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MORE INFO

BETTER, CHEAPER PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Public transport that works for all of us makes our cities cleaner and quieter, cuts pollution and gets cars off the road.

With recent stresses around school drop-offs and congestion, including at Indooroopilly State School, I'm looking at ways to get more kids out of cars. I've proposed making public transport free for all kids under 18 across Queensland. This would cost just \$56 million per year, just 2% of the \$2.5 billion the State government will spend on roads this year. This reform would take cars off the road at school drop off, and give kids a new sense of freedom.

Another key priority is improving train station accessibility. Around 50% of Queensland's stations don't comply with the federal disability discrimination laws. Even after currently scheduled upgrades, the figure will still be less than 60%.

I'm pushing the State government to upgrade Taringa Station and announce a timeline for the Auchenflower upgrades. They should commit to the federal 2022 deadline for full accessibility for all stations in Queensland.

SCHOOL OVERCROWDING



Talking to teachers, parents and principals, it's painfully clear that the inner west side needs a new P-12 school. Overcrowding at schools and after school care is having a direct impact on local students' wellbeing. Enrolments are oustripping space at Toowong SS, and the P&C estimates they will need up to six extra buildings next year. In February, the school was forced to install a demountable classroom on the oval, encroaching on students' already limited play area. At Ironside SS and Indooroopilly SS, after school care waiting lists are already enormous. That kind of story is repeated across our local area.

We have room for new neighbours, but we need long term planning and proper investment in public infrastructure like schools. Unfortunately, there is almost no State-owned land left in the inner west. That means the first step towards a new school is for the State government to identify and purchase a site.

With limited space, one solution could be a vertical school, similar to the Inner City North State Secondary College currently under construction in Fortitude Valley. I want to hear whether you think a vertical school is suitable for our community, or whether I should keep pushing for a traditional school.

MAKING DEVELOPERS PAY THEIR FAIR SHARE

One of the biggest issues I hear from locals is unsustainable and inappropriate development that fails to take residents' needs and concerns into account. From Tricare's multi-tower residential aged care facility in Taringa to endless new apartment blocks in Toowong, developers make big profits while our growing population doesn't have the public infrastructure we need.

Since I was elected in 2017 I've been fighting for an overhaul of Queensland's planning system to put people ahead of profits. Some of the changes I've proposed include making neighbourhood plans & height limits binding, making sure all major developments are "impact assessable", and enforcing requirements for trees, green space & meaningful community consultation.

To pay for public infrastructure like schools, parks and public transport, I believe we must make sure big property developers pay their fair share. We could do this with a 75% Developer Tax on the profits developers make when governments rezone land for more intensive development. This 'upzoning' means well-connected developers who own the land receive a windfall profit. The Greens estimate this tax could bring in \$1.8 billion every year. You can find more information here: michaelberkman.com.au/rampant_development

COMMUNITY SURVEY

A BIT ABOUT YOU (OPTIONAL) :

Name : _____

Email : _____

Ph : _____

Suburb : _____

As the local MP, it's my job to represent about 37,000 people. Since I can't talk to everyone face to face, I'm eager to hear your views on some key local issues. You'll find more information on each issue on the back.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

How often do you use public transport?

- Multiple times per week Almost never
 Occasionally Never

What would help increase your use?

- Lower fares Full disability access
 More frequent services Better network coverage
 Other

Do you support free public transport for kids?

- Yes No

Is there any specific issue with the public transport in your area? Please provide details.

SCHOOL OVERCROWDING

Is school overcrowding an issue for you?

- Yes No

I am pushing for a new P-12 school on the west side. Ideally the State government would buy back a large site. If not, would you support a vertical school on a smaller site?

- Yes No

Do you have any other suggestions to address this issue?

MAKING DEVELOPERS PAY THEIR FAIR SHARE

Large property developers make big profits when local and State governments rezone land for higher density. Would you support a 75% tax on those profits to pay for schools, public transport and green space?

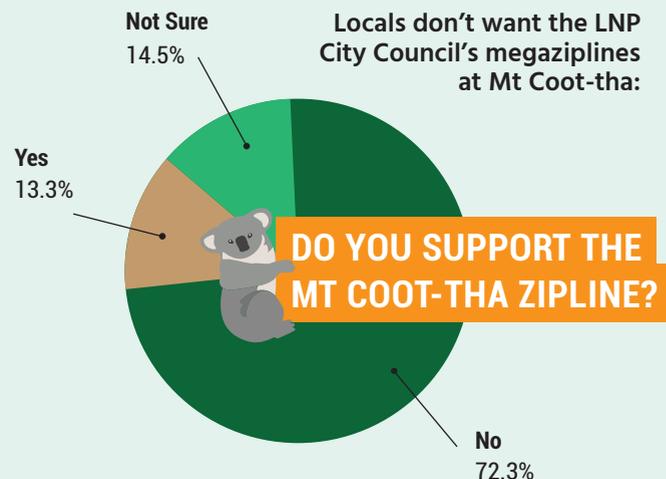
- Yes No

Are there any other issues that politicians don't talk about enough? _____

RESULTS FROM LAST SURVEY

Thanks to the hundreds of locals who completed my last community survey. Here are your top three issues:

- 1 Your #1 issue is dangerous climate change and stopping Adani. I'm fighting for bold climate action inside and outside Parliament.
- 2 Unsustainable and inappropriate development.
- 3 Public transport and public infrastructure like schools and green space.



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www.michaelberkman.com.au/survey