

# #12

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## Q1

Candidate Name

John Durrant

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## Q2

**South Ward**

Contesting Which Moreland Ward?

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## Q3

**Independent**

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

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## Q4

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

None.

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## Q5

**South Ward**

Connections to Moreland Wards. I am a resident in:

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## Q6

**Respondent skipped this question**

What are your other connections to Moreland wards

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## 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**

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### 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**

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### 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**

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### 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 will advocate for increased funding for continuous cycle paths around Moreland, improved footpaths and zebra crossing. This will also stimulate local works to support a COVID recovery. For developments, I will ensure sufficient bicycle parking is implemented. I will undertake a survey of parking usage by zero-parking developments.

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### 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 support implementation of the Plan. I remain open to conducting a review of its outcomes and success to ensure it is ambitious and practical. I will advocate for increased greenery, laneway gardens, reclaiming of industrial space (or creating mixed uses) and community gardens development across all Moreland.

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### 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?

I support increasing investment, especially as a COVID stimulus, for zero waste and renewable-energy initiatives.

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### 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?

Two levers for Council to pull; cost can be managed by introduction of rates-subsidies for energy efficiency ratings of dwellings and business, and increased rigour around new-development requirements. Moreland must also transition away from international carbon credits.

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### 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?

I intend to clean up Merri Creek by investing in rubbish collection jobs (especially as a stimulus for underemployed residents in COVID), increasing bins and collections, and introducing mesh rubbish catchments over stormwater drains. Businesses can be a key part of delivery and management. There may need to be increased review of local business practices if pollution occurs.

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### 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?

My small-business COVID recovery plan includes; targeted rate relief, encouraging the restart of tourism with outdoor events (that must be sustainable), and to accelerate planned works for cycle and foot paths (increasing jobs). I am also keen to work with advocates on environmental co-benefits for my other COVID restart initiatives: investing in COVID-safe infrastructure (hygiene and signage), establishing coworking spaces or microstores, and giving short-term planning concessions to use laneways, roads and other public spaces.

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### 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)?

I will support existing plan and review in further detail.

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### 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)?

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**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 support a review of town zoning to prevent overdevelopment. If we can stop overdevelopment, our local environment will receive the benefits.

**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)

**Strongly Agree**

**Q21**

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

Priority 1

**Fix town planning to deliver the service and infrastructure needs of Residents, especially when our population grows.**

Priority 2

**Increase consultation by providing democratic and practical ways residents can communicate with Council.**

Priority 3

**Keep rates low by cutting out expenses that don't make sense. Provide targeted rate relief for residents and small businesses in need.**

Priority 4

**Implement my COVID-recovery plan.**

## 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?

If successful in the election, I will:

1. Demand evidence and independent research to support proposed policies.
2. Ensure the public is consulted on important decisions.
3. Make decisions in the interest of the community.

This applies beyond climate change but will ensure an ambitious, practical and market-leading approach to addressing climate change. In addition, I will bring others on the journey by increasing consultation and education.

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