

KAREL BOELE:

Specific Questions

Urban Planning

Question 1.

“Performance based planning”, with its inherent flexibility of interpretation, has been the basis of Planning legislation in Queensland for nearly a decade, but in recent times, performance assessment has been used to evade carefully constructed planning controls on height, density and siting requirements. If elected what would be your approach to performance based planning?

I am running as an Independent on the People Decide platform to set up a new way of governing. You can vote on the laws being debated in parliament and impact assessable developments being assessed in council at peopledecide.org.au, right now! Then when elected to parliament I am contracted to vote with the majority of the people in the Kurilpa peninsula on the laws. This changes the approach completely and puts the power back in the hands of the people. Local community and environmental needs, opinions and values are kept.

Question 2

Consistent with the State Government role in Planning legislation, what are your thoughts on the State Government requiring a review of the South Brisbane Riverside Neighbourhood Plan to achieve greater compliance with the State Government standards for educational, child and youth services and open space?

The People Decide model creates more accountability and transparency because everything is published live in people’s hands and MPs are accountable to the people. This makes it hard for government not to be compliant. The model has review and community engagement at its heart.

Question 3

Scope the development outcomes that you would wish to see for the land known as the Kurilpa Master Plan and the timeframes for this development?

I believe it should be about what we all wish to see, not what I wish to see. Under the People Decide model the Master Plan would have been collaboratively developed by the community. I believe the community would have chosen more green open space, affordable housing, and infrastructure and services that support the size of the population in the area, that is what I want. The timeframes to advance and implement this are also much faster with a participatory democracy approach because plans are not going back and forth between different governments.

Question 4

The approval of the West Village project overdevelops the site as it fails to deliver 20% green space and fails to meet the building height limit of 15 stories. Do you support the changing Stage 2 and Stage 3 of this site to incorporate some affordable housing and increased public green space rather than aggregating laneways and outdoor dining areas as green space? Will you strongly advocate for these modifications if elected?

I believe my answer above answers this. Yes I will personally advocate for this and I believe the people through the People Decide model will too. If this project is affected by a law in state parliament there will be no more need for petitions, you vote on your phone, the results are live and I will vote with you in parliament. If I am in the balance of power it has an immediate affect, if not it puts significant pressure on the other MPs.

Community Engagement

Question 5

Kurilpa Futures believe that current Planning Scheme requirements are being evaded by simple amendments such as to overlay provisions, zoning proposal interpretations and “acceptable” variations to conditions. These appear to be made without coherent evidence or statistical analyses to justify changes. How can residents have access to the evidence based data and ensure it is used for future changes to planning requirements?

To ensure informed votes on laws and impact assessable developments, People Decide is developing a process where the community collaboratively develops summaries on laws and decisions being made in parliament that voters must read before they vote. Collaborative document making has shown that it is people who are experts, have good experience, hobbies, work or live in the subject area being written

about that are most likely to contribute to the document. This allows an unprecedented amount transparency, and well-resourced information and data to be presented.

Political Donations

Question 6

Would you vote to prevent donations to candidates or their political party by an owner of registered development company or a company that has a vested interest in land development or their representatives?

If politicians are contracted to vote with the people, there is less competition between candidates, and therefore less pressure to get funding. We see the lure and need for campaign funding in our model greatly reduced, possibly negligible.

Developer Contributions

Question 7

Currently developer contributions to the provision of infrastructure are paid into Brisbane City Council's general revenue and not spent directly or in a timely manner in the suburbs that are experiencing the pressure of development. Will you actively lobby to amend State Planning legislation to change this situation and for public release of an annual income and expenditure budget relating to developer infrastructure contributions?

Yes, and you can too under the People Decide model.

Affordable Housing

Question 8

What are your thoughts on Inclusionary zoning for affordable housing? Would you support establishing a State Government standard of service for a proportion of affordable housing within new development in inner city areas?

There needs to be some inclusion for affordable housing. Diversity is important for social, environmental and economic sustainability. It makes the community stronger. I strongly support this and would tell voters I recommend voting yes on any law that implements this.

Open Space

Question 9

Currently, open space contributions can be land or a monetary contribution with developers generally defaulting to a monetary contribution. This means the ratio of open space to number of residents is decreasing throughout Brisbane's inner city and especially in the Kurilpa peninsula. Would you support a State Planning policy that requires a land contribution for example 20% of site area wherever the proposal is for 0.5 hectares or more?

Yes, but as a normal voter on the People Decide system like everyone else, I don't have knowledge or experience about everything and I would want to do a little research on what % is feasible.

Question 10 (this question is included at JM request but it will be discussed in detail at the meeting and so is repetitive)

Currently there is a significant shortfall in the West End peninsula in the Brisbane City Council's ratio for open space per resident and it is getting worse. Would you support the use of underutilized crown land, such as overly wide roads , and unused road reserves, to build open space ?

Yes and I think most people would too.

Transport

Question 11

On at least four occasions, there has been a proposal for a bridge to link West End to northern suburbs. Each time it has been rejected by previous Councils and residents of the Kurilpa peninsula. Once again a new bridge to the University of Queensland is being discussed. Kurilpa Futures is opposed to this proposal. How would you manage the transport and mobility needs of the Kurilpa Peninsula?

In my opinion, first of all development laws need to become more inclusive of the community as discussed in the other questions. Secondly, there is already a lot of development that is putting strain on infrastructure and services, particularly roads. The only real solution to this is to review development

and ensure it doesn't compromise the transport and mobility needs of the Kurilpa peninsula. Public transport wise greater use of ferries on the Brisbane River is one solution I would like to investigate.