

PROTECTION OF NARRABEEN LAGOON CATCHMENT

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1. Do you think that the protection of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment is a high priority for the region? How valuable is biodiversity in this area?

Yes. We have some of the most unique species in the world and once lost is lost forever. We must preserve our unique, valuable flora and fauna for future generations.
2. What measures can you as a Councillor take to ensure that the remaining bushland in the Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment is protected from urban development?

Raise awareness of the unique and valuable biodiversity and ecosystems that we have in the NLC and protect the area from development. Work with community groups to raise awareness with Northern Beaches residents about the unique biodiversity of the NLC.
3. In the last three years the Narrabeen Lagoon and some of the adjoining lands have been made a 'State Park' where Council is represented on the Management Committee. What would you do to expand the State Park and what would you do to ensure the State Park is managed with an adopted plan?

Continue to work collaboratively with the community and council staff to ensure there is an appropriate and effective Land Management and Protection Plan. Work towards an E2 zoning to protect the land from development.
4. Do you think environmental protection should be retained as a key land use objective for non-urban land in Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment?

Friends have supported the E2 (environment protection) zone e.g. for core bushland, rather than the E3 (environmental management) zone. In bushland areas where no development should occur, the E2 zone is preferable to the standard zone translation of E3.

Yes, I agree with the stricter E2 zoning.

5. What do you think your Council could do to provide incentives for landowners to conserve natural bushland on their properties?

Provide free native plants for gardens to help build understory, particularly for new builds. Provide education for land owners to understand what species are native and what are introduced along with the benefits of having native plants and wildlife in our backyards.

6. In what ways would you as a Councillor influence your council to arrange funding for bush regeneration in the catchment of Narrabeen Lagoon?

Through notices of motion at council, through staff briefings and at Strategic Reference Group (SRG) meetings. Also through identifying state grants that are available for local councils.

7. There are a number of worthy volunteer community organizations like *Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment* that desire the support of Council. How would you propose Council work more effectively with *Friends* and other community groups?

Through SRG connections, by attending community group meetings, and by hosting council led information gathering sessions so that council can find out where community priorities are and how they can be addressed.

8. Illegal land clearing is a problem in the Northern Beaches – what actions would you pursue as a Councillor to provide more adequate penalties for offenders and more authority and resources to Council staff to prevent illegal land clearing and enforce compliance with laws, plans and conditions of consent?

Employ aerial photography of land to create an evidence base so that any illegal clearing can be clearly identified. This information could then be passed on to the authorities to carry out prosecution. Prosecution and penalties for illegal land clearing is a state government responsibility.