances of their building and businesses, Utilise unemployed population to help clean and rejuvenate our region, as work for dole is free labour.”

“Order that all the messy yards with rubbish and overgrown grass are to be cleaned up now!”

“Clean up the suburbs - especially overgrown lots and homes that have rubbish in their yards - encourage gardens on front verges.”

“Have the owners of commercial properties paint and embellish the facade of their properties to present Cairns as a vibrant and caring place.”

“I would implement a maintenance program to mow the medium strips on a regular basis right out to the outer suburbs like Edmonton or even as far as Gordonvale and out to all the Beaches on the North Side. The city is maintained but the outer suburbs are still a part of Cairns and these are the first impressions people make of the place as they come to visit.”

“Mow the grass along the highway. Most of them are so high now. Cairns is a tourist destination. We should maintain the cleanliness of our surroundings to get visitors to keep coming to Cairns.”

“Walk around some of the streets in city /several different suburbs observing the cleanliness / whether facilities in good state of repair / lighting , safety aspects/ ask local residents, tradespeople, etc what issues they identify for our city then review whether current planning is addressing major issues identified.”

“Organise the planting of flowering trees down either side of all entrance roads to Cairns (Mulgrave Rd. Sheridan and Lake St.) to create a stunning first impression that would be the envy of other cities and a talking point for tourists.”

“Beautify the gardens inside roundabouts north of Cairns. Holloways Beach and Machans Beach are just terrible. I know it’s probably a main road issue but they are embarrassing and a golden opportunity for any landscaper to make those sites special and outstanding.”

PASSING COMMENT - 250

FLUORIDE / NO FLUORIDE - 238

No Fluoride – 109

“Protect our best natural drinking water without any chemicals.”

“Reassure people that toxic fluoride won't be put into their drinking water.”

“NEVER ever add fluoride to the water!!!”

“Reconfirm the ban on fluoridated water. We have the best and purest water in Australia. Let’s keep it that way and celebrate our pure and safe water supply.”

“Definitely not add fluoride in our water supply. One of the reasons I voted for the current Mayor was because of his stance on fluoride. I am very disappointed at his recent comments on the matter.”

“Ensure fluoride is NEVER put in our water again. Look at the true science, not corporate science. Professor Hardy Limeback is the most qualified expert in the world. Look at his research.”

“Ensure that we as a community will always have safe clean drinking water free from added chemicals [fluoride].”

“Ensure that water fluoridation is never raised as an issue again. We have the sweetest water in Australia. Don't ruin it. My visitors always tell me they like the water in Cairns and when you put fluoride in it they noticed the difference.”

Fluoride – 139

“Put fluoride back in the water. It's a no brainer to protect the well-being of the greater population and would help prevent long term health issues which drain the health care system.”

“Put Fluoride in the water. Or at least have it available free from council building - impossible to buy anywhere.”

“Commission an enquiry into fluoride in our water. This would have independent unbiased working party members and would be scientifically rigorous. The result would be binding and community sign off would not be sought.”

“Overturn the decision to remove fluoride from the drinking water by handing that decision over to people who are not informed...the public. A Mayor sometimes has to make a decision for the good of the many not the few.”

“Put fluoride back in the water immediately for our children's dental health.”

“Introduce fluoride to the water supply to protect our kids teeth.”

“Implement accurate and competent water fluoridation and measure its delivery comprehensively and with integrity.”

“Put Fluoride back in the water, and improve the oral health of thousands of children.”

“Launch a public education campaign on the benefits of fluoride with a view to its urgent reintroduction.”

“Introduce fluoride and stop debating it, providing a voice for a minority ill- informed group.”

TRAFFIC - 294

Traffic – 121

“Focus on the road congestion. Cairns needs more connecting roads to improve the flow. As it is now everyone has to pour out onto the highway to get to town. We need more significant connecting routes.”

“Improve access to all of Cairns from North to South.”

“Sort out the peak hour traffic flow out of the city especially after 5.00pm.”

“Change the give way signs on McCoombe street, behind Raintrees back to the way they were before it was blocked off behind Autobarn. Years back. It doesn't allow good local traffic flow.”

“Find a solution to relieve the traffic congestion into the city and along the highways coming into the city.”

“Sort out the terrible traffic conditions (bottle necks) at peak hour.”

“Look at traffic congestion stopping access from minor streets to highway during peak hour - reducing school hours in 40 zones to fit in more with school hours i.e. Change 7-9 to 8-9 and 2:30 to 3:30 in afternoon, change length of lights on esplanade near lagoon and McDonald's - pedestrians get far to long for such a narrow street and traffic builds up.”.

“I'd put the corner of Kenny and Draper Streets into two lanes turning left to head out of town. We have two lanes turning right to come into town, and it desperately needs it in reverse.”

“Improve the traffic conditions for the Northern and Southern Corridors and put in light rail for the same.”

“Fix the traffic congestion - get Main Roads to fix the highway.”

“Request to increase the time period to a week :) for reason to

“Review traffic issues and set goals in place to improve traffic connectivity. Specifically light rail and connected safe off road adequately sized footpaths to improve transportation choice for people (i.e. ride bikes).”

“Look into option for second access from the south (eg Gordonvale to the city centre) - better public transport for whole Cairns region.”

Traffic Lights – 39

“Attempt to coordinate the Mulgrave Road traffic lights.”

“Work with the State Government to get the ball rolling to fix the traffic issues for Northern Beaches residents. But not focus on the Smithfield roundabout - as stated above the congestion is caused by the traffic lights from Johnson's Farm Market to the Airport turnoff. “

“Continue to synchronise traffic lights on main streets to ease the increasing traffic.”

“Fix traffic lights on Spence st and McLeod st.”

“Fix the synchronization of the traffic lights at the Mulgrave Rd /Martyn St intersection. There are times when the green light only lets 2-3 cars though crossing Mulgrave Rd.”

“Fix the traffic lights synchronisation!!!”

“What was promised - synchronise street lights on Sheridan St.”

“Fix the damn traffic lights!”

“Sync the traffic lights!!!!!!!!!!!!!!”

“Seriously, I would get the traffic lights on Sheridan St and Mulgrave Rd all synchronised. I CANNOT understand why I have to stop at EVERY set of traffic lights on Saturday and Sunday afternoon! (And I know this is a TMR issue, but the MAYOR should be able to fix it!)”

“Synchronise the traffic lights and ease traffic congestion into Cairns from the northern beaches.”

“Change the timings on the Kamerunga traffic lights. Longer on green for the major thoroughfare. “

“Fix traffic lights in CBD, sort out delays on Captain Cook Highway. It comes to a complete standstill.”

“Change the timing of the lights on Mulgrave Road at the Tills st intersection, especially when going south and turning into Tills. I have previously advised Transport dept.”

“Sync the traffic lights so that there was a steady traffic flow coming into Cairns and relocate the school zone on sheridan St and place it behind school.”

"I still don't think we've got the traffic lights in the city working well. The traffic lights at the underpass into Woree off Ray Jones Drive still don't appear to be configured to traffic flows at different times of the day. Driving up McCoombe St on a Sunday morning and I got stopped at three red lights where there was no cross traffic to trigger the lights and no cross traffic went through the intersection. Why do the lights do this?"

Traffic Northern Beaches – 112

"Campaign for a future proof solution to traffic congestion at Smithfield."

"Fix traffic congestion, build a freeway for northern beaches."

"Stop the morning traffic jam from the northern beaches."

"Initiate the upgrade to northern beaches highway, more lanes and overpasses."

"Attempt to find ways to fix traffic congestion along Aeroglen drive at railway traffic lights (turning right onto highway) and fix traffic congestion on highway from Barron river bridge into city during peak hour."

"Build second road around Smithfield to help congestion."

"Sign a big contract for works to improve traffic flow to the Northern Beaches."

"Change 40km rule at Mother of Good Counsel school."

"I would move the school zone on sheridan st to another street with access from Lake st to stop the horrible traffic that happens every day."

"Do something about the Northern Beaches bottle necks on the highway such as Smithfield round about."

"I would get someone to fix the Smithfield/Caravonica roundabouts and stop sending rubbish to Mareeba via the highway."

"Find a way to fix the daily traffic congestion between Aeroglen Drive and Greenslopes street. Build a pedestrian overpass at Mother of Good Counsel School. Remove the School zone on Sheridan Street there as well and widen Sheridan street to three lanes each side all the way to Grove Street. To finish the job, build a right turn overpass from Sheridan Street to Airport Drive, connecting beyond the Lake street intersection. Yes, its ambitious and would take a lot longer than one day."

"Get serious about fixing the traffic congestion coming in to the city from the north side. Take action."

"Work with State Government to sort out peak hour traffic problems on Northern Beaches into the city."

"Remove the 40km school zone on the Captain Cook Hwy outside Mother of Good Counsel School - it makes traffic from the north of Cairns a nightmare."

"I would like to start a feasibility study into the Captain Cook Highway to determine how best to get the traffic flowing from Northern beaches to the City. I don't need to be Mayor for the day to do this, the Current Mayor and Councillors should already be looking into this. The sub divisions and housing estates now located from Smith to Palm Cove has increased 300 per cent in the last 6 years, so it is time to do something about the congested roads."

"Check all major traffic flows especially to northern beaches, Port Douglas and Kuranda and DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE LONG WAIT TIMES."

"Announce work was commencing to upgrade the main road from Tobruk Swimming pool to Stanton Road, Smithfield. The initial focus would be on the Caravonica and Smithfield roundabouts and Stanton Road traffic lights, with overpasses for north/south bound traffic to greatly improve flow, travel times and more importantly reduce driver stress and accidents."

"Get urgent action to fix the traffic situation on northern beaches, Smithfield area."

Traffic Western Arterial – 22

"I would look at the congestion in Redlynch and the Western Arterial Rd."

"Establish three short term task forces to tackle traffic congestion at Smithfield/Caravonica/Kamerunga."

"Lobby more to have another Baron River Bridge Crossing to duplicate the one at Redlynch/Lake Placid as the Western connector road need to be at least 4 lanes with all the development happening out there."

"Work with Main Roads to fix the western access road pinch point at the bridge and the Smithfield roundabout."

"Find the money for 4 lanes all the way from Smithfield to Redlynch then onto the CBD."

"Widen the wester aerial road from Smithfield to Brinsmead."

"Build a second "Bill Fulton" Bridge."

"Fix the Freshwater Creek bridge on the western arterial road."

"Try to get another bridge ASAP for bottle neck between Brinsmead and Redlynch!

"Get the western arterial road upgrade project rolling along more and update Cairns on a time frame for this. It's quicker to travel this road via push bike a lot of the times morning and afternoon."

"Build double lanes from Captain Cook hwy to Redlynch - reservoir road. Also make an overpass over Smithfield roundabout."

"I would fix the road past Kamerunga State School. The traffic is not acceptable because of the school drop off and pick up. There's plenty of land around there to address the problem."

"Approve the widening of Western Arterial Rd between Brinsmead and Caravonica roundabout. Fix the Loridan dv/View St intersection with Western Arterial Rd."

"Approve widening the road to dual carriageway for the entire western bypass, from Caravonica to past Freshwater."

HOMELESS / ITINERANTS – 272

Homeless – 129

"I would start by making a plan to tackle the homeless rates in Cairns. I see far too many indigenous people sleeping in parks and such, makes you feel incredibly uncomfortable. I would help them get jobs. There is no excuse."

"Call together all the organisations that work with the homeless, with those on the streets, with the poor and disadvantaged (the churches, the Salvos, the ones who provide food from vans at night, the night chaplains, the school chaplains, the police who walk the beat, the responsible elders of the indigenous and anyone else) and "have a chat, find out who these people are, why they are without a home or essential needs, and what is feasible, common-sense practical to help."

"Build a residential units or flats for the homeless. Provide them with food until they are back on their feet again. The homelessness percentage rate in Cairns is terrifying."

"Open all PCYCs to the homeless each night and have council workers clean and maintain the facilities each morning prior to opening for general business."

"Facilitate a program that gives all the homeless people in cairns and surrounding areas, a place to live with dignity and purpose and provide rehabilitation, training, and support in all areas of their lives."

“Assist with building homeless shelters for homeless indigenous people. This might help to lessen the risk of attacks on tourists, and make our city streets safer and more appealing for locals as well.”

"Tackle homelessness and investigate why they are homeless in the first place, and how we can prevent and fix it

“Address the increasing number of people sleeping rough in the CBD at night. the noise and verbal abuse given out by these people to our visiting guests does not give the correct memories of our city.”

“This is an unenviable job. I think the problem of homelessness and youth employment needs to be addressed, and this would see a downturn in crime, (not that this is necessarily a function of council, but there are so many agencies and bureaucrats both federal and state and so many funds are just wasted or not targeted at actually getting results). Firstly I think more has to be spent on mental health and drug and alcohol programmes that actually work. It's pointless living in a beautiful city - if residents are too frightened to go out and enjoy them.”

“Clean up the homeless problem by moving the people back to where they came from. No person should receive welfare payments if they have moved from a low unemployment area to Cairns which has a high unemployment rate.”

"Provided there was enough funding to do it all, I would first focus on the appalling homelessness problem. Build safe areas for people to sleep, use showers and toilets and launder their clothes. Increase funding to organisations that work to improve the lot of the less fortunate.”

“Pass a motion to fit out a large overnight facility for displaced/homeless people (to shower and sleep safely) eg the old Bunnings building. It would need a kitchen area, shuttle bus type transport and safe area for unaccompanied minors.”

“Build a huge drop in centre with living quarters for the homeless to come and go as needed. Food and everything provided and maybe charging a really small fee as to maintain dignity. Training and any other need.”

“Help the homeless people to have somewhere to go and help drug addicted people get into rehab.”

“Take care of homeless people, find them shelter and teach them about work ethics, encourage them to have pride in their home and environments.”

Itinerants – 143

“Move on all the Undesirables who are in CBD and public places which is supposed to be shared by all and make the CBD a safe clean environment.”

“Ship out all the indigenous itinerant population back to their communities. Put more police in inner city suburbs where juvenile crime is an issue.”

“I would love to find a way to help get our homeless off the street - its bad for them and bad for the reputation of our city for so many to be on the streets, inevitably leading to trouble.”

“I would help rehouse and rehome the indigenous people that seem to congregate in groups throughout the city. This is an eye sore as they have seemed to pick the most popular streets to sit on and get drunk and fight all times of the day.”

“Provide better facilities for itinerant and homeless peoples rather than pushing them out of the city.”

“Clean up the riff raff and drunks on the esplanade and in the city. They are such an eye sore and bring our city down.”

“Get rid of the drunks out of the town. Get real on positive safety for locals and tourists. Discourage a welfare attitude in this area.”

“Get rid of all the riff raff that are running around our shopping centres in our city.”

“Deal with itinerants throughout the city and provide shelter for those that have none.”

“Get the drunken ATSI itinerant mob off the street, stop them insulting and assaulting citizens and visitors.”

“I would set in place a regular bus service for homeless people to get back to their communities - perhaps once every three months.”

“Build an open but roofed area for itinerants to gather so they aren't in all the parks and on seats around town, so they can be moved on to there if they are a nuisance.”

“Get rid of itinerants who put normal people off doing leisurely activities.”

“Send the itinerants home, then make sure the government processes that bring them here are also made to follow up and send them home (ie health services).”

“I would concentrate on cleaning up the indigenous people from loitering around in our parks and streets.”

“Move all the itinerants and people living in local parks and esplanade back to their communities, but get them to clean up their rubbish first.”

