

Hi there

Sorry I am unable to be with you today. I have provided a response to the questions you are putting to the candidates below.

Regards
Nathaniel Jones

Good Afternoon,

I apologise for not being present; My name is Nathaniel Jones and I have been a Queensland Police Officer in the Gabba Ward, specifically West End Station since September of 2008, I am compelled personally to inform you that any statement I make is my own and not that of the Queensland Police Service.

I acknowledge the traditional owners of this land the Jagera people, I acknowledge the past Elders of Boundary Street; Uncle PK, Nathaniel West, Corilea, Foxy all who have passed not knowing a place of gathering for indigenous people beyond the Boundary, the current Elders of Boundary Street, Aunty Flo and Judy, Uncle Teddy, Adam and Mr. Cobbo who dream of working with the community not against it to provide an area for their people free from addictions and violence. The emerging Elders Cedric, Daniel and Litta.

Question 1

I am proud of the record of the LNP administration in adapting to the challenges of climate change as an organisation and more importantly in helping the community adapt to more sustainable ways of living in the city.

The scale and diversity of Council operations makes The Schrinner-led Council the largest carbon neutral certified organisation in Australia, with a carbon footprint more than three times larger than that of the next largest carbon neutral certified organisation. It is also the only carbon neutral certified organisation in Australia with an operating landfill and large public transport service. It is great to see an organisation leading by example.

Some of the ways in which this has been achieved is through energy efficient lighting, solar power installations and a low emissions fleet.

But beyond that it is important that local councils encourage people to live sustainably and reduce their impact on the environment around them.

A number of initiatives are currently underway but you may have seen recent announcements about encouraging more composting of food waste through the offering of free compost bins and starter kits for worm farms which continues on from the love food hate waste program introduced by Graham Quirk. Also, in an effort to reduce waste to landfill larger or free second recycling bins will be offered by a re-elected Schrinner administration.

With regards to green space I think you can see the investment on the ground in west end through the works that have been done at riverside drive west end that were funded by Graham Quirk as Lord Mayor and completed under Adrian Schrinner as well as the current

works at Davies Park. Improving the useability of greenspace is important when you're in an inner city area where land values are high.

The delivery of the new parkland/urban common on Vulture Street is another example of delivering on new open space.

Beyond that it is important we continue to increase street tree planting and you may have seen the Lord Mayor announce a citywide program in that regard.

Question 2

As the planning framework for Councils is set by the State Government I think the leadership on this issue starts there.

The performance based planning scheme that we have in Queensland makes it difficult for Councils to have hard and fast regulations when it comes to planning and community awareness of this is low. But it's a complicated issue.

For example, people have an expectation of having firm planning rules around heights. The current state legislation doesn't allow councils to do that and beyond that the planning and environment courts often rule against councils when they do refuse applications on performance based measures.

People love living in west end in a variety of housing choices and I think this is about right. We have been able to retain tin and timber in areas and transition to higher density living in older industrial parts.

Investment in the area has delivered traffic lights at Montague and Jane and Montague and Vulture. And soon Montague and Victoria.

There is always more to be done and I think the green bridges will really change the way people move around and open up new opportunities for travel by foot or bike for West End and surrounding suburbs.

The provision of public housing is an important state government issue. Their focus seems to be on the outer suburbs. While I agree this is not a sustainable solution it is beyond Council's control.

Beyond affordable housing, I will work against the normalisation of Homelessness and support the framework of Micah Projects 'Streets to Home' of Murri Watch and Common Ground. These facilities form the building blocks to give those on the street a practical step from the street and into homes for good. We must take the solution to where the people are. We must acknowledge the complexity of each individual, homeless or otherwise and know that putting a roof over someones head is not the end of the support that many people require.

Question 3

A re-elected Schrunner led Council will deliver green bridges. I can think of no better way to encourage people to walk or cycle than that!

We have seen the divisiveness of bike lanes in the community with the Dornoch Terrace project. I believe in building consensus around changes such as introducing on road bike lanes and if elected I would work towards achieving that consensus.

The record of the current Council around Woolloongabba and Kangaroo Point has shown a commitment to increasing commuter cycling particularly in the inner city.

Additional bus services could also be considered once the Brisbane metro is built and buses are able to be redirected.