

Capricorn Conservation Council's Environmental Views Survey

Mayoral Candidate: Leyland Barnett

Council managed parks and gardens

1. Will you support the continuation and expansion of Rockhampton Regional Council's 'Bringing Nature Back' program to improve the management of all Council's natural areas?

Yes No Unsure

Comment: While I agree with the principle of 'Bringing Nature Back', I would need to assess any budget restrictions in regards to the continuation of the program.

Greening Rockhampton

2. Do you support increasing the tree canopy cover in Rockhampton for both shade and landscape aesthetics through increasing the number of street trees and trees in all Council managed parks and gardens?

Yes No Unsure

Comment: I agree to pursue increasing tree canopy cover within Rockhampton within budget conditions.

Climate change

3. Do you accept the international scientific community's view that the current accelerated rate of global climate change is the result of human activity over the past 200 years?

Yes No Unsure

Comment: I believe that the weather and climate runs in cycles and in my experiences over the years I find that the weather is cooling.

4. Will you promote and support the development and implementation of new Council plans, policies and procedures to achieve net-zero carbon emissions for the Rockhampton region by 2040 or earlier?

Yes No Unsure

Comment: I would need to research the plans before making any commitment and also look at any budget constraints.

5. Will you encourage investment into the expansion of renewable energy within the Rockhampton region?

Yes No Unsure

Comment: Until the technology improves, with solar power battery storage and how to safely remove solar panels when they fail. What is the answer to recycling solar panels?

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6. Will you actively resist the development of new coal and gas-based mining operations and coal-fired power generation plants, and provide support to existing operations in planning the transition of their investment and workforce over the next 10-20 years to other industries that will be required in the future?

Yes No Unsure

Comment: Until renewable energy can provide base load power to support manufacturing and industry, I will support coal fired power generation plants. Why isn't nuclear energy being looked at?

Waste

7. Will you support a program to significantly reduce the use of single use plastics and set Rockhampton to be one of the first Council's to be a 'plastic-free place'.

Yes No Unsure

Comment: Plastic bags are doing terrible destruction to our ocean creatures and I support any initiative to reduce their use. Why can't we go back to cardboard boxes?

Community group support

8. Would you consider increasing support and encouragement to community groups that are working to protect our natural environment, improving the liveability of the region, promoting the wise use of our resources and effectively delivering Council's Environmental Sustainability Strategy?

Yes No Unsure

Comment: I would need to see how the support can be provided and what groups need support.

Please add any further words on why you believe protecting and managing our environment is important and what you will do to improve environmental management if you are successful in being elected Mayor of Rockhampton Regional Council.

Protecting and managing our environment is important to ensure a sustainable lifestyle into the future. We need to make sure that the mines treat nay waste water disposed into our river systems to the same standard of the natural water. If I am elected as Mayor, I will lobby the State government to introduce stronger penalties to encourage responsible waste water release into our river systems. Water is the life blood of any region and the quality of water needs to be protected.

Management of land in regards to reducing fuel build up towards risking any major bushfires. If there is too much fuel such as thick grass or shrubs, a hot burn can result in destruction of wildlife, plants and property that can take years to recover. I would investigate existing Council policy and if necessary, lobby the state government to allow property owners to reduce fire risk by allowing effective fire breaks to be put in place and to encourage controlled burns to reduce fuel at low risk times.

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Mayoral Candidate: Miranda Broadbent

Council managed parks and gardens

1. Will you support the continuation and expansion of Rockhampton Regional Council's 'Bringing Nature Back' program to improve the management of all Council's natural areas?

Yes No Unsure

Comment: As a region with a hot climate, we need to invest in improving nature. I'd like to explore clever ways we can use storm-water run off to support green spaces.

Greening Rockhampton

2. Do you support increasing the tree canopy cover in Rockhampton for both shade and landscape aesthetics through increasing the number of street trees and trees in all Council managed parks and gardens?

Yes No Unsure

Comment: But I want us to be sure we're planting good choices of species for the space, not just a focus on aesthetics. I would hope to preference native species with advice from organisations/groups like the Society for Growing Australian Plants.

Climate change

3. Do you accept the international scientific community's view that the current accelerated rate of global climate change is the result of human activity over the past 200 years?

Yes No Unsure

Comment: We're causing the change and how rapid it is, so we have a responsibility to do better.

4. Will you promote and support the development and implementation of new Council plans, policies and procedures to achieve net-zero carbon emissions for the Rockhampton region by 2040 or earlier?

Yes No Unsure

Comment: I will support existing plans and hope to develop it further. I am committed to purchase of electric vehicles for future fleet vehicles, want to promote cycling to commute and explore renewable energies.

5. Will you encourage investment into the expansion of renewable energy within the Rockhampton region?

Yes No Unsure

Comment: Absolutely. There are so many opportunities and great things happening in communities. I'd love us to become a leader in this area.

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Mayoral Candidate: Miranda Broadbent

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Yes No Unsure

Comment: I believe it's time for this change. We have to accept that renewables needs to be our focus and we need to invest in industry that is supported by and support this.

Waste

7. Will you support a program to significantly reduce the use of single use plastics and set Rockhampton to be one of the first Council's to be a 'plastic-free place'.

Yes No Unsure

Comment: Is it possible to go plastic free? I'd love it if we could! In addition, I'd like to see industry that deals with plastics recycling in our region for recycling the plastics we can't avoid.

Community group support

8. Would you consider increasing support and encouragement to community groups that are working to protect our natural environment, improving the liveability of the region, promoting the wise use of our resources and effectively delivering Council's Environmental Sustainability Strategy?

Yes No Unsure

Comment: I'd like it to be a focus area, not a "tick the box" project. We need to start by targeting our region's children but we have a lot of work to do to educate our other age groups. I feel like there's still significant resistance.

Please add any further words on why you believe protecting and managing our environment is important and what you will do to improve environmental management if you are successful in being elected Mayor of Rockhampton Regional Council.

I'd like to introduce a green waste, food organics and other organics (FOGO) bin. This will remove organics from landfill and help us produce amazing community compost.

I hope we can support more community gardens and/or community kitchen gardens, as well as organisations who want to engage in these.

I want our community to embrace being clean and green and forward thinking about conservation.

I will endeavour to reduce paper wastage at Council. I work with committees at CQHHS and we don't print agendas, but use electronic copies. Small steps for a big change.

Hoping to promote the use of grey water to keep residential areas green.

Capricorn Conservation Council's Environmental Views Survey

Mayoral Candidate: Christopher Davies

Council managed parks and gardens

1. Will you support the continuation and expansion of Rockhampton Regional Council's 'Bringing Nature Back' program to improve the management of all Council's natural areas?

Yes No Unsure

Comment: Respecting, expanding and maintaining our ecosystem is very important.

Greening Rockhampton

2. Do you support increasing the tree canopy cover in Rockhampton for both shade and landscape aesthetics through increasing the number of street trees and trees in all Council managed parks and gardens?

Yes No Unsure

Comment: However, as long as it doesn't cause damage or create foreseeable damage or concerns to property above ground and below ground infrastructure.

Climate change

3. Do you accept the international scientific community's view that the current accelerated rate of global climate change is the result of human activity over the past 200 years?

Yes No Unsure

Comment: I believe there are numerous contributing factors to result in climate change. However, we can all work towards making it better.

4. Will you promote and support the development and implementation of new Council plans, policies and procedures to achieve net-zero carbon emissions for the Rockhampton region by 2040 or earlier?

Yes No Unsure

Comment: I am passionate about reducing not only our Council's emissions, but working hard towards our community reducing emissions.

5. Will you encourage investment into the expansion of renewable energy within the Rockhampton region?

Yes No Unsure

Comment: I also believe this will create jobs for our region.

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Mayoral Candidate: Christopher Davies

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Yes No Unsure

Comment: There are a lot of things to consider that are not a local government issue. I am for creating long-term jobs and maintaining them for our region. I am also for reducing our carbon footprint and reducing our emissions.

