

Responses, if any, by the seven candidates for Sandringham District in 2018 – in the order listed by the [VEC](#) - to the four questions below from [Beaumaris Conservation Society Inc.](#)

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Brad Rowswell, Liberal

<p>A Liberal Nationals Government would work with the Bayside City Council with a view to strengthening the effectiveness of the VPO.</p> <p>We are prepared to examine whether VPO3 should be subject to VicSmart.</p> <p>The Liberal Nationals re-introduction of the NRZ throughout Bayside will reduce the density of development and help better preserve local vegetation.</p>	<p>The Liberal Nationals do not have a current plan to replicate the structure of the NSW Land and Environment Court.</p>	<p>A Liberal Nationals Government will grow Victoria's rural and regional areas with high-speed rail coupled with critical road, education and hospital infrastructure. This includes a \$1 billion regional road upgrade package. We will also reduce Pay Roll tax in regional areas to just 1%.</p>	<p>The Liberal Nationals accept the science of climate change.</p> <p>As part of the Paris Agreement, Australia has committed to reduce emissions by 26 to 28 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030. Our Paris Agreement target is reasonable and economically responsible.</p>
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No response was received from Liz Freeman, Labour DLP, by the requested time.

No response was received from Snezana Redford, Animal Justice Party, by the requested time.

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Clarke Martin, Independent

<p>Governments should plant and maintain vegetation. Developers' bonds only refunded once trees reach certain heights would provide incentive to ensure trees they plant actually survive.</p>	<p>I seek VCAT reform. I oppose developments where lawyers seek to game the system. A better balance between communities and developers means addressing resource imbalance. As an independent MP, I would urge a parliamentary inquiry into imbalances, and move a private member's bill.</p>	<p>An open society cannot restrict population in a particular area. Better public transport infrastructure would let people reside in regional areas, but easily access the city. This would benefit regional businesses and retirees and relieve pressure on housing affordability.</p>	<p>Climate change necessitates our transitioning from fossil fuel dependence, and adapting to uncertainty. We need incentives for superannuation funds investing, long term, in renewable energy. I advocate expanding Ricketts Point Marine Sanctuary, and a Marine Research Centre in the electorate to preserve and renew our marine environment.</p>
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Anita Horvath, Australian Labor Party

<p>I strongly support this biodiversity conservation, but expert research might reveal unintended consequences. Indigenous fauna and flora are key values, but humans' habitat needs, and net clean energy efficiency gains, over the environmental cost of tree loss, affect VPO3's crucial importance. Ameliorating heat islands necessitates tree cover. I support expert assessment favouring natural environment. Reserve vegetation should be sacrosanct. Fauna need increased wildlife corridors.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No - provided green spaces and food growing land remain near the CBD, I don't support a blanket cessation of our population growth. I support good process driven, human scale based, planning. I do not support blanket developer driven estate growth. Increase the economy's sophistication so we don't rely on wealth from mining, or diminish food security.</p>	<p>International greenhouse gas emission reduction must keep warming below the Paris Agreement's 2 degree increase on pre-industrial levels, or the world faces climate catastrophe, not mere change. Evidence of forthcoming devastation is world wide. See www.climatechange.vic.gov.au.</p>
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Creighton King, Sustainable Australia

<p>Yes, we support the protection of existing vegetation in the Bayside area. Prescriptive regulations in line with the community standpoint help ensure the protection of our natural areas and have our full support. Please see www.SustainableAustralia.org.au/environment</p>	<p>Yes, we support returning real power to local communities and protecting our green spaces especially in already urbanised areas. Please see: www.SustainableAustralia.org.au/planning</p>	<p>Yes. Sustainable Australia is the leading party for sensible discussion surrounding population growth. More and more the community sees this as a growing issue however both sides of government favour perpetual growth and over-development. Please see: www.sustainableaustralia.org.au/sustainable_population_immigration</p>	<p>Sustainable Australia has strong policies that tackle climate change. Whilst the three major parties seem to believe in infinite growth, Sustainable Australia believes that an increasing population is inherently linked to the increase in emissions. To confront only one of these factors as the other parties do, is to take two steps forward and one step back.</p>
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