



Harmers Haven Residents and Ratepayer Group: Friends of Harmers Haven (HHRRG)
2020 Bass Coast Council Election
Candidate Questionnaire
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- 1. What do you consider the single most important Bunurong Ward issue that Council should address:**

Immediately

There are a lot of issues effecting Bunurong. To name a few in no particular order, Climate, erosion, encouraging growth while maintaining the environment and the ambience of what attracts us to this magnificent place.

Over the next 6-12 months

We must continue to work with all form of government to mitigate the erosion issues we have throughout Bunurong Ward and Shire wide. The former Secondary College site is also crucial to keep advocating for and we must continue to get infrastructure projects ready for funding in this post Covid world, State and Federal Governments will be looking to get projects started.

Over the next 4 year term

Continue to put ourselves in the right position to achieve funding as it comes forward so we can continue to improve facilities and infrastructure that has historically been left behind. Advocacy is one of the most important things we can continue to get right, a good advocacy team lets us all reap the rewards needed to improve.



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	x		
Infrastructure quality			x
Preservation of existing local character			x
Native vegetation/habitat depletion			x
Coastal erosion			x
Wildfire threat			x
Invasive species eradication (flora & fauna)			x
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.

We need to strengthen our planning controls to enable us to preserve the town characters we love. We need to go out to communities to alter our local planning laws inline with Community needs. Perfect example is the lack of ability to stop the Wind mill on Phillip Island because of a gap in our laws.

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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):

I think there is a lot of consultation to go before we are even close to where the Dinosaur art should be, this is an incredibly exciting opportunity for our area and one that everyone needs to be involved in.



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.