“Find a way to reduce the inappropriate behaviours of persons around our restaurants in the city at night, this is a hard one to do.”

“I would like to get itinerants out of the parks and gardens to make it much safer and nicer for people to be able to enjoy these spaces.”

“Remove the itinerant population from Cairns. Those that have a home or are otherwise housed in a community other than Cairns City should be sent home. Put on a bus or plane and taken home. This will increase city safety and security plus will have a flow on effect of cleaning the area. More locals will come out and enjoy the local parks if they were not harassed.”

“Strive to establish some decent facilities in the unofficial "Chinaman's " creek camp so that itinerant persons can exist in some form of civilised manner and hopefully reduce their congregation in the city area.”

PUBLIC TRANSPORT – 265

"I would take a good look at other airports in Australia, with their public transport access, and I would put into action a conservatively priced bus(or light rail) system that is open for everyone, not just those that stay in the fancy resorts. This system would take the passengers to the next transport hub, Lake St bus stops, then on to the next, the railway station at Cairns Central.”

“Massive boost to public transport with a free loop around the city centre.”

"I'd undertake a study and plan into improving our public transport with the idea that it becomes attractive (wi-fi enabled), fast, safe, convenient and affordable for the daily commute within 5 years.”

“I would rip out all these ridiculous bus shelters with the half roofs and go back to something much more solid and weatherproof. The perfect example of this is the bus shelter at the corner of Endeavour Road, mornings approx 12 high school children waiting for the bus all day tourists catching bus to Palm Cove and nowhere to keep out of the weather.”

“If mayor for a day, I would invest into an effective and free public transport system. Although the "free" aspect of this seems daunting the overall effectiveness of the Cairns Community would increase dramatically as it would provide the CBD with more people especially tourists and less cars creating a safer and more vibrant community with more money being put into it due to the increase of people. It also creates a safer community as more people will know each other.”

“Talk about train services around Cairns suburbs and connecting the Tableland/Kuranda/south and north areas by rail so people can commute.”

“Take on Sunbus/Translink about poor service and noisy buses.”

“Permanent bus from airport to Lake St. bus services need a total overhaul. Takes too long to get to city from outlying suburbs such as northern beaches.”

“I would get rid of the Sunbus buses and provide green quiet and friendly buses in the city and inner suburbs.”

“There is not much that you could instigate in one day however a free shuttle bus service that runs from the tanks/botanic gardens along the esplanade through town to the Pier. Or during Cairns festival one that runs to the various events at night, which would allow more tourists and locals to get around to the events increasing attendance and the experience for tourists.”

“Put a bus stop on Mulgrave road between Buchan St and Gregory St for all the hundreds of people that live so close to town who are forced to drive the 900m to town because bus stops are too far away.”

“Take a ride on the public transport system to see how user friendly/unfriendly extensive it is or is not - address these issues.”

“Connect Babinda to Gordonvale and Cairns via regular, efficient, cheap public transport, that has the ability to focus on disabled, disadvantaged and the elderly society, when needed.”

“Call state government and insist on knowing why the buses we have been given are the rubbish, polluting and poorly maintained buses which have been rejected by every other city council in Queensland have ended up in Cairns.”

“There is not much that can be done for Cairns in one day. The city needs to have a serious focus set on its accessibility. Improved public transport (sunbus is USELESS) along with better traffic movement through the city and out to the beaches.”

“Reform and purchase new buses for an efficient and reliable public transport system.”

“Talk to how ever runs the Bus network to ensure that it works and picks up people not just leave them standing waiting as they drive past.”

“I would utilise existing rail infrastructure and park and rides to move people between growing southern suburbs like Edmonton - Mount Sheridan - White Rock to Woree - Industrial Area - Port Precinct - Convention Centre - Cairns Central - Cultural Centre Precinct and Botanical Gardens Precinct (with bus shuttle to Airport). Use diesel rolling stock on 20 min timetable to test usage. Create links to Port and cultural/theatre areas with precinct strategies like incentives or promotions for dining and small bars between theatre and train stop.”

“Do something about the Public Transport service. Get information out to the via media, signage, retail outlets and restaurants targeted to the public and Visitors to the region on how to access it. Implement a system where this information if

available. There is no public transport to Ellis Beach. One of our best beaches. Cairns is a city that expects its residents and visitors to have a car.”

“Run a free bus service around the city so people don't have parking problems. Wollongong in NSW has one.”

“I would improve the bus service. Buses are often late and students left waiting to be picked up. If the service was improved perhaps the pressure on roads would be reduced.”

“Arrange for free buses to be present at the end of festivals / races to take people home from venues. Just like in Darwin when there are buses lining up to transport people. Deals with parking issues, deals with drink driving and gives people a good ending to their day.”

“I would invest a considerable amount of money on a new fleet of public transport busses and have incentives for locals to utilise it...encourage restaurants on esplanade to offer discounts if you show your bus ticket. This reduces congestion.”

Airport – 27 (public transport)

“Start a bus route to the airport. Start planning for light rail.”

“Have the Translink bus service change its routes to new stops delivering passengers to the airport terminals for a public transport fare instead of a Taxi or tourist coach. This would greatly reduce the number of backpackers and financially strapped people walking along Airport Road where there is no footpath and inadequate lighting, putting them at risk of death or injury.”

“Public transport to and from airport.”

“Announce new public transport options to the airport.”

“Make the bus network go to the airport. Simple but effective. Been to 86 countries and everyone you can catch local transport from the Airport.”

“Commence a low cost, public transport service to the airport.”

“We need an airport connection for public transport. We have so many visitors who cannot get to the airport easily. The new road access is great but we need a public transport system to the airport also.”

“Start the light rail build and include the airport on the line. It is ludicrous that there is no public transport to the airport. No other city only has price gouging by private transport operators!”

PARKING – 218

“I would address carparking in the CBD (build another parking tower near the convention centre).”

“Try and find a solution to the chronic parking shortage in the outer CBD.”

“Improve parking in the city. Particularly in the area of the hospitals.”

“Provide more parking in the CBD, especially when events are taking place... and remove parking fees in more areas.”

“Immediately approve 500 parking spaces in the CBD!”.

“Remove those silly garden beds that take up valuable street parking. Free parking and free public transport during major events.”

“Make carparks more user friendly especially for mobile homes eg. McKenzie St carpark needs an exit on the city end.”

“Improve infrastructure in city, need more parking as weekends in the city is a nightmare if you want to get a park.”

“Depends on whether or not my changes were going to be permanent...remove parking meters downtown, not necessary - inconvenient, and purely a revenue raiser.”

“Provide free city parking for the day!”

“Give free parking to those visiting the hospital.”

“Return centre parking in CBD to paid parking - to conduct business in the city is near on impossible.”

“Announce a month of free parking across the city and see what problems it actually caused.”

“look at the parking situation (for locals/workers) in the City.”

“I would try and get a park on Grafton Street, and then I would do something to fix that shemozzle.”

“Provide more parking for city. Difficult to find parking near esplanade especially at night and more police presence.”

“I would make all tourist fines for illegal parking pay their fines on the spot so we are not out of pocket because they leave the area and do not paid their fines. Tourist are illegally parking and not caring knowing they will never be paying the fine because they will be gone in a couple of weeks or so. Make them pay now and put the money back into Cairns.”

“If I were Mayor for one day, I would remove all parking meters in Cairns CBD. When I park my car in the city I am running errands, shopping, spending money and should not have to pay to park my car while visiting the city.”

“Seriously look into parking; especially some kind of long term parking for city workers. Some staff have to move their cars every 3 hours.”

“Improve easy parking around the new Munro Martin Parklands, or free transport as there is very limited convenient parking there at present.”

“Make ALL street parking in CBD front-to-kerb parking; it's quicker to park and exit than parallel or rear-to-kerb parking.”

“Build new parking facilities within the city centre and make it compulsory for new developments to have sufficient parking for customers and staff.”

“Do something about the parking in the CBD and surrounds. There is inadequate parking and policing of parking. You can drive around the esplanade and surrounding street any night of the week and not find parking but walk down the street and most of the eating establishments are less than half full. This particularly exacerbated during events like the CC triathlon when the Pier car park is closed to become a staging area. Why wouldn't the organisers use the cruise liner terminal car park or Fogarty park for this instead.”

“Fix the parking situation in Cairns. Remove the 2 hour parking limits on Grafton Street and replace with 3 hour parking.”

“Provide free parking in the city for a day once a year. Make it a set day so everyone knows about it.”

“Remove unnecessary traffic island garden beds and replace with the parking that used to be there. Also, I would make parking and public transport free during big events.”

“Increase availability of parking - need multi-level parking station close to the CBD if you want locals to come to the CBD. Parking is a nightmare at the moment.”

“Improve the parking in CBD. I would make it cheaper for the ratepayers to park in CBD, after all they are paying huge \$\$\$ in rates and really don't get that much in return. Either free or subsidised parking for ratepayers, a discount and policing can be offered as part of rates - in the notice.”

SUSTAINABILITY – 213

“Develop and encourage green sustainable industries to diversify the local economy.”

“Work towards making Cairns rely only on renewables and be a pioneer and example for Australia.”

“Move towards a modern environmentally sustainable city that is connected via bikeways and public transport and focused on tropical urban density living that reduces the urban sprawl encouraged by a car based culture. Focus on creating a unique identity for our city based on world leading best practice of sustainable, environmentally focused living, urban and economic development and tourism.”

“Shift from a misguided view / major focus of the potential of Cairns to be a world class 'urban tourist destination and concentrate more effort on the sustainability of GBR and its associated industries. This is where we have world comparative advantage.”

“Look at harnessing burgeoning sustainable energy industry - we could be leading the way.”

“Encourage locals to grow their own food in their yards. allow small acreages to have pigs and reduce the restrictions on chickens etc. Start community gardens and plant trees that produce food.”

“Identify a business park as a centre of excellence for renewable energy industries.”

“Endeavour to have Cairns agree to make our town more sustainable by installing more solar panels especially on hotels and businesses. About time we use more of our natural resources such as solar and wind power.”

“Visit schools, lower demographic centres, shopping centres and encourage everyone about the benefits to the individual and the community of growing their own food. Visit public spaces and see how the council can sustainably integrate food growing into these spaces.”

“I would start Cairns heading in a more sustainable direction. I would change council laws to ensure all future apartment buildings include green walls/roofs to improve liveability and allow people to grow some of their own food. They would also need to be low energy, save water, and include solar panels to at least cover any communal power usage (eg. Lighting and air-conditioning in communal areas)”

“Get as many people(all ages) to suggest ideas to help the region become more independent(local produce, renewable energy and export of green energy,)sustainable fisheries and non toxic aquaculture. (suggest eel tail catfish)”

“Investigate renewable energy options for the local area. Expand industry so we're not so reliant on tourism.”

“Investigate options for a 'green energy' power plant owned and paid for by the community (instead of private companies).”

“Introduce a compost/food scrap collection bin for each household as done in California.”

“I'd introduce a 20c fee for plastic bags and reintroduce the refund for bottles (plastic and glass).”

“Say "thank you" with a rebate to ratepayers who implement environmentally friendly practice e.g. start vegetable gardens, install rainwater tanks, purchase bicycles, donate to community events, charities and not-4-profits.”

FLYING FOXES – 187

“Get rid of bats in city without destroying beautiful and old trees.”

“I would find a way to secure the future of the bats and make them the core tourist attraction that they are.”

“Develop a world class facility for our international tourists to enjoy and celebrate the flying foxes rather than chopping down their trees.”

“Chop down the trees where the flying foxes roost.”

“I would get control in the bats I. And around Cairns so they are a risk to the community. The bats carry many diseases that can cause hard to people and also destroy public areas and sting out the places where they are living.”

“Ensure the removal of the Fruit bats from the city centre.”

“Get rid of those smelly, disease ridden bats from the city centre.”

“I would ask people to stop complaining about the flying foxes as they contribute greatly in the pollination of local flora. They are also a tourist attraction.”

“Announce a major project to get the bats out of suburbia and the city.”

“I'd do everything in my power to protect flying foxes and trees and our beautiful historical city library at the same time.”

“Remove the flying foxes out of the city centre and reduce the smell and noise. They belong in rural areas.”

“Get rid of the flying foxes in the CBD once and for all without the do-gooders derailing the attempts.”

“Get a team and trim all the trees near markets and restaurants (that are havens for bats) to reduce the bat population roosting in the city centres. No harm is done to the bats - they just relocate as they have done for thousands of years. This will reduce some real health and olfactory amenity (smell) issues.”

“Preserve the flying fox habitats of Cairns and make them a tourist attraction.”

“Take stronger measures to move the bats from the CBD.”

“Stop nagging people about the location of the native bats. I get sick of the subject. Leave them alone. They provide a good interest for visitors and locals alike.”

“Must get rid of those filthy flying foxes from the CBD and surrounding areas. Disease ridden things....”

“Permanently relocate the bats with SONIC FREQUENCY PITCHS (PHASER)....and smoke.”

“Create a sanctuary for the flying fox colony in Cairns and encourage education and tourism about them.”

“Eradicate the bats and accept the fines which follow. (and fund the fines by reducing concessions to green groups).”

“Get rid of all bats in CBD immediately by whatever means available.”

“I would offer protection to the Fruit Bats and convince people to value our natural environment.”

“Make sure everyone was educated about flying foxes, and why they are so important to our environment and eco-system. Nobody should fear our unique night seed pollinators.”

“Move the bats from the CBD and any other areas close to homes and businesses.”

“Get rid of the bats from the CBD as they are noisy and make a mess. You can't walk under the trees.”

“Seek approval (somehow) to remove the city of the flying foxes. Cairns City is not their natural habitat as we are constantly told. I have been here 28 years and they have only taken up residence and become a filthy and unhealthy nuisance for the past 8-9 years.”

SAFETY – 161

“Ensure all locals & visitors alike are safe to walk the streets at nite without fear of being assaulted or pestered by vagrants etc. I would also totally remove the bats 7 anything else that is a danger to health.”

“Make the streets safer for all residents and tourists.”

“Work with community services and gvt depts to plan a safer community.”

“Put more street lighting - also do road shoulders in Dunn Street.”

“What could I do in 1 day? I suppose I would try to improve public safety and security.”

“I'd make sure residents could walk safely through our parks, anytime, day or night, without the threat of violence or intimidation.”

“I would liaise with the Police Dept and traffic department to give a friendly reminder of wrong doing instead of the heavy handed measures. Promote safer driving campaign for the general public on safe driving eg tail gating and running red lights.”

“Fix some of the intersections that are block by vegetation, making it hard to see oncoming traffic.”

“Put two more police beats in the city area, one being cairns central, clean up all the city areas of itinerants that are preying on the unsuspecting and generally make the entire city precinct safer and more well-lit.”

“Try and sort out the issue with the bad driving in this area. some drivers don't seem to think there is anyone else on the road. cars in ditches on roundabouts in wet weather, single vehicle accidents - all to do with speeding and bad driving. "undertaking" , tailgating is an issue. maybe something to do with the way people are taught how to drive.”

“Make sure Telstra address the issue of their failing inspection covers on their pits in the council footpaths endangering children or falling into the pits through faulty temporary covers, some of these temporary covers remain in place for years.”

“Ensure a safe city at night by removing drunks, drug addicts and violent persons.”

“Increase the number of security officers that patrol the CBD streets to control the miscreants currently abusing and confronting people - the police are reluctant to confront them.”

“Look at the safety of the residents and tourists. Install some street lighting, particularly in the suburbs!”

