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Dear Paul,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a response to your questions regarding the Greens commitment to the Bayswater Town Centre.

As you have mentioned in your letter, my colleague Tim Clifford has previously attended Future Bayswater events and expressed his support for your vision for Bayswater when running in the previous Federal election campaign for the seat for Perth. I recently attended the Carter Wetlands Rally, and saw the passion and commitment the Bayswater community has for balancing development and revitalisation as well as protection of precious places, like the wetlands.

Both Tim and I understand that the revitalisation of the Bayswater Town Centre is a key issue within the seat of Maylands and we are very happy to provide the below responses:

- 1. As a Member of Parliament will you/the Greens commit to the 'once-in-a-lifetime opportunity' to continue the rail tunnelling as part of the Forrestfield Airport Link to sink the rail line at the Bayswater Train Station? If yes, how?*

The Greens believe that the community should have a voice in the decisions made locally, and this is an important local issue which needs to be considered. If key community groups and local stakeholders continue to support the station being put underground, then this is something which I would also support, advocate and commit to fighting for in Parliament.

In the previous Federal election, Tim Clifford, then Candidate for Perth and now our lead Upper House candidate for the East Metropolitan Region, committed to provide funding for a feasibility study, and for a genuine community engagement process in regards to sinking the Bayswater train station. I support Tim in this, and together we are deeply committed to comprehensive and ongoing community consultation and to investigating opportunities for revitalising the area.

- 2. As a Member of Parliament will you/the Greens 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?*

In regards to the specifics in this question, I would commit to continuing to investigate the re-classification the Bayswater Town Centre and I would commit to undertaking comprehensive community consultation to ensure that this would be supported by the local community and by local businesses.

3. *As a Member of Parliament will you/the Greens 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 PTA rail reserve and the State Government Housing site adjacent the train station? If yes, how?*

I understand that the revitalisation of the Bayswater Town Centre is an important issue that matters to the community. I commit to continuing to investigate the utilisation of State Government land in the Bayswater Town Centre and to undertaking comprehensive community consultation to ensure that the use of this land would be supported by the local community and by local businesses.

The Greens support medium-high density, especially close to existing public transport networks, which makes Bayswater an ideal location for revitalisation.

To the point of creating a local transport oriented hub, Greens Senator Scott Ludlam has led the development a joint study with the Property Council, CODA Studio and Curtin University Sustainability Policy Institute (CUSP):

“[This report] will showcase a new vision and guide for infill development and urban regeneration in our city. By focusing on the optimal development options for sites along some of Perth’s key transport corridors, our report demonstrates how well designed and innovative density can transform these corridors into vibrant Activity Corridors with a mix of housing, employment opportunities and services.”

Within the #Designperth report, it outlines a more vibrant people oriented delivery of density, not simply measured in a number of people per hectare, but in quality and access to social and public amenity and infrastructure. Along with this vision, the Greens aim to build more meaningful community engagement into planning processes.

4. *As a Member of Parliament will you/the Greens commit to 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 Greens support the integration of urban planning and transport planning, which is demonstrated within our #Designperth initiative outlined above.

Additionally, the Greens are committed to creating an active transport system that is usable and accessible for everyone, which includes walking, cycling, and public transport. The Greens believe that this vision needs to be strongly encouraged and supported by the State Government and that there need to be coordination between

the relevant state agencies to better integrate urban planning with transport planning strategies. This will ensure that we limit urban sprawl and can preserve urban tree canopy and precious places such as local wetlands and urban bushlands.

5. As a Member of Parliament will you/the Greens commit to ensure the Bayswater Town Centre matures to become a vibrant, connected, pedestrian friendly and economically viable employment hub?

Absolutely. The Greens thoroughly support the revitalisation of the Bayswater train station and town centre to create a vibrant, connected pedestrian friendly, and economically viable hub. If elected, I will work to create a more connected, liveable and sustainable Bayswater utilising comprehensive community consultation.

6. As a Member of Parliament will you/the Greens agree to ever close the Meltham Train Station?

The Greens would not support the closure of the Meltham Train Station, but instead would encourage the revitalisation of the area to increase accessibility and use of the station. The Greens are passionate about public transport and understand that if you get the transport right then you can design our cities and local areas better.

I am committed to supporting the improvement of urban planning and public transport generally and to the revitalisation of our local town centres like Bayswater to create a more connected, liveable and sustainable WA.

Please let me know if you require any additional information.

Kind regards,

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ⁱ Property Council. 2016. #DesignPerth: Preview.

https://www.propertycouncil.com.au/Web/Content/News/WA/2016/_designperth__Preview_.aspx