

Future Bayswater

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Subject: Answers to Questions from Future Bayswater

Dear Paul,

Thank you for the opportunity to meet with you group and to attend a number of your speaker series presentations. I have been impressed by your level of commitment and passion and the vision you have for the Bayswater area. Through my interactions I am 100% committed to supporting the Future Bayswater vision and will commit to ensuring that Future Bayswater have the opportunity to progress this vision.

Please find the answers to the questions provided below.

1. Will a Liberal government commit to the 'once-in-a-lifetime opportunity' to continue the rail tunneling as part of the Forrestfield Airport Link to sink the rail line at the Bayswater Train Station? If yes, how?

The Forrestfield Airport Link is a fantastic piece of infrastructure that will provide key economic gains for local business within WA. It is also a key piece of infrastructure that will provide an avenue for a number of key suburbs the ability to grow, develop and revitalise.

The sinking of a rail line is a process that requires collaboration with all levels of Government. A re-elected Liberal Government will continue to work closely with the City of Bayswater, the Federal Government and the relevant community stakeholders to ensure that this can be actioned. As a passionate local and the Liberal Candidate for Maylands, I believe very strongly in the importance of connecting local residents to the decision-makers in Government.

That's why I recently arranged meetings with Future Bayswater and key Government Ministers – namely, Deputy Premier Hon Liza Harvey MLA and Minister for Planning; Disability Services Donna Faragher MLC.

Those meetings were positive, constructive and received good feedback from both sides. I will continue to work tirelessly for the people in the Maylands electorate and with Future Bayswater to find the best possible solution to the rail line issue. The first part of this process was that ensuring relevant Federal and State Ministers were fully updated about the proposal. Another significant step is with the Smart Cities Grant that we have been pushing the City of Bayswater to submit to the Federal Government as part of this overall proposal. This is something that the City of Bayswater has proposed to complete.

2. Will a Liberal government commit to re-classifying the Bayswater Town Centre from a Station Precinct to an Activity Centre in the metropolitan strategic plan and from Neighbourhood Centre to District Activity Centre in State Planning Policy? If yes, how?

I am assured by the Minister for planning that the Department of Planning and the City of Bayswater are preparing an Activity Centre Structure Plan which will consider the status of this centre in relation to other activity centres, for example Morley.

3. Will a Liberal government commit to the revitalisation of the Bayswater Town Centre as a transport oriented hub through the planning for high density and mixed use development, including the use of existing State Government land in the Bayswater Town Centre including the PTA rail reserve and the State Government Housing site adjacent the train station? If yes, how?

Revitalising the Bayswater Town Centre is an issue close to my heart and close to the hearts of many passionate local residents. I am committed to fighting hard at every step to securing the funding and support needed to help add further value to our already beautiful Bayswater Town Centre and its surrounds. As a Government with a strong record on urban development and infrastructure construction, I am confident that a re-elected Liberal Government will fully assess the viability of these proposals, and I am committed to bringing your thoughts and concerns to them.

4. How will a Liberal government ensure that state agencies are proactive and coordinated in supporting the revitalisation of Bayswater that integrates urban planning with transport planning (e.g. by engaging MRA, LandCorp or other strategies)?

The revitalisation of our local Bayswater community is of critical importance, and I have long been a passionate advocate for seeing it made an even more vibrant, welcoming and active place to live. Importantly, I am proud to have played a role in opening a full dialogue on this topic, having hosted the meeting between Future Bayswater and both the Planning Minister and the Deputy Premier has allowed the vision of your group to be clearly communicated. Following that initial meeting, both Hon Michael Sutherland MLA – Member for Mount Lawley – and I have been sure to follow up with the relevant Ministers to ensure that this vision is at the forefront of conversations going forward.

5. How will a Liberal government ensure the Bayswater Town Centre matures to become a vibrant, connected, pedestrian friendly and economically viable employment hub?

I support a vision which encompasses a mixed-use environment. Providing a town centre that attracts people to live, shop, eat and socialise in the area. An area that is not just a road that passes through but an area that is community focused, pedestrian friendly, liveable and vibrant. A Liberal Government understands liveable, accessible cities with clean environments – both major and regional – are essential economic assets. A collaborative approach to cities is important for making measurable differences to people's quality of life and delivering jobs and growth. A Liberal government will continue to work closely with the City of Bayswater, the Federal government and community organisations and build on developing infrastructure such as the Forrestfield Airport Link to ensure the development of Bayswater Town Centre.

6. Will a Liberal government ever close the Meltham Train Station?

Having met and talked with the Minister for Transport Hon Bill Marmion MLA, I can confirm that a Liberal Government has no current plans to close Meltham Station. In fact, under the WA Liberal Government,

Meltham Station received an approximately \$2 million upgrade over the past eighteen months to ensure that the facilities are able to handle increased demand as well ensuring the safety of transport users. I have personally followed up on this and have mail box dropped local residents in this area to re-assure them that a Liberal Government has no plans to close this station – as always, ours is the Party with the strongest track record on public transport.

A Liberal Government is committed to continue working closely with organisations such as Future Bayswater to ensure that communities such as Bayswater have the opportunity to revitalise and grow. We will continue to put key stakeholders in contact with the relevant government personnel, Ministers and possible funding opportunities.

Kind regards

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