

1. What do you consider are the main concerns of the people of South Brisbane? How have these changed since the last state election?

During this time of health and economic crisis, this election most people's number one concern is the economy and looking after themselves and their loved ones. We can't take action on climate change, hold dodgy politicians to account or fix our social problems if people are distracted just having to get by. I think most people are pretty happy with the government's response to COVID-19 and now we need to look to the future and build a sustainable, productive economy that makes sure everyone has what they need for a great life. That means world-class, free health and education, more government investment in our communities, and support for local small business and building people's skills.

2. Climate change impacts are now widely felt and increasingly damaging. How would your party's policies help the Kurilpa community to adapt to these impacts?

At the state level, I would be using my position as an independent to push the government to take meaningful action on both adaptation and mitigation. Unlike the Greens who have already foolishly announced a complete refusal to work with an LNP government and are talking a big game about balance of power with Labor, I would negotiate in good faith with any party to ensure we end the blame game, the pointless culture wars and the stagnation on the most important issue of our time. I want outcomes, not outrage.

3. The Covid pandemic has intensified the cumulative negative social, environmental, and economic impacts of rapid and high population growth and poor planning and infrastructure provision. Can you explain how your party would provide effective leadership to address these issues?

As an independent, the community's voice is everything, no partisanship, no party politics, just real consultation with the people of South Brisbane to get better outcomes. I would use my position to push the government to invest in better local infrastructure, public transport, green space and public space. Political parties often take a position and defend it at all costs, to the detriment of the community. I believe in taking a sensible, pragmatic approach, putting the community first while understanding that simply shouting and protesting rarely gets outcomes.

4. We know that Queensland has a severe shortage of social and affordable housing. What specific steps would your party take to address the public and affordable housing shortfall in South Brisbane?

I'd like to see the government invest in more public housing with an achievable, long term strategy for the whole state. But in the short term, the COVID recovery gives us an opportunity to supercharge this, providing more affordable housing here in South Brisbane, particularly with the Cross River Rail site at the Gabba. I don't agree with the Greens' radical plans to force developers to hand over apartments; we need cooperation between the public and private sectors, not animosity. And affordable housing is about more than new builds. It's about council, state and federal governments working together to put downward pressure on prices through reform of the tax system (like negative gearing) and other measures.

5. The West End community, through its award-winning green space strategy has identified over 14 hectares of under-utilised crown land and road reserve that could be converted into green space. Will you support a policy to allow road reserve, where appropriate, to become greenspace for the community and what other steps will you take to increase access to greenspace in the community?

I love this. With our suburbs densifying, green space is increasingly important to ensure the health and wellbeing of our community. I support both council and state government increasing investment in purchasing additional land for community green space, as well as requiring developers to include more of this in new developments.