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Dear Candidate for election (candidate) to Douglas Shire Council (DSC),

Douglas Shire Sustainability Group (DSSG) is seeking to understand each candidate's commitment to managing the environmental attributes of Douglas Shire. To do this, we ask all candidates to answer the following questions, noting that DSSG will publish the results for the information of voters.

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?
Yes
2. Will you plan, budget and commit to Council taking the following actions to protect the Great Barrier Reef:
 - a) Pursuing carbon neutrality, **Yes**
 - b) Improving water quality by working with farmers, reef tour boats, residents and business; and **Yes**
 - c) Promoting Douglas as a Reef Safe destination? **Yes**
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, **Yes**
 - b) Voluntary buyback for conservation for large properties and within the Councils identified conservation zones, **I support voluntary buyback of undeveloped blocks**
 - c) Supporting and Initiating weed and pest programs, **Yes**
 - d) Management of dogs and implementation of current domestic animal policy; **Yes** and
 - 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)

I support residents who want to upgrade Stand-Alone Systems and would advocate for a return of the State subsidised RAPS program. If residents and particularly businesses want to connect to a micro-grid, I would support this as long as it does not impact negatively on the world heritage rainforest. If the micro-grid becomes a reality, it should

be fully funded and maintained by other levels of government. It is not the responsibility of Local Government.

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? **Yes. I support sustainable development..**
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? **Yes, we already have plans, which will be further developed in the next term of Council.**

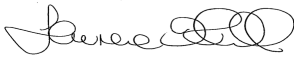
We will use a 'traffic light system' of ranking candidates' responses, including comments.

For ease of publication, we welcome simple responses – preferably yes, no or maybe. If you would like to add additional comment, we will publish full responses on our web site.

Deadline for response is close of business 3 March 2020, by email to sustainabilitydouglas@gmail.com

The results will be published in the Gazette on 12 March 2020.

Yours sincerely



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Secretary