“Make it safer - change the street lighting so there's no place for people to hide in waiting. Build a homeless shelter with the funding to help people attain housing.”

“Get rid of those concrete things on the road at the roundabouts on the northern beaches, make a cycle way from Smithfield to city.”

“Pull out all the cement blocks around all the roundabouts so you can drive around them safely and those blocks of cement around the roundabouts at Kewarra Beach are Dangerous. at peace street you've herded all the traffic to one edge instead of allowing the traffic to go all the way around in 2 lanes is cause trouble and confusion and is not how a roundabout should be. 4 huge roundabouts in less than 2km at Mooroolbool on carnation drive is also ludicrous. I had a bus stop and reverse back into me because he couldn't get all the way around it in one go. The give-way signs in the middle of the road at Balaclava (street or school?) are DEADLY!”

WASTE – 161

Waste – 87

“Remove charge for green waste.”

“Establish a longer period of green waste collection - or free dumping - prior to, and during, the cyclone season.”

“Make removal of waste and cleanliness a priority in the suburbs.”

“Make green waste disposal free.”

“I would like to reduce the waste/rubbish. Smaller bins and educate residents how to recycle. Eg all newspapers, tins, cans, bottles, in a smaller bin. Check out www.tcdc.govt.nz/kerbside to see how it is done.”

“Start a green waste recycling program and implement for sustainable environmental practices.”

“I would bring in GREEN WASTE BINS, we live in a tropical green environment and it is the first place i've lived that does not supply one!!!!”

“Free dumping of general waste and green waste.”

“Make all green waste free 12 months of the year.”

Put the rubbish on a train instead of trucking it up to Mareeba

Free green waste at the dump, always

Provide free green waste

“I would provide and organise FREE ongoing green waste collection and start the journey to making Cairns completely energy efficient.”

“Free green waste dumping any time, free green waste bin, much smaller household waste bins.”

“Provide more free green waste drop off and free mulch collection.”

“Set up better green waste management for residents.”

“Reconsider waste costs at dump; people don't like paying, so dump green waste in the bush etc, creating awful weed and pest (crazy ants, electric ants) that end up costing council and community and environment far, far more to control, and agricultural and environmental and lifestyle losses far beyond any lost profit at the dump by making green waste dumping free.”

“Green Waste bins are a must for the city. And the green waste can be used for park maintenance and/or sold.”

Tip passes – 33

“I would take a vote from Councillors to re-instate tip passes (at least six per year) for rate payers, and to implement a program for hard rubbish/green waste pick-up for households. Tip passes would allow for hard rubbish and green waste to be taken to the tip by the ratepayer/householder, and reduce the amount of waste that would need to be removed if there was a hard rubbish/green waste pick-up.”

“Move a motion that all rate payers receive 2 free general waste passes per rates notice, only if their rates are paid by due date. “

“Bring back free dumping tickets 3 times a year for rate payers!.”

“Bring back free dumping vouchers, 3 a year.”

“I would reintroduce free tipping vouchers.”

“Organise free tip Vouchers again for ratepayers.”

“Bring back the voucher system for ratepayers for dumping of rubbish - four per year.”

“Bring back refuse vouchers.”

“Nothing can be changed in a day but if it could, I would give residents free tip vouchers.”

Recycling – 22

“More recycling facilities - people living in units have few options to separate recyclables.”

“I would push for businesses to stop wasting products and force them to recycle foods to shelters and disadvantaged homes, support up cycling of waste that could be used in animal shelters or non profit organisations instead of so much being dumped or disposed of at the end of the day/month or year.”

“Instigate weekly curb side recycling. Install recycling bins in all public areas.”

“Make recycling mandatory for all strata complexes.”

“Implement major recycling projects and environmental protection for the reef and world heritage rainforest areas.”

“Create more recycling facilities. When I lived in Austria we recycled nearly all of our rubbish. Anything non recyclable we had to pay to dump. It made everybody recycle more.”

“I would get out there and encourage more recycling (it shocks me how many still do not recycle) and perhaps set up a recovery system for trash that can be fixed up and resold.”

Kerbside pickup – 19

“I would provide kerb side pick ups before and after our cyclone season. I would provide annual kerb side pick ups for white goods and furniture.”

“Offer kerbside pick up of rubbish.”

“Introduce kerb pick up for large rubbish for people who are without a car.”

“Instigate annual council pick up of hard waste.”

“Reinstate the green and hard waste collections at least once a year.”

“Give residents a free annual kerbside collection of green waste pre cyclone season.”

“Implement free kerbside clean ups one for hard goods in May and one for green waste in November.”

EVENTS – 159

“Liaise with live festival circuit event managers and secure 4 major music festivals per year as they are good for retaining young adults in the city and they are also good for the local economy.”

“I would have more concerts in Fogarty park to get a lot more people into the CBD and spend money in the CBD.”

“I would like to see more coordinated strategy with programs and events across the year instead of different areas promoting their events and activities in isolation.”

“Secure more international sporting events.”

“Develop more public entertainment and events. We have the weather and location to do it, it would generate huge amounts for the economy and tourism attraction.”

“Win the V8's from Townsville and give them the Uke festival.”

“Increase the festivals and musical performances held free in the community.”

“Have a free community event at fogarty park one for under 12 so kids can enjoy a show suiting there interests live performances and an adult one live music similar to what you have on new years eve but in this case have a childrens event all non drinking non smoking event and more seating provided for those who have none.”

“Create more activities and entertainment for the youth of the community.”

“Organise a festival to bring people to Cairns (like what Groovin the Moo does for Townsville).”

“Try and bring an International event to Cairns, something that would be seen worldwide and provide some media and personalities with some free passes to enjoy what the region has to offer, they would pass on their experiences through social media.”

“Organise bigger events like v8s and bigger musicians to come to Cairns.”

“Do what every possible to get big sporting events & concerts to cairns (we already have 4 good places to hold these events but with one of these places in particular they're not interested in getting these things) because by have such things we bring more people to cairns to spend their money here instead locals having to go down south & spend their money improving other city's economy. “

“Put on a great music festival for the whole community not just one demographic big stars from overseas.”

“Kill the Ukulele festival and have a music festival that rivals the sound waves and big day outs down south.”

“A free movie event that runs for a week in the new entertainment precinct showcasing popular movies, independent movies.”

“Allow multiple events for young people (16-30) that is not nightclub related.”

“I would look to thank the people that allowed me to be there. I'd hold an open concert on the esplanade, jumping castles for kids and face painting, soccer, football and volleyball games all along the esplanade for everyone to enjoy and fence areas for the dogs to run around in and have food stalls all along the path not just in the lagoon area, but the whole way along. Light the esplanade up. Bring people there. Make it a free event and something that people have to stop and look at as they go past. Light it up, make people want to enjoy their time there, not just look at the mud.”

“Arrange an annual music festival to rival Splendour in the Grass or Groovin the Moo. Cairns is screaming for a live music events such as this!!”

“Declare a festival to celebrate all the wonderful wildlife that lives in the region, with activities devoted to as many of the animals, birds, marine creatures as possible.”

“Organise a regatta of all maritime activities ie tourist, fishing, prawning, game boats, private yachts, rowing, outriggers etc “

“I would run a Jazz Festival in Shields Street.”

“I would hold a music festival for the young people of Cairns, they have to travel many hours to go to a festival, let's bring it to them.”

“Have a big celebration party on the esplanade, at Palm Cove & Gordonvale for all people to attend free of charge.”

LIGHT RAIL – 150

“Nothing can be done in a day, but I'd make a commitment to light rail and be strong about it, stake a reputation on it.”

“Move to improve transportation - light rail, extend duplication of Bruce and Captain Cook highways, increase lanes, co-ordinate lights etc.”

“Install a mono rail immediately from palm cove to airport & city & connect into existing rail links.”

“Approve the light rail from Port Douglas to Cairns!”

“Pursue the introduction of an effective light rail service that covered the area from Gordonvale to Palm Cove.”

“Start a rail service from Gordonvale to Redlynch using the existing railway and six four car train units for commuters.”

ANIMAL MANAGEMENT – 146

“Make a dog friendly section in the CBD so dog owners can take their pet to a cafe for breakfast or lunch and have a couple of watering holes made dog friendly.”

“I would like to create a team through Animal Management to focus on backyard breeders, penalise repeat offenders - Similar to the dob in a hoon program. Subsidised desexing or animal training programs and an adoption facility or a bigger pound facility (although if backyard breeding is tackled this may not be needed.) I would like to run a program to teach kids about pet safety, maybe funding a school holiday pet program.”

“Allow for more pet friendly shops/cafes and spaces.”

“I would take action to reduce wandering cats and dogs. Irresponsible owners allow cats to wander killing wildlife. I should be able to enjoy the wildlife on my property without other people's cats entering the property to kill it. Wandering dogs are a danger to both wildlife and humans.”

“I would go out myself and check out problem dog areas and find out exactly what residents are going through.”

“Stop the dog owners from disregarding council signs, make them keep them on leads and at home if they are untrained.”

“Build a new pound and adoption facility with public desexing programmes and public education programmes to help train pets eg fences, walking, basic manners .”

“Employ another RSPCA officer and ensure animal management can pick up strays from roads and catch animals not just pick up from a residence. Work with Yarrabah and communities for better animal care and equal animal rights, not two laws for two cultures.”

“I would declare backyard breeding illegal and enforce the law. I would declare mandatory de-sexing of animals unless in the care of a registered breeder. I would inspect breeders before registering them. I would fund these initiatives at the expense of something else or through increased rates, possibly as a 3 year project or similar, as it is crucial for the animals. It would create an animal-friendly and safe environment and could give Cairns a reputation as an animal-safe city.”

“I would pick money from the money tree and upgrade YAPS to cater for the influx of unwanted cats and dogs.”

“Try and sort out a better way to get all dogs registered and off the streets. If someone can't be responsible for their animal they shouldn't own one.”

“Let people take their dogs with them anywhere as long as they are on a lead and have a doggy bag with them for landmines.”

“Open up more dog friendly parks / beaches.”

“Ban dogs from all public areas and issue fines for barking dog owners.”

“Implement high fines for repeat offenders for roaming and aggressive dogs. Increase budget for ranger activities and employ more rangers. Implement regular patrols by rangers for off leash areas.”

“Back to my overall say regarding Cairns being a pet friendly region and providing facilities for more safe off leash areas with adequate fencing from cycle paths, roads and car parks etc., therefore I would make a commitment to our furry friends and their owners.”

“I would commence a complete overhaul and review of Animal Control regarding dogs and cats which would include ""what is NOT considered barking nuisance.”

“In respect to the responsible dog owners of Cairns, consider training courses for dog and cat owners, for new and problem animals. A website where dog or cat videos and photos showing breaches of animal laws can be posted. More policing especially early morning and late afternoons.”

“Seriously address barking dog complaints by providing complainants with loan recording devices which are bark (sound)activated to support complaints when dog owners are absent and ignorant of the distress caused to the neighbouring residents and in total denial!”

“I would implement stronger dog controls, make de-sexing compulsory and cheap for everyone but registered dog breeders, actively enforce on leash laws and promote responsible pet ownership.”

“Make it compulsory to de-sex all dogs and cats and keep them on their owner's property. In the case of dogs, they should be leashed in all public places except off-leash areas, and therefore MUCH better signage is needed.”

“Do extensive promotion on the responsibilities of dog and cat owners, Cat owners should restrict their movements because too many wildlife are killed.”

“Ensure a dedicated focus was established and acted upon to reduce dog barking issues that really work. There is far too much frustration in the community, many of whom bottle this up due to fear of confrontation from irresponsible dog owners who are not there to experience what others are having to put up with.”

“Stop backyard animal breeding and selling. Only professional animal breeders with their registered number are permitted to advertise in local papers or the like. Ensure all animals are spayed unless owned by registered breeder. This would assist lowering numbers of poor defenceless animals being in shelters which are overcrowded.”

“Put barking collars on all nuisance barking dogs and fine their owners heavily. Also take onus off the complainant that the dog is a nuisance barker.”

COUNCIL – 146

Council Facilities – 93

“More shade in parks and playgrounds, more common areas for families.”

“Make more family spaces including BBQs outside the city.”

“Put in place systems for better parks, upgrading older ones, including fenced dog parks and researching the best fruit trees to begin planting along parks, sidewalks and cycleways.”

“Improve recreational sporting facilities.”

“Expand the council’s smaller libraries.”

“Make the library meeting room spaces free for the public to use.”

“Remove dog pound from McCoombe St to non-residential area.”

“Plan for more sporting facilities to be built that can accommodate state and national level events and also be used for weekly competitions by locals.”

“I would put overhead covering at the Tennis Complex. Absolutely essential with our high temperatures and wet season. Cannot understand why this was not included in the original plan. I do not play or attend tennis, but covered facilities just seems logical here in the tropics.”

“I would approve a great big play ground for kids something better than the Esplanade (Muddies) something like the new kids playground in the Brisbane Botanical Gardens.”

“Go around and see that the small parks are kept in good order for the locals.”

“I would ensure that the new side of Gordonvale had suitable play areas for kids and that although Gordonvale is located outside of Cairns is not forgotten about we pay rates as well!”

“Keep on with creating parks and gardens and spaces and buildings for performing arts.”

“I would build an on water park to an easily parkable, not over-utilised beach . I would enhance the play equipment at some of the parks. Add one new play thing to some of the smaller parks each year. More skate parks with security video. All skate parks with security video as known drug trafficking areas. More bike paths to keep bikes off roads. More GREAT dog parks - Trinity, City, Edmonton, Gordonvale, Redlynch etc. Three car park towers - cheap to use so people use them.”

Council priorities – 12

“Would concentrate more on core responsibilities, not projects and facilities that should be undertaken by Commercial enterprise and/or State/Federal Govt.”

“In a day I could not do much, but I would like to look at what the Council could do, with all its resources, to be able to deliver more for the ratepayers and visitors with costing us lots of money. In other words, how could the Council be run more like a business with the ratepayers the shareholders?”

“Spend money in other places (eg Babinda).”

“Direct my attention to Babinda. Install underground power lines in Munro Street.”

“I'd rip out the mouldy, slippery green cement in babinda and replace it with grass. I'd support the building of an over 50s resort in Babinda so we can remain a viable community. I'd investigate using QR train lines and reinstate a rail motor to Cairns and back every day for workers. I'd put covered off street parking or street parking because it's hot and rains here a lot. Put in a small heated pool and two small water slides (like Innisfail's) at the Babinda pool. This would increase the usage by the hospital and also children.”

“I would remove all of the wasteful sporting stuff, and spend the money on education and libraries.”

“Curb spending on major projects unless they are proven to benefit everyone. Frame a long-term master plan for the city's development and move gradually on a staged plan.”

“Focus on the north side for a change.”

“More for locals, too much spent on tourists - fix roads, pedestrian crossings, local swimming holes.”

Council services – 23

"Send a team of workers to Clifton beach and Palm Cove to mow the roadsides. This is an eyesore."

"Get back to basics providing services for ratepayers and leave sports, transport, social, entertainment etc to private enterprises - then able to reduce rates and council staff."

"Get council officers to do a physical hand clean up of weeds along creeks, not just use a sprayer out of a ute window as I drive along."

"Focus on the majority outer suburbs requirements."

"Distribute funds for curbs and roads and the like where they are required, not by Division."

"Initiate a good clean up of parks and gardens and median strips."

"Streamline all services!"

"Employ crews to fix kerbs. Regular green waste bin every two weeks for pick-up. Action reported incidences, ie safety, mozzie breeding backyards."

