

Gosford City Council

Ward	Gosford East	Gosford East	Gosford West	Gosford West	The Entrance
First and last name	Stephen Pearson	Claire Braund	Kate da Costa	Gabby Greym	Cath Connor
1	In 20 words or less, describe why are you standing for (re)election to council?				
	I want to protect what is good and improve what isn't about our environment and community on the Central Coast.		As a fresh face, bringing experience in community engagement to improve consultation, transparency and attitudes to sustainability to council	I believe in building our local economy, providing real and meaningful long-term local jobs, preserving and enhancing our local natural beauty and tourist attractions, long-term planning for infrastructure, including better public transport,...	I am concerned that rapid development on the Central Coast is occurring at the expense of basic principles of sustainability and without reference to the reality of climate change and the impacts it will surely have here.
CLIMATE SCIENCE					
2	Do you agree with climate scientists who tell us that:				
2a	the Earth is already too hot?				
	Yes	Yes - Undeniably hotter than it should be and that carbon dioxide is making a (not the only) contribution.	Yes	Yes	Yes

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2b	we face a climate emergency?	Yes	Yes - I believe we are already in a climate emergency - have been frogs in heating water for 30 years.	Yes	Yes	Yes
2c	greenhouse gas emissions must be reduced to zero within a decade, not decades?	Yes	No - Impossible to do this - naive science to make this statement. BUT there is no doubt we can work on substantial reductions - and how do we trade off against livelihoods and incomes - getting people to accept less.	Yes	Yes	Yes
2d	we must begin to draw down excess carbon dioxide already in the atmosphere until we restore a safe level?	Yes	Yes - The best way to do this is biology - i.e., plant more trees.	Yes	Yes	Yes
CLIMATE ACTION						
3	Are you supportive or in opposition to the Adani coal mine in Queensland?	I oppose it	I oppose it	I oppose it	I oppose it	I oppose it
3a	Will you publicly state this position in your election campaign?	Yes	Not sure	Yes	Yes - I have already on my Facebook page.	Yes

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4	If elected will you:					
4a	educate municipality residents and stakeholders about the climate emergency?	Yes	Not sure - Rather I would support people who knew about this to do it.	Yes	Yes	Yes
4b	put pressure on other levels of government to act?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
4c	initiate and support council measures to rapidly reduce the municipality's emissions towards net zero and draw down carbon dioxide?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes - I have personally installed 100 solar panels on my cafe roof in Umina Beach.	Yes
4d	initiate and support measures to protect vulnerable people and ecosystems within the municipality from dangerous climate impacts?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

CLIMATE EMERGENCY PETITION

5	Have you signed or would you like to sign the Climate Emergency Declaration?	I have signed	Not sure	I have signed	I have signed	I have signed
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FITZGERALD PRINCIPLES

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<p>6 Do you promise to adhere to the Fitzgerald principles of good government?· To act honourably and fairly and solely in the public interest· To treat all citizens equally· To tell the truth· Not to mislead or deceive· Not to withhold or obfuscate information to which voters are entitled· Not to spend public money except for public benefit· Not to use your position or information gained from your position for your benefit or the benefit of a family member, friend, political party or other related entity</p>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes