

Questions	Issues of community concern/interest - Candidate responses for 2015 Queensland Election										
<b>Candidate Name</b>	Jackie Trad on behalf of Curtis Pitt, Craig Crawford, Rob Pyne and Billy Gordon.	<b>Myra Gold</b>	Noel Castley-Wright	Henry Boer	Valerie Weir	Jenny Stirling	Daryl Desjardin	Barry Barnes	Lee Marriott	Leanne Rissman	Michaelangelo Newie
<b>Party</b>	<b>ALP - Queensland Branch</b>	<b>The Greens</b>	<b>Greens</b>	<b>Greens</b>	<b>Greens</b>	<b>Greens</b>	<b>Greens</b>	<b>KAP</b>	<b>KAP</b>	<b>One Nation</b>	<b>Independent</b>
<b>Electorate</b>	Mulgrave, Barron River, Cairns and Cook respectively	Cairns	Barron River	Mulgrave	Dalrymple	Hinchinbrook	Cook	Hinchinbrook	Cook	Townsville	Cook
Will your Party ban dumping of dredge spoil on the Great Barrier Reef, a World Heritage Area, from all new developments, including those currently under consideration but not yet approved?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Will your Party improve management of maintenance dredge spoil?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
If yes, please provide details of how you will achieve this outcome.	Labor in government will develop a comprehensive, state-wide framework for maintenance dredging which identifies future dredging requirements, ascertains appropriate environmental windows to avoid coral spawning and protect seagrass, and examines opportunities for the beneficial reuse of dredge spoil or on land disposal from maintenance activities.	We will try to convince government to improve legislative ban so it covers the entire WHA, projects that have already been applied for and maintenance dredging. We will push for any coastal reclamation or inshore dumping alternatives to be properly assessed so that impacts on coastal habitat and wetlands which filter to the Reef are properly scrutinised	Stop any that is impacting or has potential to impact. All spoil dumped inland in a non-environmental sensitive area	By not dumping spoil in the GBR or marine parks, or wetlands - or more generally in any marine/estuarine ecosystems. Suitable land based sites need to be developed	Amend the Sustainable Planning Act 2009 and State Planning Policy 2014 to require Councils and state decision makers to adhere to an amended Coast Management Plan 2014, and enact legislation to give statutory effect to the plan.	Spoil sites to be monitored for heavy metals; dump sites to be monitored regarding hydrology; ongoing research re affects on marine life including sea grass, turtle deaths, dugong numbers .	Carry out environmental impact audits of all existing maintenance dredging. Transfer dredge spoil disposal to land wherever there is an unacceptable impact on the GBR lagoon.		Implementing a best practice for the removal/recovery of dredge spoil that ensures no sediment transfer to the reef.	One Nation is opposed to dredging the Reef	
The State Government proposal to enlarge the Cairns Port shipping channel to allow larger cruise ships to dock would require dredging and dumping of around 4.4 million cubic metres of spoil. This is despite an alternative being in place where large ships transfer passengers by tender to Yorkeys Knob. Options for dredge spoil disposal include dumping in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and onshore dumping, both of which pose risks to marine life by increasing sediment and nutrient loads and introducing contaminants. Does your party support new dredging in Cairns?	No opinion	No	No opinion	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No