Council structure – 18

"Request a review of the council's organisational structure to reflect current best practice models. e.g. design/construct, operations, corporate, community engagement."

"Review over governance."

"I would enforce adhocracy and run the departments like the private sector so that all roles are performance reviewed and if efficiencies are not achieved, they can be fired."

"Pass legislation that ensures an annual independent and transparent operational audit of the entire CRC is carried out, in conjunction with the financial audit."

"Improve efficiency within council to reduce red tape and save some rate payer money to be redirected."

"Cut the red tape, reduce the size and expense of government, make the council more efficient."

"Try and encourage a culture within the Council of continuous improvement."

"Work with the CEO of the council and streamline the operations of the whole council and remove a layer of management."

ENVIRONMENT – 140

“Preserve areas of native bush threatened by development.”

“Announce a new sewerage system for the tourism boats allowing treatment of the effluent - keeping the GBR waters CLEAN.”

“Introduce a single use plastic bag ban. Make Cairns the role model for QLD especially being the 'gateway to the reef' protect our marine life, environment and clean our water ways. Would be a great incentive that tourists and locals will embrace (with good marketing and advertising people will realise the importance and will be proud that Cairns will show the rest of the state how it's done!).”

“I would develop a set of environmental targets and a strategic direction for the region, with a focus on long term sustainability over short term economic gain. Moving away from catering to mass tourism and boom and bust development and moving towards more thoughtful, considered and innovative planning and development.”

“Preserve natural spaces, oppose the development of the land that is currently used by hundreds of wallabies (northern beaches), and put in place initiatives to support residents and businesses installing green energy solutions (solar, wind, etc.).”

“More green spaces- more gardens and shaded areas In all parks and gardens. Continue to protect the environmental assets- rainforest and reef as these are our main draw cards for tourists and tourism is our strongest industry in the region.”

“Ensure that we preserve the natural beauty of the region including its semi rural feel and farmlands. Put strategies in place to ensure we live harmoniously with the wildlife & ensure green spaces & zones for Wallabies particularly in the northern beaches/Redlynch area.”

“Insure to preserve the hillsides and not allow housing to take over. No more cutting down forest. Smart sustainability is the key, not constant and insane building growth without following up with the infrastructure like roads, water etc.”

“Introduce legislation to protect our natural environment and stop land clearing, habitat destruction and killing of native species.”

“I'd ensure all natural areas are protected and maintained/restored. I'd look into revegetating our natural waterways, especially where agricultural chemicals or roadway drainage could impact the reef and creeks. That's very important to me. Having health ecosystems and nearby places to fish, swim and have BBQs is what makes Cairns so great!”

“Ensure that we preserve the natural, semi rural feel of Cairns, create green ones for wildlife.”

“ I would put in place as many new systems as possible to protect our environment and combat climate change. If we haven't got a liveable environment we have nothing.”

“Ban single use plastic bags. Some states in Australia have already done it, Queensland is lagging but I think this is one easy thing to do where we can show leadership. In many ways we appear to be complacent about the reef, this could be marketed as a 'do your bit for the reef' initiative. It may not make the biggest difference but it sends a clear message.”

“Preserving the natural environment by supporting the protection of our natural species e.g cassowary, investing in better renewable energy, supporting the protection of the reef.”

“I'd get town planning more focussed on stopping sediment and chemical run off from both residential (particularly new subdivisions) and agricultural lands from running out onto our reef.”

“Set up a plan to improve creeks, bushland and habitat for native animals.”

ROADS – 135

“Look at getting a second access road from the south.”

“Promise that the next fed and state funded road upgrades that we apply for will be in the area of Cairns and the northern beaches, to reduce the congestion from the beaches and upgrade the highway and access to the beaches areas for everyone.”

“Push the state and federal government for more roads/laneways from Manunda thru to Caravonica instead of concentrating on the southern corridor all the time.”

“Fix our roads before we end up like major cities taking two hours to get to work.”

“Do something about the bottleneck at the bridge on the Southern Access Rd. No point in making all these new suburbs out in Edmonton and Forest Gardens if you can't upgrade the roads to go with it.”

“Consider the infrastructure of the roads and whether it can support further developments without major upgrades.”

“Ensure that plans are made to future proof the transport corridors of Cairns.”

“I think top priority is the roads and safety. Some intersections need traffic lights and have for some time.”

“A lot of our roads are set up for when Cairns was a much smaller town with much less traffic. The roads need to be upgraded/ rectified to deal with the higher level of traffic and safety of those travelling on the roads ”

“Look at ways to keep rates affordable in the future.”

“Lower the rates!!!

“Freeze rates for 2 years.”

“I would reduce rates and bring in green waste and hard waste pick up for a start and reduce my wage I get paid each year.”

“I would attempt to expose the comparison of Cairns rates with those in similar areas of NSW and Vic which are often less than half the price for more or less the same services.”

“Halve my rates and supervise council staff.”

“I would lead and be a following example and stop wasting rates and reduce those rates so people could actually afford to live, freely and enjoy life.”

“Change land valuations to 10 yearly.”

“Review distribution of council rates by dwelling types to provide incentive for efficient housing.”

“Reconsider the way rates are charged. Why is it based on land value as opposed to the actual services provided?”

“Reduce council tax and find extra revenue stream that are more sustainable all year round.”

Rates discount – 29

“Bring back reduced rates when paid prior to due date.”

“Give rate-payers their promised discounts for rates paid on time/early.”

“Give concessions on rates to holders of Commonwealth Health cards not just pensioners.”

“Give everyone a discount on their rates if they pay early.”

“Reduce rates and bring back the early payment discount.”

“Give ratepayers a discount for paying rates in advance.”

“Restore early rate payers discount.”

“Allow all Centrelink age pensioners the discounted rate payment. At the moment it is state based.”

“Re-introduce the Early Bird special for paying rates!!!”

CBD – 95

“Clean up the city centre, change the dates for the lagoon clean up - July is a peak time. Have certain areas well patrolled and well lit.”

“I would have the Munro Martin park design linked through to Shields St and Cairns Central and down to the Esplanade restaurant strip. One type of road surface the whole way. I would also try to plan some sort of development for the shop graveyard on Sheridan St between Shields and Aplin St's.”

“I would do something about the EMPTY stores and ugly facades on Sheridan street after the Aplin st/Sheridan street intersection.”

“Keep up with city revitalisation projects. Get rid of flying foxes from the CBD. Move itinerants on from the CBD.”

“Clean up the CBD. Provide meaningful help for itinerants and homeless. Not just by moving them to other areas but providing them with safe accommodation options and helping them move on from their current situations.”

“Clean up the CBD and other tourist areas. Every time i go in to the CBD, I am shocked that we remain such a tourist destination when there is rubbish etc and it's dirty.”

“Start greening the CBD.”

“Tidy up the CBD, incentives to business to repaint their buildings as a lot look very tired these days.”

“I would get shop owners to clean up their shops and present better. Shields St is looking very tired already.”

“Get buskers playing in the streets for a vibrant atmosphere.”

“Make the CBD a safer place with more security.”

“Clean up the CBD and see what can be done about getting tenants into empty shops.”

“Tidy up the CBD to be functioning and profitable hub of local business and provide the facilities and services that attract visitors to Cairns and make their stay memorable, invest in unique tourism experiences.”

“Continue developing & beautifying the CBD. The Abbott & Shields street developments should continue to other areas.”

“Get rid of the helicopters out of the City Centre, they need to go back to the airport, they are incredibly noisy and very dangerous (right near a public walkway and the

Lagoon). They do not contribute in any way to the beauty and serenity of the place where a good bulk of our visitors stay or at least visit.”

“Allow sandwich boards on the larger quieter CBD Sts. Clean footpaths, plant more trees on large Sts, especially along Sheridan (it is the gateway to our city from the airport). Make sure when the lagoon is due for maintenance it is done in April and double the work load so it is completed in half the time.”

“Veto any thought of closing of the Esplanade, not only would it shut many businesses it would end up becoming a meeting place for many undesirables in the evening. The vibrancy of the water front would be destroyed.”

“Relocate GBR helicopters to the airport with Ports North compensating them from their record profit and returning Trinity Bay for the quiet enjoyment of tourists and locals alike with a particular focus on this very special asset - our bay.”

“Change the arbitrarily imposed by-law that stops CBD businesses from having advertising A-Frames and goods displayed on the footpath, so that our CBD can once more look alive and vibrant.”

“Put in a street of fun, funky, modern, laid back restaurants/wine bars in the same street or side alley street with great atmosphere/music/tasteful/big city feel - and you didn't have to drive all over Cairns moving from a nice cafe or a wine bar.”

“Focus on bringing life back into the CBD (higher-density inner city living, street life).”

LIFESTYLE – 95

“Invest in community facilities and parklands for locals and visitors to enjoy and use.”

Make Cairns more liveable for permanent residents. Housing cost is comparable to Brisbane, but petrol is atrocious and needs fixing. Access to tourism day tours etc need to be either subsidized or made a whole lot cheaper than \$10 off one that we attended was \$120 for one adult and one four yr old. There are no real artists, singers, band etc being enticed to Cairns for the locals. CBD parking- what parking. It is so expensive because there is NONE!

“Create more green corridors linking suburbs for fitness and recreation.”

“Focus on community inclusion, liveability, social connection, arts and the environment.”

“Create a central outdoor community area in each major suburbs, which provide a place for people to gather, meet, shop and relax, such as a car free square with shops, cafes, play area, etc. which can be easily accessed by foot or bike. “

“Focus on quality of life for residents not just growth.”

“I would encourage the activities and ventures of local churches, and provide assistance for advertising these. I would allocate funding for Christian youth groups and camps.”

“Offer a space in neighbourhoods where people can come together! Like a Coogee van or a community garden.”

“Allow people to have an alcoholic drink when having a picnic or bbq on the esplanade with family.”

“Allow swimming around Copperlode Dam - not in it but a swimming facility there.”

“I would create more 'red arrow' tracks - particularly in areas such as Mt Sheridan etc where there is crammed urban development.”

“Focus on developing Cairns unique lifestyle and tropical environment - and relaxed easy going way of life.”

“Investigate and make decisions on increased liveability and lifestyle improvements. These would include: interconnected off road cycleways; free 2 hour street parking; maintenance on residential street lighting; coordinated traffic signals; lowered cost of domestic water and unlimited free green waste recycling as other Councils provide.”

IDEAS – 93

“Create an Indigenous economic and cultural institution.”

“Allow the night markets to transform into a food market for a night. Where local restaurants can set up food stalls and have alcohol and live entertainment, similar to what the Victoria markets do in Melbourne! Would be great for tourists, locals and business.”

“Create an annual Cairns day of celebration full of tropical lifestyle traditions.”

“Have a wine and seafood festival.”

“Have an annual street mardi-gras.”

“Implement a siesta concept where businesses, schools and other activities are limited in the heat of the day, perfect for our tropical climate!”

“Give out free sample bags with discounts and freebies to events and excursions at all shopping centres to encourage people to visit local places and so experience our own areas.”

“Hovercraft from Convention Centre to Palm Cove calling into all Northern Beaches boat ramps for transport to CBD for workers and for tourists. Sydney has its ferries, Brisbane has its Big Cats and Cairns could be famous for its Hovercrafts.”

“Host a Thank You event for local support - a huge bbq by the lagoon to celebrate the CCC and thank locals who support them.”

“I would market a "Celebrate Cairns Day" A day each year where everyone is encouraged to say hello and introduce themselves to their next door neighbour or someone in their street that they don't know to get a better sense of community and celebrate the amazing place in which we live.”

“Create Tradies Day.”

“Create a local produce expo.”

“Get the ball rolling on a Floating ship terminal that could be built at the entrance of the inlet negating the need for dredging.. Just a thought.”

“Announce car free city every last Sunday of each month.”

“I would look at during something similar to the Cultural Interpretation Centre in Mossman, for an area such as Babinda. The flow on effects for the indigenous and wider community would be significant. It would also reduce the amount of resources that the State spends on looking for lost tourists or helping injured ones. I realise that this also involves the State Govt,”

“Introduce a Sculpture Trail for the region.”

“Make Copperlode dam an education based adventure camp.”

“I would create an artificial reef off one of Cairns beaches using shipwrecks like on Morton island were you can snorkel straight of the beach. Also create more wrecks in deeper water for anglers ect .”

“Set up an official register for voluntary employees who work for endorsed and not-for-profit organisations and other approved organisations. This register could be used for discount vouchers as an incentive for them and their contributions to the community.”

“Give out random prizes for best service in a restaurant, and safest, best citizen, helpful and happy.”

“I would give a big free party to the volunteers of all non profit organisations who give so much of their time and energy to the community.”

“Bring on meter maids!”

CYCLING – 92

Cycling – 72

“Set up separate cycleways, ban cyclists from footpaths and highways.”

“Provide information about continuous pathways for cyclists, runners and walkers from North to South from North to South.”

“Massive road overhaul, proper 'highway' no cyclists on any roads where the speed is 80k or more for the safety of everyone - including motorists.”

“I would develop and implement a programme aimed at bicycle safety. The increasing "dual occupancy" of pushbikes and pedestrians is demonstrably unsafe and starting with primary schools I would educate in the need for bells, for staying left and for slowing down. Equally, there are obligations on pedestrians which need to be communicated. Sign posts strategically placed which re-state the need for bells and left side would be included.”

“Bike paths would be rolled out across Cairns and north to the beaches and south to Edmonton as a matter of urgency, due to the number of bike accidents.”

“Provide wider, neater shoulders for cyclists to ride in.”

“Abolish on-road cycle lanes where there is a dedicated bike path directly adjacent to the road (eg most of the road from Aeroglen to Stratford).”

“Approve a street sweeper for the bike lanes.”

“Designate a series of more quiet backstreets as bicycle/pedestrian paths creating a connected network through the city and the suburbs that would be safe for a 6 year old child to ride on (currently the bike paths are incredibly dangerous). Paint these streets and plant more large trees to discourage cars from driving quickly. Create crossings (simple speed bumps would work) everywhere one of these streets intersects with a major street or road so cyclists and pedestrians can cross safely.”

“Lobby for a citywide cycle network taking inspiration from the Dutch model.”

“Build a bike track to Gordonvale.”

“Make cyclists ride on bike paths rather than the road when there's an option and make them follow the rules (i.e. no riding two or more abreast).”

“Fund a cycle path towards Crystal Cascades that takes cyclists off the dangerous parts of that road.”

“Bring in compulsory registration fees for all cyclists to go toward the increasing number of cycle paths. And bring in fines for those riding on the road next to a council provided cycle path.”

“Add a cycle lane to Lake St between Spence and Aplin.”

“Increase bike lanes and cycleways to create a network right across the region from Babinda to Port Douglas.”

“Figure out how there can be more cycle paths away from roads throughout Cairns or paths that are safe. I would run an education campaign to drivers on how to share the road with cyclists and vice versa. I would design an information sheet in different languages on the same (I think a lot of other nationalities have different ideas on how to ride in Australia which can be a big safety risk to them and others).”

“Make push bike riders pay a rego and give way to cars.”

“Clean up glass constantly down Reservoir road and out to Caravonica in cycle lane.”

“Where bike paths exist, divert cyclist on to these instead of being on the road (eg Aeroglen Dve). Where bike paths do not exist direct cyclists to ride safely (ie. not two abreast, not over the white line).”

“Update the bike path maps so anyone coming to the city can easily download or print it from the council website.”

