

CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

1. Will you plan, budget and commit to a comprehensive Douglas Conservation Strategy that engages the public, identifies priorities, builds capacity and delivers through corporate, operational and land use plans
2. Will you plan, budget and commit to Council taking the following actions to protect the Great Barrier Reef:
 - a) Pursuing carbon neutrality
 - b) Improving water quality by working with farmers, reef tour boats, residents and business
 - c) Promoting Douglas as a Reef Safe destination
3. Will you plan, budget and commit to a strategic future focussed plan for conservation of the Daintree Coast, including the following actions:
 - a) Partnering with the local residents and traditional owners in conservation and management through activation of the Daintree Landowners Kit
 - b) Voluntary buyback for conservation for large properties and within the Councils identified conservation zones
 - c) Supporting and Initiating weed and pest programs
 - d) Management of dogs and implementation of current domestic animal policy
 - e) A policy on electricity that promotes conservation rather than promotes development (DSSG believes upgrading Stand Alone Systems will reduce fossil fuel use and improve living whereas a subsidised grid will be a subsidy for development, will not reduce fossil fuel use and is not what most residents want)
4. Will you plan, budget and commit to compliance with the existing urban footprint for Douglas Shire Council (as described in the current land use planning scheme), in all decisions taken on development applications?
5. Will you ensure Douglas Shire Council has a plan to build on its water security strategy, including a clear understanding of the need to limit development on the basis of water availability, acknowledging the impact of climate change on water security.