Will your Party implement regional fisheries management?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
If you support new dredging in the Cairns Port, please specify which locations your Party would support for the placement of dredge spoil material.	No opinion		On shore (Inland cane field reclamation)	Not applicable (we do not support new dredging)	Not applicable (we do not support new dredging)			No opinion	On shore (Inland cane field reclamation)	Not applicable (we do not support new dredging)	Not applicable (we do not support new dredging)
Will your Party implement a net free area adjacent to Cairns and Port Douglas to support fish stock recovery and the recreational fishing and tourism industry?	No opinion	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	No opinion	Yes	Yes	Yes
How will your Party strengthen the Reef 2050 Plan prior to submission to the World Heritage Committee to provide greater protection for the reef?	Queensland Labor has recently released a comprehensive policy on the preservation and protection of the Great Barrier Reef which we will make available in a separate email.	Address the omission of addressing the effects of climate change; halt to coal ports and fossil export from the reef. Halt to dredging and sea dumping.	Prevent port development, increased shipping through GBR and any actions that threaten the reef. Implement qualified scientific recommendations for the conservation, protection and rejuvenation of the reef. Protect surrounding environment that is essential for the health of the reef.		In cooperation with the Federal Government, ensure adequate funding is provided to maintain the natural and cultural values of all Queensland World Heritage areas. Introduce dedicated World Heritage legislation that provides the highest level of protection for all World Heritage sites in Queensland against threatening and degrading activities.	Retention of Commonwealth oversight of environmental concerns triggered by a strengthened EPBC Act; changes to the coastal Management Plan to include rising sea levels, protection of rainforest adjacent to the waters of GBR Marine Park; ban port expansions in the Marine Park are got the purposes of shipping coal and uranium ( yellowcake) . Direct shipping, where possible to the outer Reef as opposed to the inner Reef; increase funding for research on the impacts of ocean acidification as part of climate change action.	- Maintain compulsory pilotage for all ships traversing the GBR lagoon. - Set a cap on ship movements (tonnage and number of ships) based on a risk assessment of groundings and collisions at particularly heavily trafficked parts of the reef. - Transfer any dredge spoil dumping that detrimentally impacts on reef ecosystems to ecologically sustainable on-shore disposal.		By persuing the establishment of a deep water port at Yarrabah with the support of local traditional owners removing the need to dredge cairns harbour.	The Reef is a natural wonder and its importance cant be stressed enough. One Nation is opposed to any commercial activity that has any adverse impact on it	Indigenous people involvement in protecting the great barrier reef.
Which of the following actions will your Party support and implement in the next term of government (choose all that are relevant). (a) Introduce a Million Solar Roofs Program by 2020. (b) Fund a household energy efficiency program to cut use by 30% by 2020. (c) Remove all	1 (d)	4 (a, b, c, d)	4 (a, b, c, d)	4 (a, b, c, d)	4 (a, b, c, d)	3 (b, c, d)	(a, b, c, d)	3 (a, b, d)	1 (c)	4 (a, b, c, d)	1 (c)

State-based fossil fuel subsidies and redirect to RE. (d) Identify and support the development of other renewable energy sources in Far North Queensland such as geothermal, wind, tidal, in addition to solar.											
Does your Party support the Mt Mulligan CSG Project?	No opinion	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No opinion	No
Does your Party support the development of the Aquis Casino Resort as currently proposed?	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No opinion	No opinion	No opinion	No
The Queensland Coordinator-General has identified conditions that would have to be imposed by the Cairns Regional Council and Queensland government agencies before Aquis can be developed. Does your Party support all of the Coordinator-General's conditions?	Yes							No			No
Are there additional conditions that your party would also impose?		The Greens do not support any new Casino licenses in Qld. If it is approved We will fight for the best possible practice and highest environmental standards be applied	Reduction of size. The building should be zero footprint 100% energy efficient. Economic sustainable as well as environmental sustainable. Residents of the Barron River electorate should not be footing the bill for infrastructure.	The proposal should align with state and regional planning policies, which would currently rule out the Aquis proposal. Aquis should not proceed as the current proposal.	We would work unceasingly to prevent the proposed development from ever going ahead. If we were unsuccessful in that then the strictest environmental conditions must be applied in any E.I.S. Recourse to appealing to the U/N. World Heritage Commission would also be applied.	Allowance for tidal surges which the state government dismissed as being of no consequence to coastal development considerations.	- The design should include the generation of all it's own electricity and harvesting as much incident rainfall as possible for on-site use to minimise the ecological footprint of the site. - All necessary infrastructure upgrades after minimising the ecological footprint of the project must be paid for by the developer.		Aquis should help fund the construction of a new dam to supply its water needs and provide certainty and security to farmers		
Will your Party withdraw all State Government support for the Integrated Food and Energy Developments (IFED) project including Coordinated Project Status?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No opinion		No
Which options will your Party support? (Circle all that are relevant) (a) Resourcing and implementation of demand management strategies (such as domestic water tanks etc) (b) Implementing water recycling options. (c) Water from Behana Creek. (d) Water from the Mulgrave River. (e) Water from the Barron River. (f) Water from	No opinion	(a,b, c, d, e)	(a, b)	(a, b)	(a, b)		a, b (was text instead)	(a, b, c, d, e, f)	(a)		b

