

Cr Karen Caddy is standing for re-election for Coastal Ward

Thank-you for the opportunity to provide my views on this subject.

My actions on Council over the last 4 years have demonstrated my commitment to protecting the coastal dunes and working with the community to find sustainable transport solutions at Scarborough.

- In November last year, I moved a motion that resulted in the then Planning Minister deferring her decision on the roads, and instructing the MRA to explore options other than road extensions to deliver better foreshore access.
- In consultation with members of Beach not Bitumen and the Friends of Trigg Bushland, I moved a motion at Council to protect the Threatened Ecological Community of Rottnest Island Cypress Pines in the South Trigg Area. This motion covers the permanent closure of the redundant road reserve as per the Council resolution of 1 May 2012, and the protection of the Cypress Pines from any threats and disturbances. Council have deferred their decision on this motion until after the election, and I am committed to pursuing it again then.
- I have actively supported the City's new bicycle boulevard which will connect Stirling train station with Scarborough and improve cycling access.
- I have strongly supported the Stirling Natural Environment Coastcare group in their efforts to rehabilitate the coastal dune system.

My priority has been, and will continue to be, working with the community and government stakeholders to find ways to reduce the number of cars entering the foreshore area in the first place. I believe this is the best way to ensure permanent protection of the dune system because with fewer cars there will be no need for additional roads. This will also create a more pedestrian and cyclist-friendly environment within the foreshore precinct and better traffic flow along West Coast Hwy – a win-win outcome.

This is going to be a tough to achieve and will need a multi-faceted solution, but provides us with an opportunity to rethink the way people access all our beaches, not just Scarborough. I am currently in discussion with community members, the City, the MRA and state government colleagues about how we can move forward with this.

Actions speak louder than words, and I have demonstrated my commitment to sustainable transport solutions and protecting our coastal dunes.

Kind regards,

Karen