“Declare a car-free day for the CBD, set up a public bicycle hire system like Brisbane and host a celebration to show appreciation of the Cairns arts and culture community.”

“Create a single land cycle path from Copperlode Dam to Stoney Creek and onto Mareeba Rd.”

“Increase the off-road cycle paths! There's something magical about cycling when you don't need to fear being hit by a car!”

“Build a bridge for cycling over Barron River at Kamerunga.”

“Extend safe cycle network and get rid of the stupid and dangerous zigzag railway crossing things on bike tracks - nobody uses them and they make life much more dangerous.”

Cycling Northern Beaches – 20

“Connect the northern beaches and airport to the city with a bike path, I would also look at simple overpasses, not the big monstrosity built in the southern corridor. go down south they manage to build really simple little over passes.”

“Have maintenance performed on the Northern Beaches bike paths. There are significant cracked and dangerous sections and many areas where they are

overgrown by grass and foliage. We don't particularly need a lot of new paths on the north, but we do need the existing ones to be maintained.”

“I would build a connected cycle network linking the northern beaches (and get state govt to extend it to port douglas to encourage cycle tourism - that would be a super attractive feature for our region).”

“Build a cycleway from Palm Cove to Cairns City away from the Captain Cook Hwy linking all the beaches.”

“I would set in motion a green army crew/work-for-the-dole scheme to build a bike path all the way to Port Douglas and with special attention to putting the bike path and walking tracks through the Earl Hill area and on boardwalks and bridges through the mangrove swamps thereby linking the northern beaches with a scenic bike track - not just a beside the highway pathway. This would be good for the population's fitness and would provide a venue for organised fun races and also a tourist attraction.”

“Instigate a walkway and bikeway from the city centre connecting the beaches along the coast. Fairly impractical considering the need to bridge the Barron.”

“Develop a high speed cycle path from Palm cove into the city, completely segregated from traffic. Think of the coronation drive bike way in Brisbane, built for weekend lycra warriors and still excellent for commuting.”

“I would develop a dedicated bike path linking the CBD to the northern beaches and invest in public transportation.”

“Look into building bikeway alongside existing railway tracks to Gordonvale and an iconic bikeway to Palm Cove and eventually Port Douglas - if you build it international cycling tourists would come.”

“Put a linking pedestrian/cycle bridge between Machans Beach and Holloways. Great job on Machans Esplanade - thank you!”

“Form a committee to progress projects that would increase tourism to Cairns such as the cycleway along the coast. Walking tracks around the headlands and along the ridge lines with lookouts. Road access to some of the lookouts.”

TOURISM – 91

“Fight for the channel to provide access for the largest cruise ships to access our city as Cairns has the unique opportunity for tourists to step straight off the boat into the centre of our city.”

“Focus on The Arts and Sport Tourism to complement Environmental Tourism.”

“Building up more tourism attractions/activities; attracting more investment into Cairns; build a proper harbour & bring more Cruise lines into Cairns.”

“Say yes to supporting more sport tourism. ie agree to support sports (whether it by support with labour, equipment hire or dollars) which have events running for longer than a weekend, so people might stay on a little longer to spend their \$\$.”

“Remind the population of Cairns that the city's entire existence/economy currently depends on tourism, which depends on the health of the GB Reef. Getting the entire community to understand this (no matter what their political persuasion) is extremely important. 69,000 jobs directly relate to tourism...and many thousands more indirectly. If the entire community understands this then it'll make Council's decisions affecting its health and protection a whole lot easier.”

“Encourage sports tourism, make decisions to protect reef.”

“Explore opportunities for increasing tourists enjoyment of Cairns. Provide space for more caravans and motor homes close to CBD, we are missing out on the grey nomad invasion.”

“Make all taxi drivers and bus drivers wear floral shirts. We are a tropical city but don't show it off.”

“Ask everyone to take a picture of where they are in Cairns in the morning, at midday and late afternoon, then post it to as many social media sites showing the world what a great place we live in.”

“Introduce a \$1 bed tax for all holiday accommodation so that I don't have to pay for all the facilities provided for tourists.”

“I would provide substantially greater budget to TTNQ to help promote the region.”

“Slap some sense into the tourism operators who market us at the bottom rung of tourism. When I think of what the moneyed international attendees that come to the Convention Centre tell their family and friends about their 'Cairns' experience I weep for the lost opportunity.”

“Pressure for new laws capping commission rates for cairns based tour desks which are currently sitting between 20%-30%. This not only makes small tourism business owners struggle but creates a take it or leave it culture that closer resembles the mafia.”

“Make Cairns understand we survive on Tourism and the need for all the community to embrace that and to ensure we give the best possible experiences to our tourist so the want to come back and they tell their friends. Cairns needs to improve its customer service and attitude, as this is what keeps us going here - there is really nothing else, so embrace it, enhance it and market it for our community.”

“Introduce a tourist visitor levy to ease the pain of paying such high rates.”

“Enhance the cruise liner terminal to become a bustling hub with cafes and events. I would also pedestrianise palm cove esplanade and provide parking facilities to accommodate vehicles.”

“Work on encouraging LGBT pink dollars to the community . They have money!”

"Make sure we have ambassadors at all tourist arrival areas whether it is by boat, airplane or road to inform them of our great destination and what we have to offer in this beautiful part of the country."

“Make Cairns airport drop their landing fees to make Cairns a more attractive 1st port arrival destination. This would increase tourism, creating more jobs for locals.”

“Put things in place to make tourist's experience / interaction with local community better. We need to do more to portray ourselves as a safe and friendly location to visit. Eliminate the negative experiences some tourists have with the local community.”

“If I was mayor for a day, I would look at communities which thrive despite tourism and I would try to implement some of these strategies. I would look at educating locals on how we as a community can help tourism and offer competitions where everyone can participate on innovation and ideas.”

“Hire bikes with docking stations all around Cairns - fantastic initiative now that the bicycle paths have been upgraded. Have seen it work well in so many cities.”

DREDGING INLET – 69

Dredge inlet – 61

“Push a business case to the state government for harbour dredging, regular surveys and sea-wall engineering to effectively manage sedimentation in Trinity Inlet. Good hydrodynamic modelling and engineering will reduce the need for future dredging while generating and maintaining a harbour that is suitable for large ships and an effective and sustainable maritime industry.”

"Dredge the inlet. Get the big boats in."

“Dredge Trinity Inlet to allow larger Commercial Ships Tourist and Navy ships greater access.”

“Give approval to dredge Trinity Inlet for more cruise ships to come in.”

“Dredge the Trinity inlet ensuring the spoil is relocated well inland.”

“Dredge the inlet but protect the reef ie dump the spoil on land.”

“Dredge the inlet, so we can get more tourist boats in and get the Navy base size increased.”

“Press even harder for the widening and capital dredging of the port to ensure a sustainable and progressive city....our port..our future.”

“Put pressure on governments to fund dredging of the shipping channel and ignore the green's protests.”

“Dredge that inlet and put a world class cruise terminal at the wharf!!! No other city could have such a thing!”

“Make a decisive decision on the dredging of the inlet, just start it now, this will benefit the tourist industry and naval industry and the commercial shipping industries which in turn will spin off into jobs for our young people and avoid the brain drain that currently happens.”

“Seriously deepen the port channel so that big tourist ships can easily berth.”

“Dredge the inlet to improve our commercial and recreational shipping and attract more marine Business.”

“Build a bridge over the inlet and dredge the inlet.”

“Ensure the Cairns Shipping Development project proceeded and the channel was dredged to meet current and future shipping.”

“Make sure the state govt would approve dredging the inlet (as happened regularly in the past) and finding a satisfactory solution as to where to put the dredging spoil.”

“Get port infrastructure changed to allow for more diverse shipping and ship maintenance industries etc underway.”

No Dredging of inlet – 8

AQUIS – 85 (support and oppose)

“Block Aquis and similar crazy and destructive ideas.”

“I would ask our Premier why she has tried to stop Aquis. Is it because she wants all that money to go to SE Queensland instead of Cairns?”

“Try and get Aquis and other projects happening ensuring the future of our city.”

“Get commitment from Aquis/State Govt to get the Yorkeys Knob development underway

“Tell Aquis that if they want to develop here, they have to come up with a much better design that will put us on the map, particularly innovative design that is world class sustainable design. Beautiful and green.”

“Fight for Aquis and many many overseas flights and tram service from Palm Cove to Gordonvale.”

“I would love to ensure that the Aquis Resort was built and operating, thus providing the major shot that Cairns needs to build a strong and vibrant future around.”

“Scrap Aquis. Let the world know that due to the inability to get something off the ground within three years of trying Cairns is ready and willing to talk to other potential suitors who may have other ideas for the region. Seriously sick of hearing about it and worried it is stymying other potential developments. Get it over with.”

“Try & control state gov re allowing the Yorkey's Knob to make a start as asap.”

“I would prevent Aquis from going ahead as I am concerned about its effect on our local environment and the lack of infrastructure to support the population boom (such as the overworked, overcrowded hospital).”

“Encourage and support development of Aquis. Cairns has an opportunity to create a true destination resort to put it on the world tourism stage.”

“I would cancel any plans with Aquis if I could. I am deeply concerned about both the environmental as financial and economic costs of this project. I don't believe that we as a community here in Cairns will benefit from it. I believe that we as community will have to pay for many costs in the future. The earnings will flow to China and we will be left with the damages.”

“I'd stop Aquis, as it is not in keeping with the vision of Cairns. I'd promote Cairns as a healthy, active, vibrant and happy place to live.”

“Tell Aquis to either commit or go away so that many people in the community have certainty.”

“Sort out the Aquis development - either it's going ahead or it's not.”

TREES – 74

“Organise more shaded (big trees) bike and walking tracks around Cairns.”

“Plant more trees along road sides to cool the roads down for cyclist, pedestrians & slow the traffic (where possible eg: Balaclava Road) down.”

“Plant trees so the whole of Cairns looks like Collins Avenue. Tourists would flock here in 10 years’ time. Tourists are now actively avoiding the manicured Gold Coast.”

“Plant more flowering trees.”

“Plant more trees and look after neglected ones. It’s a very hot town.”

“Plant a load of shade trees around the city. Place more seating and tables in parks.”

“Stop clearing old trees in the City area. Plant shade like Darwin.”

“Order a cut down of excessive trees planted in front of business so I can see the places I am looking for when I am getting goods or services. We don't need the rainforest in business areas.”

“Stop cutting down the trees, embrace the natural environment - its what tourists come here to see - they live in concrete city jungles and come here to experience nature and our beautiful region.”

“I would organise the planting of thousands of tropical trees, including large green trees for shade which would resemble Singapore and truly cement the tropical destination for tourists while also planting beautiful flowering trees for birds and butterflies and people to enjoy and also plant fruit trees for all kerbsides as future sources of food for local communities to share and reduce their dependence on external purveyors.”

“Utilise our local expert naturalists to map significant habitat trees in Cairns and protect them in perpetuity.”

“Undertake the removal of footpath trees that are potential cyclone risks to private property.”

“Stop cutting trees, plant a LOT MORE, and promote interaction with environment groups to improve wildlife management/coexistence within the city.”

“I would start with planting out more trees on the entrances to Cairns and make it a driving pleasure to enter via Bruce and Captain Cook highways. In my opinion both of these highways should be made to represent our area.”

“Save all the remaining trees, make sure developers follow environmental guidelines. Don't destroy all native habitat.”

“Teach council gardeners how to prune trees so they don't mutilate them and kill them. Be gentle.”

“I would plant a lot more trees, and create more green zones that linked up - like a forest corridor for walkers/runners and tourists to enjoy. Picturesque walking routes are a must.”

GBR – 70

“Tax the income the reef boats make and use it better preserve the reef where they and the tourists have ruined.”

“Make positive plans to continue to look the reef and the surrounding environment (did I mention plastic bags?). Gain an understanding (environmentally) of the pros and cons of dredging the inlet to allow larger cruise ships in.”

“Whatever needs doing to protect the reef and ensure its future.”

“I would give everyone the opportunity to see the Great Barrier Reef for the day for free. You would be amazed at just how many people have lived here for years & never seen it! I think it is too beautiful for people to miss out on & it would educate the locals on the need for more sustainable practices (ie renewable energy, decreasing farm run off, lowering emissions) If they saw the natural wonders that these impacts could potentially wipe out!”

“Ensure the reef remains protected as it is such a valuable asset not just to the economy but on a global scale.”

“Gift the school kids a day of marine education on the reef using technology and JCU to partner this enterprise. Get their parents to join in.”

“Find out about ways to get access to decision makers regarding the longevity of the Barrier Reef and other key environmental places that support Cairns' tourist industry. No reef - less of everything!”

“I would respect the environment and our reef. I would ban the dredging of the Trinity Inlet and build a ramp to allow big boats. I would only allow development that is tropical and low scale outside of the CBD. I would do everything to preserve the reef and the animals of the tropics including the bats.”

“I would give all residents a free trip to reef so they can experience and understand the awesome asset we have in our backyard and why everyone who lives here has a responsibility to protect it.”

Ensure the reef is protected from damage from pollution & human harm

“Get the great barrier reef back on some sort of protected list - we can't ignore what has happened to it and need to act now to make the world aware of the changes and that we want to help fix it!!!”

“Commit to saving the Great Barrier Reef and stop selling it and all the people that rely on it for income out. Remember that tourism drives our economy, not mining.”

ARTS AND CULTURE – 71 (live music, other)

“Give grants to artists - local and travelling - to brighten walls in the CBD through murals and other street art projects.”

“Establish a branch of the Queensland Museum here, so children in Cairns can access the same exhibitions as children in Brisbane.”

“Set up a dedicated children's gallery in the Cairns Art Gallery, with its own exhibits.”

“Identify all the 'blank' areas that could be utilised by local artists, especially indigenous artists, to 'graffiti' the blank areas and tell a story. Example - the long concrete dividing wall on the southern access road, it is ugly. Have a look at Hanoi city, there is not one blank area, they are all covered in stories by local minority groups.”

“Support more live music, such as the timeout festival. Bring it back.”

“I would sort out the arts programme. It is too insular looking. Bring arts and culture from all over the world. Nothing wrong with home grown arts but to inspire and grow we need to see what the rest of the world is doing. Cairns would thrive also if we tapped into a Writers Week and brought it here. Back onto the Adelaide one like Byron Bay does and bring it to Cairns. Become an intelligent city. A city of culture. It would go hand in hand with tourism. And please. A decent museum that captures two world heritage regions and what happens here.”

“Let live music (busking) be performed. This was a drawcard for all residents years gone by. Now they have built units (Esplanade), apparently there is a problem. NO, music was there first, those in units knew there would be noise, suck it up or move. Melbourne is thriving because of this. Sydney turning into ghost city due to lock down laws. Get some graffiti done professionally on old derelict buildings in CBD. They are a showcase in Melbourne's back streets. Wall murals (as in Chemainus, British Columbia, Canada) of their heritage. <http://www.chemainus.com/> Another thought, musical swings in a public area. Would get heaps of people using them and great exercise <http://www.musicalswings.com/about/>”

“Re-assess noise restrictions, Look into why there are very few live music venues available to musicians. (Bands) Not just solo acoustic artists. We have many amazing bands in the far north but there is nowhere for them to play!”

“Relax all the laws re opening times of venues and restaurants and clubs, and just let people be and let them have fun instead of just killing the night-live (fun) there could be more done in education of alcohol use and sale.”

“Invest significant funds for the next Tropical Writers Festival. Cultural development depends on knowing local stories.”