Waste

7. Will you support a program to significantly reduce the use of single use plastics and set Rockhampton to be one of the first Council's to be a 'plastic-free place'.

Yes No Unsure

Comment: This would be great for the region.

Community group support

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Yes No Unsure

Comment:

Please add any further words on why you believe protecting and managing our environment is important and what you will do to improve environmental management if you are successful in being elected Mayor of Rockhampton Regional Council.

Working with experts and masters of the environment is something I would like to do. With action, advisory and focus, we could lead the way in creating a protection plan to see our environment live and flourish long into the future.

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Mayoral Candidate: Dominic Doblo

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Yes No Unsure

Comment:

Greening Rockhampton

2. Do you support increasing the tree canopy cover in Rockhampton for both shade and landscape aesthetics through increasing the number of street trees and trees in all Council managed parks and gardens?

Yes No Unsure

Comment:

Climate change

3. Do you accept the international scientific community's view that the current accelerated rate of global climate change is the result of human activity over the past 200 years?

Yes No Unsure

Comment:

4. Will you promote and support the development and implementation of new Council plans, policies and procedures to achieve net-zero carbon emissions for the Rockhampton region by 2040 or earlier?

Yes No Unsure

Comment:

5. Will you encourage investment into the expansion of renewable energy within the Rockhampton region?

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Yes No Unsure

Comment:

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Comment:

Community group support

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Yes No Unsure

Comment:

Please add any further words on why you believe protecting and managing our environment is important and what you will do to improve environmental management if you are successful in being elected Mayor of Rockhampton Regional Council.

I definitely believe in planting more trees in the region – by the thousands.

Capricorn Conservation Council's Environmental Views Survey

Mayoral Candidate: Chris Hooper

Council managed parks and gardens

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Yes No Unsure

Comment: Respecting, expanding and maintaining our ecosystem is very important.

Greening Rockhampton

2. Do you support increasing the tree canopy cover in Rockhampton for both shade and landscape aesthetics through increasing the number of street trees and trees in all Council managed parks and gardens?

Yes No Unsure

Comment: Rockhampton's ground cover is 20-25% bitumen which makes the place really hot. We're getting smaller and smaller house lots too. Rockhampton needs more community gardens and more tree cover.

Climate change

3. Do you accept the international scientific community's view that the current accelerated rate of global climate change is the result of human activity over the past 200 years?

Yes No Unsure

Comment: I understand that not everyone 'believes' in human induced climate change. I accept that it is happening and we should do something about it.

4. Will you promote and support the development and implementation of new Council plans, policies and procedures to achieve net-zero carbon emissions for the Rockhampton region by 2040 or earlier?

Yes No Unsure

Comment: We need to have more community forums to get the community's input into ideas for Rockhampton. Rockhampton Regional Council needs to have a plan for reducing emissions.

5. Will you encourage investment into the expansion of renewable energy within the Rockhampton region?

Yes No Unsure

Comment: We also need to encourage small scale renewable energy related industry. Everyone needs to make changes in our consumption. The answer is not all about making energy, it's also about using less.

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Mayoral Candidate: Chris Hooper

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Yes No Unsure

Comment: Both these elements are definitely needed. There are other ways forward.

Waste

7. Will you support a program to significantly reduce the use of single use plastics and set Rockhampton to be one of the first Council's to be a 'plastic-free place'.

Yes No Unsure

Comment: Rockhampton needs to have a new way of reducing waste plastic. I'd encourage ways to facilitate unemployed people into addressing plastic waste.

Community group support

8. Would you consider increasing support and encouragement to community groups that are working to protect our natural environment, improving the liveability of the region, promoting the wise use of our resources and effectively delivering Council's Environmental Sustainability Strategy?

Yes No Unsure

Comment: It is important for community groups to be supported. There are examples elsewhere of elected representatives using some of their salary to help fund community initiatives and I'd consider doing that. It's also getting harder for small groups to operate with all the red tape. We need to be able to help.

Please add any further words on why you believe protecting and managing our environment is important and what you will do to improve environmental management if you are successful in being elected Mayor of Rockhampton Regional Council.