the Mulgrave Aquifer.											
Cape York Peninsula - What measures will your Party support and adequately fund during the next term of government to support the protection of the outstanding values? (a) Ongoing tenure resolution and land return outcomes on Cape York, based around land uses consistent with maintaining the long-term biodiversity and resilience of Cape York lands as functional landscapes (b) Continue to progress a World Heritage nomination of areas of Cape York Peninsula with the consent of Traditional Owners. (c) Resource on-country-based consultation and planning models to enable active and informed participation by Traditional Owners. (d) Reinstate a lease renewal property condition assessment, similar or more sustainable than the scrapped Delbessie system, for leasehold land on Cape York and the rest of Queensland.	a, b, c, d	(a, b, c, d)	a, b, c	a, b, c, d	a, b, c, d	a, b	a, b, c, d		a, c		b
Does your Party support the dispersal of spectacled flying foxes from trees in the Cairns CBD?  If yes, what specific removal measures does your party support – relocation or culling?	No	No	No	No	No		No	Yes	No opinion		Yes
What do you consider are the most significant threats to terrestrial biodiversity in far North Queensland? (tick all answers that are applicable) (a) Altered fire regimes. (b) Climate change impacts. (c) Biosecurity issues – pests and weeds. (d) Changes to water cycles/ hydrological regimes. (e) Loss of habitat through land clearing. (f) Unmanaged population growth. (g) Urban development pressures. (h) Increased demand on water supplies.	b, c, d, e	(a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h)	b, e, f, g, h	b, c, d, e, f, g, h	a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h	b, c, e, g, h	a, b, c, d, e, h	g	a, c, h		a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h

<p>If elected, what would you and your Party do to mitigate these threats?</p>	<p>Reinstate Labor's Vegetation Management Laws and act within the scope of our authority to reduce carbon emissions.</p>	<p>Everything it can</p>	<p>A transition from coal based energy to renewable energy</p>	<p>Reintroduce, reform and strengthen a whole range of legislation and regulations scrapped by the current LNP Government.</p>	<p>Begin to implement all our stated policies with regard to biodiversity and environment.</p>	<p>Reinstate land clearing laws, lobby the federal government to leave the RET scheme intact. Recruit more biodiversity officers as part of a general beefing up of measures to protect and monitor the environment in Qld; revisit agreements between the state and shire councils re urban footprints to reduce pressures on biodiversity</p>	<p>Develop policies and strategies that support land managers/owners in better fire, weed and pest management. Reintroduce effective Vegetation Management legislation to control land clearing. Reintroduce an effective water allocation process for surface and ground waters that protects environmental flows, aquifer recharge and aquatic ecosystems</p>	<p>Seek advice from Community on Environmental, Social and Economic costs &amp; benefits of each option.</p>	<p>plan for the future not the next term of government.</p>		<p>Take direct action by putting more money in peoples resource to monitor and manage fire and security, research..</p>
<p>Will your party adequately resource and support the continued operation of the Wet Tropics Management Authority as an independent statutory Authority?</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>		<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>			<p>Yes</p>
<p>How does your Party intend to protect and manage the Outstanding Universal Value of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area?</p>	<p>Labor has faith in the Wet Tropics management authority to manage and preserve the Wet Tropics WHA on a sustainable basis.</p>	<p>Through legislation</p>	<p><a href="http://qld.greens.org.au/policies/qld/BiodiversityandEnvironment">http://qld.greens.org.au/policies/qld/BiodiversityandEnvironment</a></p>	<p>Increase management resources and personnel. Extend the World Heritage Area where applicable. Transfer state forests to national Park tenure. Fund adjacent landholders to conduct major conservation initiatives, such as nature refuges and land for wildlife initiatives. Consider options for a continuous conservation zone stretching from Townsville to Torres Straight Reduce impacts or rule out any developments that impact on the WHA</p>	<p>Please see all our stated policy statements as this is too much to include here.</p>		<p>We support WTMA: - having a role in the development approval process for any proposal likely to impact on the OUV of the Wet Tropics - being able to generate regulations that control activities likely to impact on the OUV, e.g. protecting iconic fauna species that support the OUV whether they're on the WHA or not</p>	<p>We will consider the interests of Community, Economy and the environment and then make decisions.</p>			<p>Get the Traditional Owners to look after it as rangers</p>

<b>Please provide additional information, including costings, of your Party's environmental policies and election commitments that will contribute to sustainable development and the protection and management of the environment within your electorate as well as Far North Queensland.</b>	<b>We will provide this in a separate email.</b>		<b>See QLD Greens Policies Page for more info</b>	<b>See Qld Greens website <a href="http://qld.greens.org.au/">http://qld.greens.org.au/</a></b>	<b>This matter would have to be referred to head office of Queensland Greens as I am not authorised to discuss costings.</b>		<b>Unable to supply this information</b>	<b>We have made no specific proposals therefore no costings provided</b>			<b>\$1 billion dollars per year</b>
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