“Plan for more public art away from central Cairns. I would pick Freshwater and Brinsmead and place art to be enjoyed by people who live there.”

“I'd try to keep up the good work but as a musician I'd like to encourage a New Orleans feel by making it easier for groups to busk in public areas.”

“I would initiate a study into the economic value of our arts, craft, and local manufacturing industry. I would commission a report by Bill Cummings to gauge the value of establishing a community creative industry centre, a world class Makerspace with a focus on innovative arts, craft, fashion, additive and subtractive manufacturing, technology, education, and development of employment skilling.”

DEVELOPMENT – 71

“I would protect our suburb from development (housing estates on 300m2 blocks per house) as our suburb is currently getting overrun with this and it is attracting unsavoury residents and crime/theft.”

Refocus strategic planning on developing infrastructure necessary for a sustainable and diverse economy.

“Approve any development I could get my hands on with the condition that they must commence work within 6 months - Golden Lakes, Nova, C3, Water Park, JCU CBD Campus you name it. It has been priced, printed in the paper as the next big thing and it still sitting on a desk with a Developer doing nothing.”

“Not allow developments of housing estates that have small allotments. It detracts from the beautiful natural environment we have and creates a crammed population.”

“Ban the use of black/grey on buildings and promote the colourful lifestyle we once had.”

“Change the requirements for architecture in this city. We should base development on Singapore.”

“Keep the wide open spaces and stop high density housing developments. Tourists come here for the wide open green spaces, don't clutter it with buildings.”

“Improve strategic planning for future land use in Cairns and ensure Cairns CBD is planned sustainability.”

“Encourage a more appropriate style of building, both business and residential to suit our tropical climate and promote more tree planting.”

“Identify the local developers, engineers, architects etc who have the ability to provide development opportunities that are aesthetically suitable and sustainable

and support them to the hilt. Remove support for the ones who just want to do development the same old boring way. Cairns would benefit from development done to enhance, rather than destroy, its natural assets.”

“Pass a law so the smallest land size is 650sqm, smaller than this size only makes slums.”

“Stop approving developments with very small housing blocks and developments that change the character of existing established suburbs.”

“Insist that all new housing developments had sufficient space for families and must have trees solar panels and rainwater collection by law.”

“Stop approving all these housing estates with small sized blocks. 350-600sqm blocks are ridiculous & over priced. How can we expect our future children to get outside & be safe & active on their own property if the land sizes are being approved to be barely large enough for a family home. Disgusted by the apparent greed of developers & council combined in this area.”

“Push for the development of the land on the southern side of Trinity inlet with a bridge to link it to the city.”

“Encourage high quality, locally built residential medium density development, with appropriate infrastructure, including quality-of-life inclusions in and around the city. We need to be thinking of the next 20 to 100 years. Cease big land subdivisions, especially on hills/slippage areas, flood prone areas. Small pockets of tropical/sustainable development with sustainable building designs. Many houses built in Cairns over the past 10-20 years are unsustainable/unsuitable for tropical living.”

“I would stop the development of multi storey block units which do not match our tropical climate. They are ugly,aircon is a must to survive living in these concrete bunkers and they stop the sea breeze. This sort of development is detrimental to both our environment & lifestyle. I would also invest in a decent water supply for Cairns.”

“Make sure no DA's are approved that change the Character Precinct appearance of Edge Hill & stop approvals of sub-divisions where blocks become too tiny & new homes are built so close to the fence boundaries.”

“Look at the big picture now and beyond. Put down planning guidelines on block size, building height, hillslope development and insist they cannot be broken.”

“Put pressure on developers to build more attractive and liveable housing and take the lead to provide this in public affordable housing.”

“Stop developers from ruining our urban landscapes with bad designs. Encourage developers to build and design for more liveability, sustainable energy use and attractive urban landscapes!”

HUMOUR COMMENT – 69

HEALTH – 59

“Look at subsidised gym/ sporting facility memberships for council ratepayers as a public health initiative.”

“Ensure that Queensland Health is providing for quality public healthcare for Cairns into the future and explain how the budget overspend last year occurred.”

“Provide hats and sunscreen at outdoor events.”

“Lobby Federal and State Government for a hospital in the southern area of Cairns.”

“Focus on public health: access to immunisations, fluoridate water, create policy on smoking in public places (esplanade).”

“Create natural cancer treatment facilities (like in Mexico) to help poor dying people from helpless doctors.”

“I would build a better hospital like Asian hospitals and i will make and improve the medical things better.”

“Ask government for second hospital with staff accommodation.”

“Do something about the horrendous waitlists to get in to see a specialist at the Cairns base hospital (going on towards 4 years on the waitlist now).”

“Get sick and attend the emergency department, and realise that the hospital needs a bigger better hospital already and not settle for second best (Townsville had a \$1.5 billion hospital built out of State funding, we had to sell our airport to get a \$600 million hospital. And we accepted this!)”

“Focus more attention on public health education and promotion of the benefits of eating a plant based diet (ie: a diet free of animal products and by-products including dairy products and eggs). Create education programs for families, children and schools about eating a plant based diet. Ban and eliminate the use of glyphosate for weed control as is now clearly known that it is harmful and destructive to delicate soil microbiology.”

“Advocate for better funding to public health. The Cairns hospital sees as much patients through the ED as our southern counterparts, however gets a fraction of their funding.”

“Private emergency for private hospital.”

“Start sourcing money for a new hospital site and buildings to be started immediately.”

YOUTH – 59

“I would focus on issues for the young Australians of Cairns, by encouraging businesses to open safe spaces for youth to gather ie. teen clubs opening in the afternoon going through to late evening where soft drinks are served, good music is played, and socialising is encouraged.”

“Give the younger people hope and a purpose in life & there town. After all they are our future!”

“Run free skills training workshops, such as carpentry, for the youth and unemployed to increase their job prospects. Projects would benefit the community by making something that can be seen or used by the community eg. a park bench.”

“Embrace Cairns youth.. give them a work experience option and good mentors.”

“I would make it a priority to have youth unemployment addressed, give them more activities to be involved in.”

“Try and come up with solutions for the youth unemployment situation. There is a vast shortage of jobs for students and youth. Also, there needs to be more entertainment for under 18s.”

“Engage the youth - ask them what THEY want and why - don't tell them what they should have. Listen to understand not to respond!”

“I think a threat to the city and lifestyle is the education, and disadvantage of the youth in particular with indigenous youth. If the current situation deteriorates we will see more social issues, such unemployment, crime, violence, and homelessness. I think council and other government groups need to focus on providing meaningful support, education and training. We also need to have jobs available after that training so economic growth is important or training which leads to job opportunities.”

“Have a youth forum on a regular basis to hear from Cairns youth. We need to make Cairns safe and entertaining for our teenagers to keep busy and off the streets.”

“I would get a bunch of young people from the region's schools and universities to design a strategy for the future - food networks, technologies, transport, growth & diversification. You are currently ignoring the wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm you have here.”

“Look after sporting venues for our youth and young adults to have a healthy lifestyle.”

“Provide more free activities to disadvantaged youths and program's to help keep them out of trouble!”

RECTANGULAR STADIUM – 56

“I would move the show grounds to Cannon Park and either build a Rugby Stadium/Hospital on the existing property. The current state of the Showgrounds is a waste of ratepayer money.”

“Stop listening to the naysayers, build a rectangle stadium and other event based structures. Construction creates jobs for the local community.”

“Have a plan for a rectangle stadium to be built in stages. It should be in a place that has secondary fields as well.”

“Find some \$\$ for a new sports stadium, and close or move the Showgrounds.”

“I would probably search out a site for a new rectangular stadium.”

“Approve the construction of a high class multi sport rectangular stadium.”

“Increase funding for sport and get a stadium to host more rugby games.”

“Build a square stadium so we can host international sports like Rugby Union.”

“Initiate the needed steps to build a rectangular stadium suitable for a city of this size, say 5 to 10 thousand seats that can be progressively added to as demand dictates.”

CRIME – 55

“Ensure that local children are not wandering the streets after 9pm and tackling ways to reduce petty crime and theft.”

“I would do one shift (night shift) with the police divisional van on the Thursday pension week or a Saturday night.”

“Work with the young people of our community to try and find a ways that they can have fun for free or low price to keep them for violence and crime.”

“More things for youths to do. Reduce youth crime by engaging them in activities. More bike jumps, more teenage appropriate areas. Maybe free sports events to keep them busy. Lots of youth crime in Cairns. It needs to be tackled.”

“Speak to police and welfare services on how to tackle youth crime . Get rid of the no chase laws and get judges to apply sentences for those under 18 , it's a joke how they can steal cars, break and enter and get no punishment. Decent people are paying for their crimes and are not compensated. We will soon be like Townsville where youth crime gangs are calling the shots.”

“Add more police. When my son was physically assaulted by a drunk neighbour at 2am - with the police listening on the phone - they didn't come and told him they weren't coming. When my student friend has several drunk Aboriginals shouting and singing to a radio ALL night in her street (Sondrio in Woree) HABITUALLY and the police don't show or stick around on the rare occasion that they do come, that's not fair to the community.”

“Seriously address the city streets at night , home break ins and violence in the suburbs. Look at community youth actives and incentives to keep kids engaged in school and off drugs and alcohol.”

“Implement a reward for anybody that dobs in an Ice dealer and request to the police commissioner to double the police numbers in Cairns to get Ice off the street! promote awareness about soft drugs (Alcohol and tobacco and weed) and get hard drugs (ice) off the streets.”

“Increase police presence, have zero tolerance to violence or aggressive behaviour.”

“Work with police and other govt agencies to stop crime in Cairns. You should feel safe in our own home and tourists should feel safe walking the streets.”

SMALL BUSINESS – 53

“Be out talking with cairns small business as they employee most of region. Make it easier for small business to get up and running and encourage business to open in the many, vacant and empty shops in the CBD - It does not look good for tourism.”

“I'd be finding a way to reduce the costs associated to small local business.”

“I would widely consult with small to micro business owners about what they need to support young people gaining experience and relevant training in new technologies to future proof their businesses.”

“I would invite an open day for all small businesses to come and discuss their issues and restraints to bolster employment especially for young kids.”

“I would look at policies to nurture new businesses and attract/facilitate businesses coming to the area.”

“Group small business owners together to chat about options to improve the economy for small business owners.”

“Visit small business owners in the CBD and ask them what their issues and concerns are and ask how Council could assist them.”

“Firstly, I would give small local business' the opportunity for free advertising every so often. Building a small business in Cairns is extremely difficult with the amount of competition there is around.”

“Create an intensive for small businesses that have proven their worth in Cairns as an asset. Other places offer small businesses a government secured loan to help them grow.”

“I would allow the use of disused buildings to create a hub where people trying to get their businesses off the ground could have low rent space for them to get a start.”

“I would revitalise the city by subsidising businesses to restore their Art Deco facades. If you drive down Sheridan St and look up you can see that many Art Deco facades are still there. The city could be beautiful.”

GOVERNMENT FUNDING – 50

“Highlight to anyone who will listen where Cairns does not get a fair go and get changes from state and federal governments with regards to their lack of investment in our city. As well as our high costs for insurance, fuel etc which hold our economy back.”

“Remind Qld premier Far North Qld deserves equal funding and better services.”

“Lobby the Federal and State governments for funding for road infrastructure from Northern Beaches / Kuranda. It's woeful at the moment.”

“If I were Mayor for a day, I would first off ensure our representatives in both Canberra and Brisbane know full well their task is to be serving the people of Cairns, and not filling in time until retirement. While council has a major role to play in the future shaping of this city, it can be made much easier by the co-operation and investment in the region by the other levels of government.”

“Push Federal government to invest money to upgraded the main roads, they are on the back foot and I know you can't say Cairns roads are busy but in the last 18 months I have seen a massive change in traffic build up and if they don't start looking at planning for the future then more accidents and deaths on the roads.”

“Lobby government for government department or Defence Force increase to be set up in Cairns.”

“Try to pressure the State Government and Federal Government for as much funding as possible for public infrastructure, as currently the south east seems to get the bulk of this money.”

“Petition the state/federal governments to create better infrastructure that matches a growing population. How can you keep building housing estates north without extending and expanding the bridges over the Barron. It's terrible!”

“Lobby the State and Federal Governments to get more funding and infrastructure in Cairns, to grow it into the clean, green capital of Northern Australia.”

“Put pressure on the State and Federal Governments for more funding for better infrastructure - particularly water, electricity and roads. This would encourage more industries and organisations to move to Cairns providing more jobs and a stronger economy.”

“Hassle the QLD government to focus more on our region. Sometimes we seem to be forgotten about.”

“A day would not be enough but would lobby government for more financial support for major facilities not currently available.”

“Ring the Queensland Premier and demand she improves the highways points with six lanes (3 each way) on the south side and at least 4 on the Western arterial road.”

“Try to make southern Qld realise that there are services lacking in Nth Qld that requires more funding.”

SOCIAL ISSUES – 50

“Welcome everybody from all diverse cultural groups and recognise the equality of all persons.”

“Implement a program to raise awareness of cultural diversity and reduce racism in our community.”

“I'd consider the option of taking in refugees and providing a support network - to help with language, schooling, getting settled in employment/the community (using

volunteers and unemployed ie lots of youth are unemployed but would be willing to help others and it would provide them with the potential to gain employability skills, direction etc)"

"Support the rehousing of women and children escaping domestic violence."

"Give money to charities like YAPS, RSPCA and to starving and abused children."

"Promote Cairns to the world as a multicultural city in Australia that is welcoming to all and racially tolerant."

"Start a campaign to promote our diversity and share our commonality, with the well known faces from all cultures used to build a strong Cairns pride for all!"

"Make people who have been on the dole for more than 2yrs turn up to every day to be given clean up jobs. No turn up and stay for 5hrs minimum, no money."

"Ensure funding for domestic violence and homeless shelters and increase facilities for mental health consumers transitioning into the community."

Give funds to volunteer groups to keep them going.

get affordable housing for aged and disabled.

"Provide more public/ emergency housing for single parent families and provide a centre with toilets, showers, shelter (preferably in Portsmith...not too far from city) where itinerants can stay/ hang out, be safe and can be taken to when they are disturbing the peace in the city or at private residences. A place where they can stay and not have to be continually moved on. A place where service agencies could also attend to support them. "

"I would find the areas of the city in most need and improve facilities and life opportunities there, where people often have little to no voice. Such as lower socio-economic suburbs, places where there in conflict, and high rates of homelessness."

INFRASTRUCTURE – 50

"Focus on renewing assets, not just building new shiny ones. You can't cut a ribbon over a resealed road, but it will benefit the community more on a daily basis than a new football stadium."

"I would ensure we are getting value out of the public works undertaken and ensured it was being most productive."

"Collaborate and coordinate the business and community to drive commercial and infrastructure projects."

“I would invite developers from Victoria, SA & NSW, local politicians responsible for project & infrastructure funding and hold a workshop focussed on a long term, collaborative vision for the region.”

“Continue to invest in the infrastructure projects that even under scrutiny will add to the vibrancy of the city well into the future. Don't forget your knitting though, roads, water and waste etc to be sustained at the highest levels.”

“Approve needed infrastructure! Upgrade roads and curbing, roadside beautification.”

“Look towards some major infrastructure projects, power generation or bypass roads would be my top 2.”

“Invest in construction projects - with locally owned building companies (not Brisbane ones with small offices here).”

“I would review the vision of the Kevin Byrne council that was inspired to deliver a vision of Cairns modelled on the successful infrastructure and cultural developments of Singapore.”