I think some of the problem is that humans don't think we are animals anymore. We need to remember that we are part of nature.

I think we can all work together if we allow ourselves to bring others in. We all need to slow down, recognise that money isn't everything and find our common ground.

Capricorn Conservation Council's Environmental Views Survey

Mayoral Candidate: Nyree Johnson

Council managed parks and gardens

1. Will you support the continuation and expansion of Rockhampton Regional Council's 'Bringing Nature Back' program to improve the management of all Council's natural areas?

Yes No Unsure

Comment: I support Bringing Nature Back Program. I will be a proactive advocate for environmental protection initiatives if elected. Initiatives like the Nature Play Passport and Native Plant Program are positive ways to encourage biodiversity and environmental protection.

Greening Rockhampton

2. Do you support increasing the tree canopy cover in Rockhampton for both shade and landscape aesthetics through increasing the number of street trees and trees in all Council managed parks and gardens?

Yes No Unsure

Comment: I support initiatives to improve liveability, environmental protection, minimise electricity costs and limit rate increases to no more than the consumer price index.

I support Council's current environment agenda as set out in the Environment Sustainability Strategy 2018-22, including encouraging initiatives to increase tree cover.

Climate change

3. Do you accept the international scientific community's view that the current accelerated rate of global climate change is the result of human activity over the past 200 years?

Yes No Unsure

Comment: Local Governments are not directly responsible for international agreements around environmental protection or emissions reduction, that's generally the responsibility of the Commonwealth. Nevertheless, I commit to being a strong local advocate for environmental protection and biodiversity. I believe all Councillors have a responsibility to advocate for our environment.

4. Will you promote and support the development and implementation of new Council plans, policies and procedures to achieve net-zero carbon emissions for the Rockhampton region by 2040 or earlier?

Yes No Unsure

Comment: I'm happy to support any additional initiatives that reduce Council's impact on the environment, provided they can demonstrate a saving to ratepayers and don't put upward pressure on rates.

5. Will you encourage investment into the expansion of renewable energy within the Rockhampton region?

Yes No Unsure

Comment: I support Council's current environmental agenda as set out in the Environment Sustainability Strategy 2018-22.

I'm happy to support any additional initiatives that reduce Council's impact on the environment, provided they can demonstrate a saving to ratepayers and don't put upward pressure on rates.

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Mayoral Candidate: Nyree Johnson

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Yes No Unsure

Comment:

According to the Queensland Resources Council, mining contributes 971 direct full-time jobs in Rockhampton (in just the Rockhampton State Electorate area, doesn't include Rockhampton LGA residents in Mirani or Keppel). Mining also contributes up to 4,575 additional flow-on jobs in the Rockhampton electorate.

I do commit to being a fierce advocate for future industries to drive new job opportunities for our region – whether in the areas of green energy, hydrogen and modern manufacturing or other fields.

Waste

7. Will you support a program to significantly reduce the use of single use plastics and set Rockhampton to be one of the first Council's to be a 'plastic-free place'.

Yes No Unsure

Comment: Happy to seek the agreement of my fellow Councillors if elected to explore this further, provided it doesn't add another layer of red tape for hospitality and services businesses.

Community group support

8. Would you consider increasing support and encouragement to community groups that are working to protect our natural environment, improving the liveability of the region, promoting the wise use of our resources and effectively delivering Council's Environmental Sustainability Strategy?

Yes No Unsure

Comment: I'm committed to Council having a deeper role in strengthening our community and the amazing work our community groups do, including in the areas of environmental conservation and protection.

Please read my Community Development Policy for a detailed description of my support for more funding and capacity-building initiatives. More information can be found at www.nyreejohnson.com.au.

Please add any further words on why you believe protecting and managing our environment is important and what you will do to improve environmental management if you are successful in being elected Mayor of Rockhampton Regional Council.

