

# Voice Of Warringah Candidate Responses

**Susan Moylan-Coombs** (Independent) response to Voices of Warringah email, Moylan-Coombs' responses are in Green:

## Accountability

- If elected, will you sign the Parliamentary Transparency Charter introduced by Senator Tim Storer on 3 April 2019? **Yes**
- Will you support a federal ICAC with full inquisitorial powers and appropriate funding? **Yes**
- Will you commit to organising at least two public forums open to all residents of Warringah each year to report on Federal matters, and seek local views? **Yes**

## Climate

- Will you commit to implementing a national integrated energy and climate policy framework for 2030 based on a low-emission development strategy for 2050, in line with the Paris Agreement? **Yes**
- Will you push to bring energy taxes in line with the environmental impacts of fuel use; will you tax fuels that are currently exempt and increase tax rates that are too low? **Yes**
- Will you push for the development of incentives and regulation to move freight transport from trucks to rail? **Yes**
- Will you push for ending public funding for polluting coal, gas and oil industries – including tax concessions? **Yes**
- Will you push for government and businesses to measure their environmental, social and cultural impact through transparent, detailed reporting frameworks? **Yes**

## Refugees

- Will you legislate to support a permanent end to offshore processing? **Yes**
- Will you support the reform of the immigration detention system? **Yes**
- Will you push for a larger and more responsive Refugee and Humanitarian Program? **Yes**

- Will you push for an increase in Australian humanitarian support within the Asia Pacific region? **Yes**

## Environment

- Will you work with State and Local government to identify and protect all natural bush areas on public lands in Warringah? **Yes**
- Will you push for 70% of Australia's plastic packaging be recycled or composted by 2025? **Yes**
- Will you push for the removal of problematic and unnecessary singleuse plastic packaging to be phased out through design, innovation or introduction of alternatives? **Yes**

## Transport

- Do you support the **immediate** release of all Northern Beaches Tunnel investigation reports? **Yes**
- Will you ensure the publication of analysis of viable public transport alternatives to the tunnel and a full cost benefit analysis of all viable options? **Yes**
- The most critical infrastructure for the Northern Beaches is facilitating mass public transport on the East-West link between Dee Why, Mona Vale and Chatswood via Northern Beaches Hospital. Significant public transport improvements in this corridor have been consistently supported at a local level, but which have been rejected by the current NSW government. Will you support this proposal through the federal system in the near future? **Yes**

## Development

- Will you support mandatory inclusionary zoning for addressing housing affordability needs? **Yes**
- Should appropriate development controls be imposed on development proposals by the Northern Beaches Council? **Yes**

## Housing and Development

- Will you advocate for at least a 25% increase in social and affordable housing? **Yes**
- Will you advocate for a national funding scheme for affordable rental housing? **Yes**

- Will you champion a change in policy, legislation and programs to resolve housing inequality? **Yes**
- Will you work towards mandating adequate public transport access for all new development projects? **Yes**

## Health

- Will you lobby the federal government to support additional funding to hospitals to provide 1:3 nurses to patient ratio for emergency departments in NSW? **Yes**
- Will you support mandatory staffing ratios in aged care facilities? **Yes**
- Will you support reforms to our Medicare benefits scheme to include dental health? **Yes**

## ABC

- Will you restore funding to the ABC to previous levels that existed prior to the \$83.7m reduction in the 2018 budget? **Yes**
- Will you ensure that the ABC remains independent of political and Government influence, commercial sponsorship and advertising? **Yes**
- Will you ensure that the ABC is adequately funded by the government to fulfil its role as an independent and comprehensive national public broadcaster? **Yes**

## Education

- Will you make efforts to facilitate greater engagement and participation in STEM-based subjects? **Yes**
- Will you advocate for greater funding of education in the next federal budget? **Yes**
- Will you advocate for greater involvement in foreign language learning in NSW? **Yes**

## Open Questions

- **What makes for a strong community?**

Strong Communities are communities where its citizens know the “civic story”. There is acceptance and inclusion of the historical narrative of place and future aspirations of its people. It recognises and embraces diversity and promotes equality and equity to build a strong social fabric.

It intentionally has a willingness to be open and has the ability to work together towards common goals. It creates memories together. It allows freedom of expression and promotes fairness. In times of crisis it can pull together as well as express joy in celebrating achievements and milestones.

Communities are only as strong as the individuals and families that are apart of it.

- **What do you value the most about living in Warringah?**

Warringah, which means “deep water” referring to the water in Middle Harbour, has been my home for over 50 years. What I value most about living here is my connection to country. This is Gai-mariagal land, this is the ancestral homelands of Professor Dennis Foley and his family, who I am proud to call a friend. When I walk country, the beaches, the bush and swim in the ocean and waterways, I know the proper way to be in country and I value that.

Warringah is home for me now, I have raised my children here and I am deeply connected to this place. Warringah is where I now professionally work as a small business owner, I value the acceptance and inclusion of my contribution, giving of my time voluntarily and being of service to the wider community to bring healing to the land and to all people who call Warringah home.