“Improve the management of major projects with better planning, better project costing, and better delivery.”

“Ensure we build the facilities needed to take this city to the next level.”

“Back to basics, infrastructure upgrades to ensure resilience in major disasters like cyclones.”

“Support sustainable infrastructure and development to provide jobs while being aware of our tourism requirements.”

“Focus on the Capital Program and deliver value for money projects that contribute to the digital economy which will bring investment into the city.”

FOOTPATHS / PATHWAYS – 41

“A footpath/cycle path along Airport Drive, and an overpass for Park Ridge Estate.”

“I would set up a maintenance team to keep city footpaths clean and well maintained. Although there have been recent improvements ongoing maintenance and daily cleaning is essential.

“Make a longer mangrove boardwalk connecting it to the esplanade.”

“Keep upgrading footpaths and roads to make it safer for pedestrians and road users.”

“Ask the Federal and State governments to fund a walkway from Cairns to Port Douglas. It could be as well recognised as the Cinque Terre in Italy or the Milford Track in NZ and attract another type of tourist.”

“Build more footpaths in the inner city suburbs e.g. Parramatta Park.”

“Make sure footpaths are kept up to standard and roads and the verges nicely mowed.”

“I would initiate and audit the vehicles parking on the footpaths and have the place cleaned up.”

"I would make footpaths everywhere in Cairns. I would also make sure a lot of these footpaths are shaded so this would encourage people to walk from different locations eg. From Cairns Central to Woolworths on Lake st. People don't walk these distances due to either lack of footpaths (no one wants to walk on the grass that belongs to private property) and/or the lack of shaded area (no one wants to get sun burned) This would create a healthier population. “

“Provide footpaths in the suburbs so people aren’t forced to walk on the road.”

“Make more concrete footpaths in Babinda.”

“Establish solid plan for footpaths in much-needed areas.”

“Make more walking tracks like red arrow in Mt Sheridan, Edmonton, white rock - they can link and people are happy when they are fit and healthy.”

“Build a walkway to the airport and an elevated autonomous vehicle track through the mangroves dropping you right in the city instead of building more roads and costly ways to airport.”

"Make a list of all the streets that need footpaths and bike paths and begin building them.”

“Ban bikes off footpaths where cycle tracks have been marked on the road.”

ESPLANADE – 39

“I would fix the esplanade’s board walk and make it not wobbly.”

“Reduce Council created noise on the Esplanade.”.

“I would announce the closing of the Esplanade on the weekends for the high tourist season, from approximately May to the end of October. From the corner of Shields St and the Esplanade down to the corner of Aplin St and the Esplanade. Restaurants could place their tables and chairs and set up as their extra seating for their

restaurant. Pop up food caravans as some restaurants might not be able to handle the extra customers or may not want to participate in using the extra area provided by closing of the section of the Esplanade. Markets and pop up food stands would compensate for this. A Band playing for entertainment. Maybe a closedown time of approximately 10pm on Saturday night and 7pm on Sunday night before intoxicated people become too noisy and uncontrollable. If this is not the suitable place for pop up food vans, another place perhaps. The cruise terminal grassed area is a nice picnic area. In Brisbane there is a street market that works well <http://blog.queensland.com/2014/06/13/eat-street-markets/>"

"Repair and clean esplanade Boardwalk."

"Make the Esplanade pedestrian only. Encourage the growth of cafes and restaurants al fresco, with table service as on most of the continent. Relaxed waiter service drinking to introduce a better nightlife culture. This area can be well provided by security and then we can reduce the pub and club times which will reduce unsocial behaviour. Also encourage busking in this area so it becomes a tourist mecca."

"If Shields street can be closed and changed then I think the direction of the Esplanade should also change. The logical direction would be landing into Cairns Airport then traffic (Tourists) would travel south bound down the Esplanade into the city showing off Trinity Bay and the great restaurants, parkland and Lagoon!"

"I would suggest that Cairns best asset is the foreshore lawns and facilities and that spoil from dredging the inlet should be used to expand and improve this great asset."

"I would close the esplanade down to car traffic immediately. Love the idea of an open area between cafes and lagoon."

"Make the esplanade free of traffic and have more alfresco dining opportunities, live music and much more of a lively atmosphere on the waterfront."

"Create and eat street markets on the esplanade."

"Remove the helicopters from the CBD the noise is very annoying for residents that have moved here for peace and quiet enjoyment."

"Bikes, skate boards & roller skaters ignore signs & take over shore front."

"Provide more sun shelters especially on the Esplanade."

"Close off the Esplanade to pedestrian traffic both in the City and at Palm Cove and create a real outdoor tropical environment we see so much in small European cities."

"Allow there to be markets with food and entertainment along the Esplanade."

"Expand the lagoon to the other side of the seaside walkway to create an area for swimming lengths (as they have in Townsville lagoon) During the cleaning and refurbishing weeks each year one side could remain open."

"Continue the board walk from the Esplanade to connect with the unique mangrove boardwalk near the airport."

PLANNING – 37

"I'd make it so forward planning decisions were shared more with the public."

"Start looking at what council's do in other places that receive recognition for their planning strategies and start implementing those practices."

"Ensure the Council was making long term sustainable decisions."

"I would like to 'fix' zones in the region (heritage, high density, commercial, industrial etc) a lot of these areas seem to be fighting over the same space, planning change is needed to allow everything required in the future yet protect history and heritage."

"Start a plan to identify and create precinct driven town plan. Technology, health, fitness, education, culture, culinary, shopping."

"Offer a user paid, fast turnaround, town planning, approval process with simple explanation of any deficiencies and assistance to fast track any re submission. The town planning section should be re-educated to help progress not hinder it."

"Better planning for the city, like provide car parking for the new Munro Martin Park."

"I would put in place the means to ensure that the present planning rules remain. e.g keeping high rise buildings under control."

"Declare value of/or build long-term plan, try to force a focus on infrastructure, technology, completing projects successfully... not aiming to be popular for short-term."

"Call a meeting to tell staff to stick to the Cairns Plan! Leave block sizes in Cairns in Residential 1 areas to the minimum single unit 600sq metres!!!"

"Revamp the planning scheme so it reflected community aspirations and not only developers requirements for short term profits. eg take planning seriously."

JOBS FOR LOCALS – 34

“Use local companies to complete work and not southern companies.”

“In one day you cannot accomplish much but I would like to see the businesses of Cairns winning the work here in Cairns instead of the non-local companies that are setting up then leaving Cairns and not improving the local economy.”

“As the mayor for the day, I would ensure all council contracts due on that day to be given to the local (Cairns only region) business. Even if it was two or three times the proposed price from non-Cairns business, because the money stays here.”

“Give local business priority when quoting for jobs within Cairns.”

“Ensure any big scale projects (current and pending) are only approved on agreement that works are locally sourced to ensure local businesses and their employees have a strong future.”

“Create more jobs in Cairns and only give contracts to local companies - Townsville is not local and is not Cairns.”

“Pass a local law enforcing the use of local business in partnership with council for all major projects thus ensuring council spends ratepayers money employing local people only, improving the diversity of knowledge & experience within our community.”

“Ensure local Builders and contractors are signed up for local government work.”

“I would change rules to ensure Council outsourcing was granted to local business.”

“I would look at how much money gets spent outside of the council area. Then if you can buy the same products or services through a local provider I would start asking the hard question of “why are we spending this money outside of our area”. Then I would start asking for local quotes.”

“Support local industrial businesses with fairer conditions and support to keep them in Cairns... Keep jobs local...”

SMART CITY – 33

“Encourage the Business community to take a mature approach to use of business systems technology within business to take a data-intelligent approach to improve and diversify businesses within our community.”

“I would make the city more technology based place. People would especially come to Cairns to engage with technology.”

“Spend the day strategically investigating what and how other high-growth cities build and extend the capacity of their children, local communities and local businesses...people in general. Singapore has just been rated number one (1) as a smart knowledge, learning and educated city and Australia is 14th. Look at how to provide deliver, measure and preserve that knowledge and how to fund it. That will make Cairns prosperous into the future.”

“Research innovative technologies. For example tender for a company to build a recycling plant (similar to Sweden or Norway) that recycles rubbish and produces electricity. Take waste from south of Mackay to TI (for a small fee) Benefits: a) new industry b) creates jobs c) environmentally friendly d) sustainable.... that example may not be suitable for this region... I guarantee there would be something that would provide all those benefits.”

“Focus on making Cairns a smart city and the digital and innovation hub for the Asia Pacific region.”

“Adapt best Smart city ideas from around the world. for example - India - Solar panels over rivers, maintain clean water and self generated energy sources. Solar panelled roads trialled in France... Silicon Valley growth in a tropical lifestyle. Plan What if we .. Who do we need to partner with to make these thing possible?”

“Rome wasn't built in a day. But I would begin to plan the implementation of moving Cairns out of its current state into a new digitalised city. Making it more technologically advanced city.”

COST OF LIVING – 31

“Have Turnbull look into insurance companies lowering premiums, as Abbott stated he was going to before he was knifed in the back.”

“Lobby insurance company against high premiums for living in the North as Brisbane has worst storm damage and flooding than the North.”

“Lower the ridiculous petrol prices we are paying in Cairns compared to everywhere else including Innisfail and much smaller more regional towns.”

“Make our technology cheaper as some people don't have the money to get one. Make them free for 1 day.”

“I would work to get home building insurance premiums down by considering age of house and how well it is maintained, actually flood risk, measures taken to reduce damage risk.”

“Address the issue of ripping off people with petrol prices - Sydney prices are currently under \$1.00, why do we pay \$1.30?”

“Make housing affordable for single parents on one income in a nice and respectable area.”

“I would see company's like the fuel industry answer the question on why Cairns people are being ripped off and show the community that I'm working for them and not just the salary.”

“Look at how to reduce household costs. EG: rates discount, better education support for families with a child who is different.”

“Ask why do we have such high petrol prices and do something about it.”

WATER – 30

“Turn off the public sprinklers when it rains.”

“Do something now about water storage it barely copes now which is just not good enough for a tropical location.”

“Connect Cooperlode dam and Tinaroo dam via a pipe line and pump water up to Tinaroo when Cooperlode is full.”

“Look to assuring water supply for many years to come.”

“Put a study together to get water from the Barron to Copalode Dam so we would not have water restrictions. The council should have done this 10yrs ago - think how much it would have cost Then? go council !”

“Support a new dam.”

“Try to get a new dam.”

“Make water free again (council wastes huge amounts with park sprinklers - should read their own publicity on this!).

“Make sure the City owns its own water supply.”

“Push to get another dam built in the Cairns (or surrounding) district, such as the Tully/Millstream.”

“Allocate more money and staff for community education in water conservation in order to protect our natural water resources, especially Behana Creek.”

“Expand community education programs for water and waste to conserve our beautiful region.”

“Investigate why we pay so much for water.”

CPAC – 30

“Immediately take action to build a venue where big name entertainment acts, major musicals/stage shows can be held in Cairns.”

“Put in place to build a large entertainment venue.”

“Work on completing the new civic theatre.”

“Saved old theatre and expanded it instead of demolishing it.”

“I would get the new Performing Arts Theatre moving as fast as possible. It is terrible for schools at the moment as there is nowhere decent for their talented students to perform.”

“Build an entertainment venue with many purposes.”

Go back in time and progress the original proposal for performing arts centre. What a wasted opportunity :(

“I would (assuming our new Entertainment centre was finished and ready to go) invite opera and ballet companies to perform here!”

“Hopefully if the new civic centre had begun - go on the site to observe its progress - so happy this project is going forward, what a boost for the people of Cairns.”

“Get a move on with the Civic Theatre keeps moving further and further into the never never only just demolished a long time after building was meant to commence.”

“Let the genie out of the bottle and build the performing arts centre on the waterfront close to restaurants and city accommodation.”

BUDGET – 27

“While I’m sure you could not get much done in a day, I would look over the budget to find savings or ways to invest in income streams. Find a way to bring down cost of everyday living.”

“Review the budget breakdown and staffing portfolios. Look at a long term planning strategies to support government business and local business. Possibly advise public on council priority.”

“Spend the ratepayers money responsibly and keep spending within the limits of getting the best outcome for ratepayers.”

“Change the budget allocation.”

“List all current CRC projects and where we are with costs in relation to budget.”

“Make sure the books balance, so there is not a burden put on future generations to pay back the excess spending of today.”

“Continue to pay down debt.”

“Look very carefully at the books, to compare actual finances, and publicised claims.”

“Review council spending with a view to ensuring that council is getting the best outcomes and monies could be allocated to those projects that will provide the greatest economic benefit in the short term, while also looking to what can be done to diversify the Cairns economy for the longer term.”

“Sit down with the chief accountant and make a plan to get savings and reduce costs while holding the services at the same level. We know there are many areas where the council seems to have waste and then this could keep the rates and water fees at the same level instead of increasing rates.”

“Develop a more exciting vision and take some chances. Budget surplus is not the be all and end all.”

PROMOTION OF CAIRNS – 26

“I would ensure I would sell Cairns to the world by pointing out the finer points and also engage the Politicians to invest in Infrastructure and Jobs Growth.”

“Continue to work to build Cairns to be the top far northern town.”

“Keep Cairns in national profile.”

“Make a documentary around who we are, what we have and what we stand for.”

“Go overseas and promote Cairns to other countries, like NZ or Great Britain (not Asia).”

“Create a trade mark that people in the world will recognise as the spirit of Cairns, like an anchor where people of Cairns and the tourism industry is connected to and can be marketable, something that create an image in peoples mind and a great feeling of relaxing, enjoying, fun, holidays, welcoming, friendship, great time, hard to explain in few words...”

“Tell everyone how great Cairns is and what attractions we have.”

“Promote the city throughout Australia, try to get more business into the city.”

“Continue to promote Cairns as a region and support super yachts coming to our region as well as film production.”

“Produce a marketing video / instagram showcasing the great aspects of our city and host it via a live blog on the internet to promote our city to the world.”

“Promote this beautiful region to the world via social media, push for more investment to create jobs for our youth and get the state and federal governments to put more funding into the area now, not just promises when elections roll around.”

“I would promote Cairns to the world with a Live Video - show casing how we live in Paradise!”

“Hold an international forum inviting delegates from all industry sectors to showcase what Cairns has to offer. The goal would be to promote events in sporting, musical, conference, and arts sectors with the aim of establishing annual events to our area.”

“Get the backing of a celebrity to showcase the area by taking them around the place and allowing them to take in the natural beauty without the "hob nobbing" glamour but giving a spiritual journey of our natural rainforest.”

“Since I only have one day, I would Promote our region, I feel we are under represented in the wider Australian scene.”

CROCODILES – 26

“Identify the areas where all crocodiles are to be removed from and enforce that.”

“Get rid of all the crocodiles that come anywhere near our popular swimming holes and beaches. I no longer feel safe allowing my children to swim where I did as a child.”

“Institute a more pro-active Croc management plan.”

“Remove crocodiles from city waterways.”

“Introduce a bill that allows crocodile and flying fox culling.”

“Remove croc from Lake Placid and other waterways too close to residents.”

“Remove ALL crocs from areas in the region that are regularly used by people.”

“I would look into Crocodile proofing Lake Placid. I would love it to be like Lake Eacham for lots of families to really enjoy. Like we did in the 80's. We even had a slide going into the lake. As teenagers we loved it.”

“Allow a day of crocodile hunting to ensure safer beaches.”