If elected to be the next Rockhampton Region Mayor, I'm committed to being a strong advocate for everyone across our region. With three young children, I want to leave a legacy of a liveable region with beautiful parks, gardens and community infrastructure. I also want to ensure we're spending responsibly and limiting rate rises where possible. I want to be a mayor who consults widely to build consensus on how we can build a brighter future for the Rockhampton region. Encourage everyone to review my policies on my website and reach out to me on Facebook if you have any queries for me before voting.

Capricorn Conservation Council's Environmental Views Survey

Mayoral Candidate: Russell Claus

Council managed parks and gardens

1. Will you support the continuation and expansion of Rockhampton Regional Council's 'Bringing Nature Back' program to improve the management of all Council's natural areas?

Yes No Unsure

Comment: I will expand the scope to develop a full natural area protection and priority revegetation strategy. I will institute a core ecological management approach, focusing on minimisation of edge effects, protection, enhancement and establishment of corridor connections and revegetation of areas not utilised for other purposes. I would like to eliminate the current view that trees are just tall grass. Their intrinsic environmental services values need to be integrated into decision making instead of externalised as is the current approach.

Greening Rockhampton

2. Do you support increasing the tree canopy cover in Rockhampton for both shade and landscape aesthetics through increasing the number of street trees and trees in all Council managed parks and gardens?

Yes No Unsure

Comment: I am extremely keen to add a LOT more shade trees to the community. I cannot believe that a town with this climate has airstrips for roads. Bitumen will be reduced, trees added in concert with increased footpaths and cycleways to facilitate an environment focused on people, not cars. Emphasis will be placed on the most barren roads and entryways and throughways through town, so Gladstone Road, Archer and other east west streets on the south side, Musgrave on the north amongst others.

I will institute policies to significantly reduce clearing in all Council projects, and retention of the best vegetated areas in new developments (not the dregs). I will also be advocating to the State for significant modifications to their current state road policy of clearing wide swathes on either side, purportedly to improve safety, when I know the science says the exact opposite. I'll also be promoting the reveg of areas that are currently mowed but aren't used by people for recreational purposes, thus reducing maintenance costs that can be diverted to tree planting.

I believe we can do all of this with no negative economic impacts, in fact quite the opposite as has been proven in a range of communities with more progressive tree and bush protection policies. I was responsible for retention of most of the bush that now characterises Brisbane and which has led to its evolution into a world class city because of the enhanced liveability conditions created by this emphasis. In such a warm place as Rockhampton, it is imperative that we invest in more shade and signature trees. Note also Palm Cove and Noosa as just a couple of examples where green equates to economic prosperity.

Capricorn Conservation Council's Environmental Views Survey

Mayoral Candidate: Russell Claus

Climate change

3. Do you accept the international scientific community's view that the current accelerated rate of global climate change is the result of human activity over the past 200 years?

Yes No Unsure

Comment: Yes, I have been following this issue my entire life and have probably read more of the science than anyone other than climate scientists. There is no doubt that climate change is happening, is accelerating and is a threat to our economy in multiple ways. I will not brook denialism as I will not brook any non fact-based approach to decision making. I will be advocating to the State and Feds to immediately start addressing the issue as a matter of urgency. The beef industry is threatened, the reef is endangered, our water security is threatened as is our investment in property due to the increased risks of severe weather.

4. Will you promote and support the development and implementation of new Council plans, policies and procedures to achieve net-zero carbon emissions for the Rockhampton region by 2040 or earlier?

Yes No Unsure

Comment: I will be pursuing a range of initiatives to get us to this point. I don't like to identify target dates, I find them not that helpful to the argument, but I'll be advocating for conversion of the Council fleet to EV, advocating to the State and Feds to incentivise a rapid shift to EV and hybrid vehicles with solar/wind charging capacity so that our transport and cooling systems become independent of fossil fuels as quickly as possible. And I'm open to suggestions on other initiatives.

5. Will you encourage investment into the expansion of renewable energy within the Rockhampton region?

Yes No Unsure

Comment: I'd like to see us become the first fully wind and solar powered community. Becoming first in areas like this can really start to turnaround our reputation into a progressive community, not to mention saving us all a lot more money. Will need to do a little more research into the limitations attached to battery storage, but we NEED to move in this direction.

