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Q1

Candidate Name

Baris Duzova

Q2

North West Ward

Contesting Which Moreland Ward?

Q3

Independent

Are you a candidate for a political party? Which Party?
Or are you standing as an Independent candidate?

Q4

If you are receiving campaign funding for this election, who are you receiving funding from? (list all or state 'None')

None

Q5

North West Ward

Connections to Moreland Wards. I am a resident in:

Q6

What are your other connections to Moreland wards

I am a volunteer / unpaid carer in

North West Ward

I study in

North West Ward

Other (please specify) If you have other connections to Moreland, please state the ward(s) and the connection(s) briefly in 100 characters.

I have been a longtime Moreland resident, completing my primary and secondary education in the area. Before Covid-19 struck I volunteered at my local Salvos store to give back to the community.

Q7

Triple bottom line accounting brings to account three domains that we need for a good life. They are economic, environmental and social which includes health. Do you commit as a Councillor for Council to use triple bottom line accounting on all Council infrastructure projects and will you try to ensure that climate emergency is embedded in every Manager's performance plan?

(no label)

Agree with reservations

Q8

Transport: Upfield Rail Upgrade - Problems with parking and traffic congestion, capacity issues of public transport (once the pandemic passes) necessitate solutions for upgrading the Upfield Line. According to Infrastructure Australia, the northern region Transport Corridor will reach and exceed capacity in the next decade. Will you support duplication and extension of the Upfield rail line to Craigieburn and Wallan for provision of a more reliable and frequent rail service catering for the growing population in Moreland and residents in new growth suburbs further north?

(no label)

Strongly Agree

Q9

Transport: Tram Network Extension: As a Councillor will you support ongoing advocacy for the Victorian State Government to extend the No 58 West Coburg Tram along Derby street in Pascoe Vale, and No 19 North Coburg tram routes further north along Sydney Road to Campbellfield?

(no label)

Strongly Agree

Q10

Transport: Mode shift - What actions will you be pushing for to facilitate a mode shift to more sustainable modes of transport in Moreland as part of, or beyond, Moreland Integrated Transport Strategy (MITS), including changes to parking restrictions, increasing public transport advocacy, cycling and walking infrastructure?

I believe MITS should be revised to better suit the needs of different groups of residents in Moreland. In addition to the extension of the Upfield line and no. 58 & no.19 trams I also support the addition of further bus routes and increasing the frequency of buses on existing routes for more accessible transport options within Moreland.

Q11

Heat Vulnerability: Large sections of Moreland's north are at the extreme end of the Heat Vulnerability Index, meaning residents are very susceptible to global warming. What will you do to address this beyond existing policies, including Moreland Urban Heat Island Effect Action Plan (Word Doc 48MB), Moreland Urban Forest Strategy 2017-2017 (PDF 9MB), Cooling the Upfield Corridor Action Plan?

I believe that Moreland City Council should do everything within its power. As a councillor I will work to educate our community on the negative impacts on climate change. I will also engage with officials from all levels of government to ensure that we can access the funding needed to develop a more sustainable Moreland.

Q12

Waste Management. Moreland aims to be a leading council in sustainable waste management, yet its rate of diverting waste to organics and recycling sits just above the state average. What will you do to help Moreland in the rollout of the Food and Garden Organics Collection Service, and achieve Moreland's 2030 zero waste to landfill target as part of Zero Carbon in the Planning Scheme – ESD Policy v2.0?

The Food and Garden Organics Collection Service is a great initiative of the council but we need to further educate our residents on the details of the program, increasing collections can also be considered to provide a more cleaner, efficient and sustainable program. In relation to the Zero Carbon target one of key promises is to introduce incentives for residents and business to shift to more sustainable sources of energy and more sustainable waste management habits.

Q13

Energy Efficiency and Renewables. Moreland has a goal of “Efficient and 100% renewably powered energy”. Yet Moreland has one of Victoria’s lowest uptake of solar PV. How can Moreland “walk the talk” on renewable energy and meet the community goals set in the Zero Carbon Moreland – Climate Emergency Action Plan 2020/21 – 2024/25?

