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Q1

Candidate Name

Adam Pulford

Q2

North East Ward

Contesting Which Moreland Ward?

Q3

Greens

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')

Greens campaigns are people-powered -- we do not accept donations from big property developers or the pokies, mining, alcohol or tobacco industries. Our campaigns come from everyday people who share our values and vision for a better future for all of us. The Greens publicly declare all donations over \$1,000.

Q5

North East 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 East Ward

I am a community advocate in

North East Ward

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 Strongly

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?

My vision for Moreland is one of thriving, healthy, sustainable and jobs-rich local neighbourhoods, where it is easy for everyone to get around on foot, cycling and on public transport.

I will work to continue and improve the implementation of the Moreland Integrated Transport Strategy, with community engagement.

I am proud that the Greens led the doubling the per head spending on bike and pedestrian infrastructure over the current Council term, and will continue to advocate and work for greater investment in cycling and walking infrastructure.

I will be a strong advocate for more and better public transport, including trains, trams and buses, for Moreland and our growing population.

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?

Not only is climate change an emergency, it is also a health emergency. Rising temperatures and heat are increasingly taking people's lives and harming people's health. My day job is at the Climate and Health Alliance (CAHA), a non-profit working to build a powerful health sector movement for climate action and sustainable healthcare.

Through my work at CAHA, I hear the stories (and the statistics) of people who have lost their lives through climate health impacts, including one emergency physician's story of seeing an elderly woman in Brunswick lose her life following a period of extreme heat.

Acting on the climate (health) emergency will be one of my top priorities if elected to Council.

If elected, I, along with my fellow Greens Councillors, will have acting on the climate (health) emergency as one of our top priorities. We will work to cut emissions by: ensuring zero Moreland community emissions by 2040; promoting more environmentally sustainable design and construction; supporting the rapid transition to renewables, including further exploring and supporting community-owned renewables; investing in more active transport infrastructure; strongly advocating for more and better public transport in Moreland; more support for community members to access energy efficient and low-emissions technologies; moving towards a zero-waste, circular economy; and educating the community about the impacts of the climate emergency to encourage individual behaviour change. We'll work to draw down more carbon by creating new parks and open spaces, and planting even more trees across our city, which will also help tackle the urban heat island effect. And we'll do much more!

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 waste strategy is running behind schedule, with the plan now being to roll out the new FOGO (Food and Garden Organics) collection service by early 2022. This plan factors in the need to include a new glass bin option, which will be required in coming years by the Victorian government. Greens Councillors will push Council to meet or beat its current deadline.

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?

To further cut emissions, as the climate emergency demands, I and Greens Councillors will work to ensure Council supports the rapid transition to renewables, as well as the uptake of energy efficient technologies and measures, in Moreland.

We support continuing Council allocating funding for low income households to install solar and energy and thermal efficiency upgrades. We will explore further ways to support more renewables in, and for, Moreland. And we will advocate to State government for further support for renewables, in our city and across the state.

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 Greens will explore any levers that Council can use to encourage businesses and industries to do the right thing, without relying heavily on punitive measures.

Moreland does not have its own waste recovery site within its boundaries. The city relies on other Councils to provide this service and on private waste transfer sites. The federal and state governments have the resources and powers to introduce measures of this size and importance.

Land, like Kangan TAFE, is expensive and not part of Councils assets. Were the Vic Government open to a partnership to utilise this facility to support sustainable industries, the Greens would be eager to explore this and support such an outcome, or similar. The Greens also want more on-ground signage indicating that what goes down the drain or street ends up in our waterways and our bay/oceans. People need to know that their actions and inactions have a wider impact. This should be combined with more support for community education programs around plastics, micro-plastics and their impacts.

Q15

Supporting business and the environment as part of Covid RecoveryWhat 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?

With Australia now in recession and Victoria still in strict lockdown, all levels of government are working out how they can best create and protect jobs and stimulate the local economy.

One of my top four priorities is utilising any opportunities presented through the COVID economic recovery period to support Moreland households, businesses and community groups through measures that have environmental and health co-benefits by acting on the climate emergency through cutting emissions, drawing down carbon and building climate resilience. This means, for example, accelerating the roll out of active (and public) transport infrastructure, new parks and open spaces, and community programs and services in Moreland.

The Greens back the move at a special Council meeting 21 September to support funding for outdoor dining and related initiatives, including using car spaces and vacant land to facilitate eateries as they re-open, as the virus spread is brought under control.

Additionally, the Victorian Greens are calling on the Victorian Government to invest in COVID recovery plans that include shopping strip renewals and shopping locally and in 23 new or expanded recycling factories by 2025 to meet the state's needs and ensure high recycling rates and new jobs (with ideally Moreland or the region to host one of these recycling factories).

Q16

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

Over the previous term, under Councillor Natalie Abboud's leadership, the Greens Councillors drove the updating of the Food Systems Strategy.

Greens Councillors will follow up Councillor Jess Dorney's recent work to facilitate nature strip and laneway options for greening and food options. Greens Councillors will continue to support and resource the establishment of new community garden spaces and nature strips across the city, and seek to provide further support for the Northern Food Community Hub.

We will also advocate for additional funding of the Moreland Nature Plan to ensure it meets its goals, includes food production and that species are protected and saved.

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?

Greens on Council will work to: Plant more trees in Moreland, including by advocating to properly fund the Moreland Nature Plan so it meets its goals; Ensure that the ESD Policy 2.0 project is undertaken, monitored and then approved quickly by the Planning Minister; Continue to promote the nomination of additional trees to the Significant Tree Register; Look to further support the Urban Forest Strategy to meet the targets or stretch (where additional resources can be found); Allocate more resources for community education on the benefits of trees and tree cover, and the extent of the loss of trees in the private realm and its impact; and Explore with the community other measures to reach these goals.

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)

Strongly Agree

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)

Strongly Agree

Q21

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

Priority 1	Act on the climate emergency, including by supporting transition to renewable energy in and for Moreland, including community-owned renewables
Priority 2	Create local jobs and support Moreland households, businesses and community groups throughout and beyond COVID-19
Priority 3	Utilise post-COVID economic recovery opportunities to accelerate the roll out of active transport infrastructure, new parks and open spaces, and community programs and services in Moreland
Priority 4	Strongly advocate for more and better public transport to serve Moreland's growing population

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?

We're living the impacts of the accelerating climate emergency right now, yet the Federal Coalition government is pushing a gas-led post-COVID economic recovery and the State Labor government has stalled once again on announcing interim emissions reduction targets.

In this context, local leadership on the climate emergency is more important than ever. Council should be looking at all levers at its disposal to cut emissions, draw down carbon and build local climate resilience. If elected, I commit to continuing the Greens' leadership on facing up to and acting on the climate emergency through Moreland Council.

Finally, I want to say a big thank you to NUCA and CAM for your continued community leadership!
