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Beach Not Bitumen

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Dear Robyn & Anthony,

Thank you for your e-mail and the opportunity to speak out.

As a potential councillor, I seek deeper consultation with the community. I can confirm during my campaign many of the local residents especially those close by the beach highlighted the importance of reserving the dunes vegetation, the importance of further re-vegetation programs at certain areas. They highlighted the importance of protecting the environment, also I heard many requesting better access points to the beach and many requested a better infrastructure planning for the community.

As a very passionate nature loving person I'm fully in favour protecting our amazing coastline which gives home to native flora and fauna. Sand dunes serve an important purpose by acting as nature's coastal defence against wind and wave erosion. It takes many years till vegetation can fully establish in the harsh environment. I strongly believe the community's best interest to keep such icons as the pines and seek alternatives integrating our life into the environment we live in.

Before permanent protection status can be declared for the Quindalup Coastal Dune Systems north and south of Scarborough Beach further consultation required with the community, also such protection has to meet the criteria of the National Reserve System. I'm strongly in favour to conduct such environmental studies. We have to listen those voices in the community who seek a more vibrant city with less congestion also. High volume of investors looking at developing in our coastal suburbs in the vicinity of these dunes, which financially benefit the local residents, and that can't be ignored. We have to find the right balance and legislations, less red tape with the State Government to work hand in hand protecting our environment and those who resides in the surrounding suburbs.

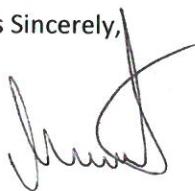
Since 2012 many major changes happened in Scarborough and the surrounding and it needs to be reflected in the planning process also. The City Of Stirling has limitations when such major infrastructure projects go ahead or not. I believe only financially viable and environmentally friendly options should be on the table and as a councillor I would oppose any major changes which has negative irreplaceable impact on our environment. When such projects are consulted with Hon Rita Saffioti the Minister for Transport; Planning & Lands I believe our Council should play a vital role outlining the local community's challenges and worries. Considering major infrastructure projects happening in our Council as a Councillor I would spend energy and time building a great relationship with the Department involving her in public debates, making sure I'm a bridge and the voice for the community.

I would work extra hard to make sure our amazing beaches getting world class reputation, boosting visitor numbers. To shake up the business environment, bringing in new investors and implementing a "community in nature approach" I think it's crucial for us to make significant changes how people can get around. It's not enough protecting the environment we need to involve our community to spend time in nature, understand nature, we need to motivate our youngsters to step outside away from computers and do outdoor activities. To do that we need better playgrounds, wider foot paths, repairs on the existing ones and widening the network. For a greener suburbs we should plant more trees in car parks, to help with the cleaner fresher air, also to act as a natural barrier against wind. The newly developed Scarborough becoming a major hub for weekenders, who will come from near and far to enjoy the new foreshore. We need to work together with Transperth to establish new routes, more frequent services and affordable ones, safe CCTV fitted bus stops. Widening the CCTV network across the coastal suburbs, improving the lights along foot paths, also placing more bins along foot paths to keep the environment clean are some of my most important targets I would be working on to achieve.

I'm looking forward to work with the community and such organizations as Beach Not Bitumen. I'm always open for fresh ideas and open debates which would benefit the community.

If I can assist you with anything please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

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