"Create a croc free swim area in Lake Placid (I am sure it is possible to create a swimming fence or net for people to swim in with no crocs)."

"Start a program to cull crocs in freshwater swimming areas (little mulgrave, boulders, all of the beaches, Lake Placid, Cairns drains and nearby rivers, etc.)"

WATER PARK – 24

"I would build cinema at Smithfield for northern beaches and encourage development of the water park or major sporting facilities on the northern beaches side of Cairns for a change. It feels like everything goes to southside (yes bigger and growing population) however we pay rates as well."

"Open an amazing water park to boost the local economy and tourism."

"A waterpark out at Smithfield, especially for the older kids, as Sugarworld is for the younger kids now so the teens need a water space to be able to enjoy too."

"Get a new water park."

"I would give the Smithfield water park the go ahead to start building."

"Push for a water park development."

"Get the waterpark built. I think it would be very popular."

"Look for people who were serious about funding a theme or water park north of Cairns for tourists and locals. Whenever we have friends up they always ask why don't we have a decent water park. They love coming here for reef etc but would like to enjoy different activities as well. It can only improve return visitor numbers."

"Get some concrete investment and get the waterpark of Mr Freebody's up and running."

"Put in a big OK to building a Wet N Wild look alike in Cairns."

"Fast track a water fun park to keep our visitors kids busy and well as for us to use. Cairns is missing activities like a fun park, we have fine warm weather all year and it's a win win situation, cash flow and tourism."

"Approve a waterpark - like "wet & wild"

FUTURE OF CAIRNS – 24

"If you build it they will come. Approve future growth."

"Mapping out a future plan for development and show it to the community so everyone knows where we are going. Also investigate how the council can turn a profit from other ventures."

“Get industry leaders together for a big think tank on what is needed to provide a steady economy so we can all continue to afford to live here.”

“Engage with the community to define a compelling long term vision (what do we want to be able to say about Cairns in 2050). In my opinion the city should be generating more power than it will ever require from renewable energy. We should have access to water in abundance, our IT technology and connectivity should be equal to if not better than any other location on this planet. Cairns should be one of the world's most desirable place to live, raise children and for children to be educated and be able choose to continue to live in region from an employment perspective.”

“Hold a community think tank with art, business, education, social services, cultural and environmental reps to generate ideas , actions and leadership.”

“Promote a clear strategic plan for the future of the region as the basis for investment decisions that reflect long term thinking.”

“Work at collaborating with businesses and formal authorities within the region to move forward together.”

“I would facilitate a real discussion about the future of the city and how we can adapt to changes including climate change and consult with experts as well as residents.”

“Sign off on a plan for the future of the city that values diversity, education and the arts, that makes real and positive changes to the lives of Indigenous and low socio-economic minorities and that drives a clean energy city of the future that leads the way for regional centres across the world.”

“I would ask each councillor to draw a picture of how the region should look in 50 years' time, and then look at how much they differed - and then work through it with a facilitator to obtain a common picture, and publish it on the web site for all to comment.”

“Establish a clear strategic direction for the region and share it with the community. This would involve having all economic development groups in the region come together and operate with a shared strategic vision. I would also provide heat to both the state and federal governments to improve their support to the region or at least demand why we continue to draw the short straw in funding. (i acknowledge that all of this sounds easy in principle but is very difficult in actuality). A public forum with state, federal and local members may create more focus on the region from down south.”

“I would see what I could do get all of the government departments and business on the same page for the future of Cairns. This involves getting access into Asia, focussing on education, as a business and for residents. I would lobby for better marine infrastructure (boat ramps) and take advantage of the netting ban to promote

Cairns as a fishing mecca like Darwin does. I would make the CBD as attractive as possible and promote CBD living as it is expensive to support satellite development.”

INDIGENOUS – 22

“Procure services from Indigenous businesses.”

“Sort out the many problems faced by our indigenous community members & make them feel more a part of our community.”

“Invest in a strategy for addressing indigenous homelessness and social issues.”

“Talk to indigenous leaders and elders and get them to take more responsibility for what their people are doing instead of them sitting back and leaving it up to white man’s laws and then complaining about the outcome. This should be done at the early age of pre-school and primary school years.”

“Provide more community facilities for indigenous people.”

“I would try to improve conditions for our indigenous people.”

“Gather together elders of the local aboriginal community with a view to getting their language visible. ie place names and facilities. Language brings an understanding of culture. Do something brave. Bilbao in Spain was an industrial backwater until Frank Gehry built that incredible Guggenheim Gallery. I would gather international expertise for their insight.”

“I would acknowledge and embrace local Indigenous History and Culture engaging them in decision making in how to handle Indigenous issues within the community.”

“Sit with aboriginal elders and youth and give them freedom to live as they want - give them the tools they want to thrive.”

“Invite all the Indigenous people to the esplanade and have a ceremony to protect the reef.”

“Hold a summit comprising Cairns 'Settler' and Indigenous residents to devise effective practical ways to reconcile with our Aboriginal and TSI families ... and for them to articulate what they want for the future as members of Cairns/Cape York society.”

“Hold talks with Traditional Owners and Indigenous Elders to gain their insight into issues - youth engagement, preservation of culture (language, foods, protocols), land use, traditional laws, etc”

“Increase the respect for our indigenous people, stop the ignorance and misunderstanding of them and their lifestyle and ask them what do they know about living on this planet with others.”

EDUCATION – 20

“Promise to prop up the woeful TAFE sector. Most students don't go to university. Where are our secondary industries? Manufacturing is lacking. We should at least have canneries for fish and fruit/vegetable products.”

“Lobby the state govt to make public school class sizes much smaller. Then kids who're failing would be forced to succeed. If they succeed in school, they'll succeed in tertiary / apprenticeship studies, then they'll succeed as citizens, then crime will be reduced. Then we'll all save money re: prisons, dole payments, medical care, vandalism, police, ambos, etc., the list goes on. Just make class sizes smaller!!! Teachers & teachers' aides are a very budget-priced commodity; much cheaper to double the number of teachers & teachers' aides, than to fix problems created by disenfranchised adults who drifted through the school system without learning anything & without having the self-confidence necessary to attempt anything more challenging than petty crime & a life on the dole & all the medical conditions resultant from poor diet, too much alcohol, smoking & drugs! Don't worry about fancy computer labs, undercover buildings, etc. We don't need swish looking schools; we need schools which prepare kids for productive life as adults. If parents are so hopeless that they can't prepare their own kids, & the curriculum is bursting at the seams, & the "problem" kids are using up classroom time with their histrionics... Then separate them! Put them in small classes where there's no hope of being lost in the crowd. Where they'll have to participate meaningfully. Where they'll discover that they don't have to play the fool to be noticed. Where they can be noticed for their positive achievements. Where, for the first time, they finally get 100% on a spelling or Maths test. Once they get a taste of success, it will be an intoxicating lure. None of these poncy Student of the Week things. The kids know that every kid, no matter how naughty, will earn that. I mean a acknowledgement of real achievements. In short; force the worst behaved kids with the worst academic results to succeed!!! Then we'll be populated with happy, successful adults. Then we'll be the envy of the rest of the world! Other nations will say, "Why didn't we think of cutting class sizes by 50%? Then our citizens would be doing just as well as the Aussies!" And, of course, just consider teacher retention rates!!! Teachers just want to teach & help the kids succeed!!! They don't want to play the heavy, or issue reams of detention slips, or waste their time on non-teaching / crowd control nonsense!!!

“I want to study physiotherapy at JCU Cairns but this course is not currently offered. I'd find a way to make this happen.”

“Clean up the public school system. More help in classrooms and better equipment. Privatised public schools or at least give all of them the opportunity to do this.”

“Create strength based education programs and stop using deficit progress. Make sure education fits the student not expecting the student fits into current antiquated programs.”

“I would look seriously at the schools currently in Cairns ensuring that schooling was a high priority for the future. The Northern Beaches lack enough primary and secondary schools to service the area. These schools are large and over-crowded. As my daughter will be going in 2018/2019, The northern beaches are losing their small town charm.”

“Open a conversation about the state of education in Cairns. About whether we have enough schools for our population.”

PRESERVE OLDER BUILDINGS – 19

“Preserve the history and unique suburbs surrounding Mount Whitfield.”

“Pass a law to stop any more beautiful Queenslanders being demolished.”

“Save our Queenslander homes and buildings.”

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“Introduce a policy that Cairns character cannot be changed without extensive public consultation and that the outcomes of that consultation will be respected and acted upon.”

“Protect our iconic classic streetscape from rampant cheap development.”

“Preserve traditional buildings and houses.”

“I would attempt to preserve the "beauty" of Cairns, keeping us "different" to other tourist destinations limiting the number and height of high-rise buildings. If we don't, we'll become a stereotype of many other destinations.”

“Do more to protect cultural heritage especially Cairns' wonderful interwar Queenslanders and 1930s CBD buildings.”

“Ensure character precincts are preserved. Amend the local planning scheme to ensure they are protected more efficiently.”

“Propose legislation to ban the razing of Queenslander houses to build ugly apartment blocks.”

“Place more emphasis on trying to preserve what is already there and less on development.”

TRANSPARENCY – 16

“I would open up the council meetings and for all councillors to answer questions from the public gallery.”

“Show documentation on capital works over spends to the media and public.”

“I would encourage a more open and accountable administration in an effort to build trust with constituents .”

“Commit to open and transparent government.”

“Make the public meetings more open and transparent.”

“Start an ethical and open process of council.”

“Go over policies regarding awarding of projects and financial over payments on quotes.”

“Create more transparent processes.”

“Open up all council meetings to the general public, ensure all councillors turn up for meetings unless they have a doctors certificate, listen to the people of Cairns.”

“Increase accountability of council and increase public power in decision making.”

“As Mayor I would like to see more transparent decision making and consultation with our multi-dimensional community.”

COMMUNITY FACILITIES / SERVICES – 16

“Seek funding for community-based facilities and road work.”

“Improve indoor sporting facilities on the northern beaches, there really isn't any that are readily accessible. The only one is the Marlin Coast Recreation Centre and it is not a welcoming place, doors are often locked and you have to enter via the rear door. It is not safe for children as they have to walk behind the building, lights are turned off in the reception area and there is no food available. We participate in basketball and it is great fun for the kids but new people don't even know there is a court inside as the entrance is in total darkness.”

“Get better basketball courts at the fish tank and upgrade them - make Westcourt a safer place.”

“Ensure the city's natural areas (e.g. Crystal cascades) are well maintained, and that the city becomes even more pet friendly.”

“Work with State Governments and look at locating community centres in vulnerable neighbourhoods and next to schools. Support local NGOs best placed in the area to coordinate existing programs and service delivery. We must also undertake children and family impact studies with all new developments and include social support community spaces in planning.”

“I would boost community centres in the growth suburbs of the Southside. Give kids with disabilities and parents with disabilities assistance to access sporting activities.”

“Buy the Courthouse hotel and extend the Regional Gallery into this building and space.”

“Help community organisations for the disabled and homeless and aged.”

“Ban casinos and pokie machines in our region, provide low cost housing and dramatically increase support services such as mental health information services, training and facilitation in schools and other community facilities.”

“Look at ways to encourage, integrate and streamline many of the local organisations to work together eg: Yaps, NQAR, cat rehoming. All could be supported to become a larger more effective and efficient organisation with paid staff which in turn supports their work and their staff.”

FLOODING – 15

“Do more to prevent seasonal flooding.”

“Fix the flooding issues with Freshwater & Stratford.”

“Clear the drainage system.”

“I would start a push to look at future proofing Cairns against flooding from rising sea levels.”

“Sort out the flooding issues.”

ILLEGAL CAMPING – 15

“Prevent backpackers from sleeping in the CBD in their vehicles with dirty laundry hanging about and using the gutter as their bathroom ... happens way more than I could ever have imagined! Bad Look!”

“Set up camping areas where back packer vans have to camp and pay to the council. Big on the spot fines for backpacker vans camping illegally on the streets, vans confiscated if fines not paid.”

“Find a place to keep the backpackers when they are not walking around. They are destroying this town with their constant occupying the limited parking spaces, sleeping everywhere, cooking everywhere, washing close everywhere, littering etc. it’s an absolute disgrace !!!!!”

“Expel backpackers from Cairns they are a menace to society, they take local jobs and they don't spend any money (they didn't bring any money from overseas but they manage to take AUD back home), they litter, park illegally, steal from shops and supermarkets.”

“I would move on the camper vans from the Esplanade that park over night putting no revenue in to the local economy.”

“Get rid of freeloading backpackers camping on ratepayer land.”

RV – 14

“Task Cairns Water and Waste to start a feasibility study on the cost three more public black water 'dump points' for travellers with self contained vans/ motor homes. One at Gordonvale, one north and one near Smithfield. There is only 1 point Wikicamps has listed for Cairns in McNamara St. Jump in the car and go up to the Showgrounds at Mareeba and talk to the true Grey Nomads camped there and find out why they are not bring their dollars to Cairns. I am sure the economy of Gordonvale would boom if basic services at a reasonable price were provided for genuine Grey Nomads eg those that are members of the Australian Caravan club and the like and not the grubs who just don't care.”

“Make the town more RV friendly.”

“Stop allowing business owners dictating terms & open up a cheap overnight campsite for RV's & grey nomads with basic facilities at a BUDGET price. Then they spend their money in Cairns!”

“Get together with the Manager and his people of the Cairns Showgrounds to discuss the possibility of opening it up for the travelling RV community.”

USE OF POISON – 14

“Use whipper snippers rather than poisons to trim lawns and edges of waterways.”

“Stop the use of herbicides.”

“Remove ALL toxic chemicals used by council to control pests and or weeds and replace them with reef friendly options.”

“I would stop the use of pesticides and chemicals in favour of more natural solutions. Whatever you spray on the land or enters the waste water treatment plant will eventually end up in the ocean.”

“Ban all chemical usage in public places, especially near waterways.”

“I would ban the use of chemicals, insecticides, pesticides and find natural eco-friendly ways to tackle the problem. No glyphosate !!!”

“Replace Roundup with steam weeding now available in Cairns!”

SENIORS – 12

“Have more functions for seniors as they have paid significant taxes and rates in their lifetime.”

“Create more employment for senior citizens nearing retirement age.”

“Free travel for Seniors between 9-4 on Public transport and Public transport to the Airport to be approved.”

“Focus on future proofing Cairns for our older population. Collaborating with councils that do specific areas well and learning from them.”

“Hold a meeting to address Senior's concerns.”

“Give pensioners a \$1000 gift voucher (I'm 72 years old).”

“Improve things for the ageing community - I am 86 and born in Cairns.”

“Improve transport for the elderly.”

Speeding - 10

Heritage – 9

Showgrounds – 9

Agriculture - 8

NBN - 8

Bridge - 7

Shopping - 7

Wi Fi - 7

Discounts for locals - 6

Boat ramps - 6

Phone / internet access - 5

Population growth - 4

Ergon Energy - 4

Toilets - 4

Street numbers - 4

Technology - 3

Barlow Park - 3

Tobruk Pool - 2

Mosquitoes - 2

Beach erosion - 2

Circus - 2

Social wellbeing - 2

body corporate fees - 1

Botanic Gardens - 1

Cannon Park - 1

Disaster - 1

Emergency services - 1

Equality - 1

Fire hydrants - 1

Free tours - 1

Ironman - 1

MMP - 1

Naval base - 1

Overseas ownership - 1

Queen - 1

Rail - 1

Amenity - 1

Tender evaluation - 1

Voting - 1