6. Will you actively resist the development of new coal and gas-based mining operations and coal-fired power generation plants, and provide support to existing operations in planning the transition of their investment and workforce over the next 10-20 years to other industries that will be required in the future?

Yes No Unsure

Comment: I want to be a strong advocate to the State and Feds to accelerate their investment in the process of transition to avoid job shock. I have to be realistic about the extent of the current local economy's reliance on jobs in this sector so can't go full on against if I'm going to be able to do any good by being in the job. Falling on one's principles sword gets us nowhere - you're no longer at the table. I have always worked for change from within the system and I'm good at it, so that's the way I'll be approaching it. There is no overnight solution here without the full backing of the State and Feds, regardless of the urgency. I don't like that but it's the reality.

Capricorn Conservation Council's Environmental Views Survey

Mayoral Candidate: Russell Claus

Waste

7. Will you support a program to significantly reduce the use of single use plastics and set Rockhampton to be one of the first Council's to be a 'plastic-free place'.

Yes No Unsure

Comment: Yes, to the degree that this is feasible on our own. Again, we've got to be realistic about product options. This is about changing supply; the big corporations have to be persuaded to make the move and at this point, I think they're still a long way off viable alternatives. A worthy goal, but it'll take a while. In the meantime, I think we can do a lot better on recycling to ensure that the waste stream is reduced. We need to create the right products and the demand 'locally' to make a difference. There are significant local players keen to make us a recycling capital so we've definitely got traction in this respect.

Community group support

8. Would you consider increasing support and encouragement to community groups that are working to protect our natural environment, improving the liveability of the region, promoting the wise use of our resources and effectively delivering Council's Environmental Sustainability Strategy?

Yes No Unsure

Comment: Yes, absolutely. This is about return on investment, which is my focus with all decision making. These activities support increased recreational activity, increased tourism and increased local sustainability. I am also very keen on the region becoming a model for innovative tech-based approaches to weed and feral animal control (making use of robotics, drones and Crispr).

Please add any further words on why you believe protecting and managing our environment is important and what you will do to improve environmental management if you are successful in being elected Mayor of Rockhampton Regional Council.

Protecting the environment is protecting the economy and the community. It doesn't have to be either or, it's both. It's also a journey and unfortunately Rockhampton stalled on the road sometime back, so we need to be patient in bringing people along on this journey to catch up to the rest of the world and then surpass it. I've done this before and I can do it again. Move too fast or carelessly and you alienate people which ejects you from the conversation, and that does no one any good.

Capricorn Conservation Council's Environmental Views Survey

Mayoral Candidate: Brett Williams

Council managed parks and gardens

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Yes No Unsure

Comment:

Greening Rockhampton

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Yes No Unsure

Comment: As long as in streets it is managed correctly.

Climate change

3. Do you accept the international scientific community's view that the current accelerated rate of global climate change is the result of human activity over the past 200 years?

Yes No Unsure

Comment: Need to see source data.

4. Will you promote and support the development and implementation of new Council plans, policies and procedures to achieve net-zero carbon emissions for the Rockhampton region by 2040 or earlier?

Yes No Unsure

Comment: Need more information. However, open to the idea

5. Will you encourage investment into the expansion of renewable energy within the Rockhampton region?

Yes No Unsure

Comment: It's the way of the future.

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Mayoral Candidate: Brett Williams

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Yes No Unsure

Comment: Need more information on this.

Waste

7. Will you support a program to significantly reduce the use of single use plastics and set Rockhampton to be one of the first Council's to be a 'plastic-free place'.

Yes No Unsure

Comment: This may take time, however you have to start.

Community group support

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Yes No Unsure

Comment:

Please add any further words on why you believe protecting and managing our environment is important and what you will do to improve environmental management if you are successful in being elected Mayor of Rockhampton Regional Council.

As an ex-employee of Rockhampton Regional Council, I worked at Rocky recycles, I have an appreciation for what we can do to reduce the effect on the environment by recycling and looking after our environment.