

13 Sustainable Questions to 17 Candidates of Geelong Region



Questionnaire by
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1) If elected, will you commit to actively supporting renewable energy, such as solar and wind, being affordable and available for all Victorians?	2) will you advocate for Victoria transitioning to zero carbon emissions and 100 percent renewable energy by 2050?	3) will you commit to pushing for a Victorian Renewable Energy Target in line with South Australia's?	4) will you commit to ensuring that all new Victorian homes are energy and water efficient and support an expanded Victoria Energy Efficiency Target?	5) will you commit to protecting our beaches, rivers, forests and natural places?	6) will you commit to the extraction and burning of brown coal being phased out?
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South Barwon							
1	Andrew KATOS	Liberal	Has not replied				
2	Andy RICHARDS	Labor	Yes	* (see comment)	Yes	Yes	Yes
3	Lisa ASHDOWNE	Greens	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
4	Stephen CHARA	Country Alliance	Has not replied				
Bellarine							
5	Lisa NEVILLE	Labor	Yes	* (see comment)	* (see comment)	Yes	Yes
6	Ron NELSON	Liberal	Has not replied				
7	Brenton PEAKE	Greens	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Geelong							
8	Christine COUZENS	Labor	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
9	Paula KONTELJ	Liberal	Has not replied				
10	Bruce LINDSAY	Greens	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
11	Tony LEEN	Country Alliance	Has not replied				
12	Sarah HATHWAY	Socialist Alliance	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
13	Doug MANN	Independent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lara							
14	John EREN	Labor	Yes	* (see comment)	* (see comment)	Yes	Yes
15	Greg LACEY	Greens	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
16	Tony McMANUS	Liberal	Has not replied				
17	George REED	Country Alliance	Has not replied				



7) will you commit to orderly phase-out of inefficient and highly polluting coal fired power plants in Victoria – among these Alcoa’s brown coal infrastructure at Anglesea?	8) will you commit to pushing for the outright and permanent banning of onshore gas exploration and extraction?	9) will you commit to pushing for the transition to a low carbon transport system for Victoria?	10) will you support the push for Geelong to become the ‘Cleantech Capital’ of Victoria?	11) will you support placing wind turbines on the Barrabool and Bellarine hills (under the precondition that there is majority public support for this in the local areas)?	12) will you support lifting the planning restrictions on wind farms (repeal of the Baillieu Government’s anti windfarm laws)	13) will you commit to supporting the retrofitting of all State government buildings to increase their energy efficiency rating?
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Geelong

8 Christine COUZENS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
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Lara

14 John EREN	* (see comment)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
15 Greg LACEY	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
16 Tony McMANUS	Has not replied					
17 George REED	Has not replied					

Comments from the candidates

Candidate no 2) Andy Richards:

- 2 * The Labor Party has committed to review the Climate Change Act to establish an emissions target – that was removed by the Liberals. We need to set a target that stretches us but can also be achieved at a state level.
- 11 No. I do not support wind turbines on the Bellarine hills for the same reasons as Lisa Neville's

Candidates no 3 and 14) Lisa Neville and John Eren:

- 1 Yes. We have announced a regional industries fund of \$200 million to assist in building up our renewable energy industry.
- 2 * The Labor Party has committed to review the Climate Change Act to establish an emissions target – that was removed by the Liberals. We need to set a target that stretches us but can also be achieved at a state level.
- 3 * We are committed to massively increasing Victoria's share of Renewable Energy and growing the share of energy supplied by clean energy.
- 6 * We are committed to ensuring growing clean energy / renewable energy in order to reduce Victoria's reliance on brown coal
- 7 * We are committed to ensuring we increase the proportion of energy supplied by renewable energy in order to phase out polluting coal fired power stations in Victoria.
- 8 Yes. We have said that we will not lift the moratorium unless an independent scientific review established that CSG mining was safe.
- 11 No. I do not support wind turbines on the Bellarine hills.
Firstly the hills have been identified as significant landscape through an independent process and community consultation and are, therefore, inappropriate for wind turbines.
Secondly, wind mapping shows that the amount of wind and consequent energy generating capacity is not enough to justify destroying the significant landscape overlay.

Candidate no 8) Christine Couzens

I am committed to working towards making Geelong a model for other communities on renewable energy and clean jobs.

Candidate no 13) Doug Mann

It may not surprise you to read that I answered yes to each of the 13 questions. I feel very strongly that the responsibility for our children's and grandchildren's future lies in our hands.