As stated above, one of my key campaign promises is to provide incentives to residents and business to adopt renewable energy source, e.g. rate rebates for residents that install solar panel. I will also advocate for the Council to replace its existing vehicle fleet with more efficient, if possible electric, vehicles. By taking these small but effective steps the council can lead as an example for the community.

Q14

Pollution and litter: How will you educate and incentivise business in industrial zones (especially in the North East Ward) to avoid pollution and litter from entering our drains and our creek systems?

The council can work with existing state and federal authorities to first of all ensure that businesses are following guidelines and regulations. Secondly, we must engage in an education program for businesses to help them understand what their responsibilities are. Finally, any businesses found breaching these laws should be punished to the full extent of the law, where we can the city council should work with authorities to hold them accountable for their actions.

Q15

Supporting business and the environment as part of Covid Recovery What actions will you take to help Council promote environmentally sustainable jobs as part of a Covid recovery such as by possible development of large abandoned sites for a sustainability hub (such as former Kangan TAFE automotive campus)? How else will you advocate for supporting small business Covid recovery that includes environmental co-benefits?

Large abandoned developments should be, in cooperation with the state government, utilised for the good fo the community. I won't comment on exactly what or how as I believe this should be determined after extensive consultations with the community. Once again I would provide businesses with incentives to adopt environmentally beneficial practices on the road to recovery, e.g. through rate rebates or cutting bureaucratic red tape.

Q16

Food Security How would you address food security in Moreland beyond the existing Moreland Food System Strategy? (including as a part of the clean Covid recovery)?

The council must work with local community groups which have an in-depth understanding of the needs of each local suburb. We must increase funding to such community groups and other initiatives such as community garden, but also assist them with accessing funds and grants from higher levels of government. Finally, we must educate our residents about such programs and better advertise them to the community, which will enable members who have a desire and the ability to help out to do so.

Q17

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Food Security. The IPCC Special Report on Land and Climate Change Summary for Policy makers (2020) articulates major emissions reduction can be achieved from adopting a primarily plant based diet (B6.2). Will you advocate for public health policies that promote proper nutrition and dietary change by Moreland residents as per the IPCC (C2.4)?

Q18

Buildings, Biodiversity and Urban cooling: What would you do as a Councillor to ensure that with new building developments, Moreland has sufficient vegetation cover to contribute to biodiversity outcomes and urban cooling beyond existing policies in the Urban Forest Strategy, Moreland Nature Plan, and the Achieving Zero Carbon in the Planning Scheme – ESD Policy v2.0 project?

I will ensure that any developments meet these targets by developing strategies to reduce emissions and their impact on the environment of the area.

Q19

Cement Emissions. Use of Portland Cement contributes to 8% of global emissions. Alternative low emissions/zero emission cement products are available at reasonably competitive rates. Will you commit to amending Moreland Council Procurement policy sustainability filter to purchase low carbon/zero emissions cement/concrete products?

(no label)

Agree with Reservations

Q20

Climate Citizen Assemblies: Under the new Local Government Act 2020 (community engagement policy), all councils in Victoria are required to use deliberative practices for the development of their Community Vision, Council Plan, Financial Plan and Asset Plan, at the bare minimum. The gold standard of this kind of democratic, deliberative practice is a Citizens' Assembly. So, will you support such a democratic framework for Council's climate emergency response by establishing a Citizens' Assembly?

(no label)

Agree with reservations

Q21

What are your top four priorities for the Council Plan to be formulated for 2021-2025.

Priority 1

Supporting residents and businesses during the path to recover out of COVID

Priority 2

A council that listens to the grievances and needs of its residents

Priority 3

A greener and sustainable Moreland

Priority 4

Increased regulations for new developments to ensure they do not negatively impact our residents

Q22

Do you have any other comments on Council Climate Leadership and Advocacy (include any actions you have taken on this)? Do you have any supplementary comments relating to the questions above, comments on other issues related to climate change not covered, or comments on climate change generally?

I appreciate the work that you and other similar groups for a cleaner, greener and sustainable Moreland. We must work to educate our residents on the potential impacts of climate change and provide them with alternatives to reduce their impact on the environment. But before all of this, the council needs to lead by example and actually put into effect all these plans it had published. While supporting the development of our area we must also protect our environment, by reducing our emissions and the protection & expansion of our green spaces.
