

Yarra Climate Action Now

City of Yarra Council Election 2020

Dear Candidate,

Yarra Climate Action Now (YCAN) is a growing, dynamic and award-winning community group, based in the City of Yarra, working for the last 15 years for stronger action on climate change. Our members are ordinary people with families, work and study, who are also passionate about ensuring a safe climate and sustainable future. We have over 1000 subscribers on our mailing list.

We know that local government is taking the lead in many countries to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and keep temperatures at a safe level to avoid catastrophic damage to our planet. With the declaration of a Climate Emergency in June 2019 and the adoption of a Climate Emergency Plan in June 2020, Yarra has been at the forefront.

We want to know how you, if elected will act on the Climate Emergency. We have 6 questions with 100 word limit.

We will collate responses from all candidates by wards and circulate your answers in a special election edition of our newsletter on October 6th, 2020.

Please respond by 5 pm 30th September 2020.

Late responses will not be included in the newsletter, and will be recorded as 'Did not respond'.

If you would like more information, please contact Carole Wilkinson, Acting Convenor carole@ycan.org.au

Question Title

*1. Candidate Details

Name:

Ward:

*2. Yarra's Climate Emergency Plan (CEP) aims to ensure that climate and the environment are central considerations in all decisions of Council. How

will you advocate so that the CEP continues to be implemented with adequate budget allocations, despite the constraints of COVID 19 measures?

*3. How should Council advocate for stronger climate action at State and Federal Government levels?

*4. What is an impactful measure for Council to encourage businesses to reduce their carbon emissions from electricity consumption?

*5. In addition to eliminating gas from its own buildings by 2030, how can council support residences and businesses to get off gas within that timeframe?

*6. What is a priority action for Council to improve active transport infrastructure (for cyclists, pedestrians, public transport users) and users of electric vehicles?

*7. What is a priority action that council could take to achieve the CEP target of diverting 72% of waste from landfill by 2025?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND GOOD LUCK!