

## PROTECTION OF NARRABEEN LAGOON CATCHMENT

Name/s	Ward	Party/Group
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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 very**

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? **being on the advisory committee for National parks N/Syd I know how important the catchment area up stream is in keeping a clean healthy lagoon and will be supporting improving that**

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? **I would definitely look into and would encourage this with council staff**

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. **I would need more information with this one and would be working with council staff to understand in detail the issues**

5. What do you think your Council could do to provide incentives for landowners to conserve natural bushland on their properties? **Possible rate discounts for having native bush areas on their property**

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

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? **With regular meetings and financial and equipment support**

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? **Working with council staff making sure there is adequate information conduits for the public to connect to the appropriate authority's**