



**Dear Council Candidate,**

This year's elections for the Bass Coast Shire Council will take place in circumstances that present major policy challenges for the municipality, from the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic on local businesses to the ongoing effects of both population growth and climate change on coastal communities and the coastal environment.

The next four years will be critical if these challenges are to be addressed successfully. This is why the Harmers Haven Residents and Ratepayer Group: Friends of Harmers Haven (HHRRG) is inviting Bunurong Ward candidates to outline their policy priorities for the Shire by participating in a short, eight-question candidate survey (attached).

The HHRRG is a registered association formed to represent the interests and concerns of the Harmers Haven community. We have no political affiliations and will not be endorsing any particular candidates in the coming elections. We will, however, circulate your responses to the questionnaire to our members in the hope that this will assist them in making an informed and effective voting decision.

We plan to send your responses to our members in early October and ask that you respond by **30 September 2020**. Please send the completed questionnaire by return email to: [mail@harmershaven.org.au](mailto:mail@harmershaven.org.au)

Given the short time frame, if you need a day or two more to return the questionnaire please let me know on mob. 0419 341 107.

Also, we will publish your responses on the [HHRRG website](#).

Thanks for your interest in our organisation and members.

**Yours sincerely**

**Ros Eason**

**HHRRG President**

**23 September 2020**



**Harmers Haven Residents and Ratepayer Group: Friends of Harmers Haven (HHRG)  
2020 Bass Coast Council Election  
Candidate Questionnaire**

- 1. What do you consider the single most important Bunurong Ward issue that Council should address:**

**Immediately**

**Over the next 6-12 months**

**Over the next 4 year term**



**2. How important do you consider the following issues to be for small coastal communities in Bunurong Ward**

	Not very important	Important	Very important
Town expansion			
Infrastructure quality			
Preservation of existing local character			
Native vegetation/habitat depletion			
Coastal erosion			
Wildfire threat			
Invasive species eradication (flora & fauna)			
Other (please specify)			

**3 (a) Do you consider current planning policies and controls in Bass Coast Shire are adequate for addressing the issues you regard as important to Bunurong Ward?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

**(b) If no, what changes would you propose.**

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(c) Would you support a policy that would require Council always to notify affected residents/landowners of a planning application?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

4. The Victorian government is currently developing a plan for an extended coastal walk through the newly created Yallock Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park, running from San Remo to Inverloch. The HHRRG believes that the main route should not come through Harmers Haven for foreshore protection and community amenity reasons, a view supported by the Bass Coast Coastal Alliance (representing some 1,000 members from Bass Coast resident groups & associations).

Do you agree with this position?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

5. The Bass Coast Shire Council is supporting a proposal for the creation of a Dinosaur Trail running between San Remo and Inverloch. It will involve the creation of seven (7) art works and related information centres/points. Where do you think these works would be best located?

- ☐ As close as possible to actual dinosaur sites i.e. at the coast?
- ☐ Away from the coast at central locations?
- ☐ Other (please specify):



6. The HHRRG has expressed an interest in seeing a walking/cycling lane created along Berry's Road to increase safe options for pedestrian/cyclist movement between Wonthaggi and Harmers Haven.

Would you support such a proposal?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Not sure

7. Harmers Haven is currently experiencing increased traffic volumes and speeds as residential density grows. Would you support the reduction of speed limits along Berrys Road, Old Boilers Road, Viminaria Road, Oleara Street and Wares Lane to help mitigate the impacts of this trend (protected species road kill, dust, risks to pedestrians - particularly children - and pets).

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Not sure

8. Do you support Bass Coast Shire Council's Climate Emergency declaration?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Not sure

If you do support the Climate Emergency declaration, what do you think the Council's top priorities should be to reduce carbon emissions? If not why not?

End.