



# Oatley Flora & Fauna Conservation Society Inc.

Working to protect, conserve and enhance the natural environment locally and globally, since 1955

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Oatley Flora and Fauna Conservation Society is committed to 'working to protect, conserve and enhance the natural environment locally and globally' for current and future generations to treasure and enjoy.

GRC residents love living here because of the beautiful environment in the Georges River LGA. However, decades of overdevelopment have led to fewer and fewer pockets of natural environment and increasing loss of biodiversity in native plants and animals.

We know you are concerned about the environment and ethics, as are members of the community. So we want to inform our members if you support the following issues:

(Please enter **Y** or **N** in the right-hand columns):

Issue	Yes	No
Ensuring the current (GRLEP2021) Foreshore Scenic Protection Area is not reduced in size or level of protection	Y	
Saving Glenlee to protect the flora, fauna and indigenous heritage for future generations to enjoy	Y	
Establishing a Significant Tree Register	Y	
Eliminating 'single use' plastic items in the LGA	Y	
Climate change actions including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Food Organics Garden Organics collection services (with potential savings of \$1million annually)</li><li>• All electric Council vehicle fleet, particularly waste collection trucks, and additional EV charging points</li><li>• Additional Bushcare groups, Sustainability &amp; Biodiversity projects and tree planting events</li><li>• Promotion of roof top solar systems for new residential, commercial and GRC buildings</li></ul>	Y	
Do you have pecuniary interests that would result in your being absent (and therefore not being able to represent your constituents and the community's interests) when the council debates motions and actions related to the above issues?		N

Thank you for taking the time to respond to us on these very important issues.

Should you wish, please add comments on any of the above issues: .....

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Georges River  
**RESIDENTS &  
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## **GEORGES RIVER RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS PARTY ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES**

If elected, our members will strongly argue that Council:

- Retains our existing open parks as open space and not develop them (as has happened at Penshurst Park and was proposed for Todd Park).
- Continues with its commitment to 100% renewable energy and emissions targets;
- Replaces its fleet with electric-powered vehicles, the replacement of diesel vehicles being a priority;
- Rejects any proposals to implement Master Plans or changes to planning instruments (e.g., LEP's and DCP's) which will result in overdevelopment within the LGA;
- Implements education programs so that residents and businesses will reduce their carbon footprints, e.g. lower energy and water use, advice on vehicle choices, minimising waste, increasing recycling and reuse, providing comprehensive chemical and electronic waste disposal services, and encouraging tree-planting and composting;
- Consider Council employing sustainability officers to undertake these educational programs in schools, at community centres and businesses as well as on its website;
- Improves the level of communication with community groups and individuals on environmental matters;
- Organises regular meetings with community Organisations, Staff and Councillors to listen to concerns of residents and to provide feedback;
- Works with government to enhance public transport routes and push for the construction of cycleways and bike storage;
- Promotes the patronage of our smaller shopping centres;
- Introduces a Significant Tree Register;

# **VOTE FOR CHANGE**

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- Implements more intensive tree-planting programs in parks and along streets along the same lines as the Urban Oasis and Canopy Corridors projects;
- Examines the feasibility of planting trees in large paved public areas such as plazas and on footpaths;
- Requires developers in the Conditions of Consent to install 'green walls' on high-rise buildings;
- Restricts the removal of trees on public land to those which pose a definite safety risk;
- Discourages the installation of new wood heaters in residential homes; and
- Facilitate and implement policies to reduce waste in industrial areas.

Most significantly, we will strongly contest any threats to our natural environment, particularly those which threaten our native species, add to pollution of our creeks and the Georges River and adversely impact global warming. To that end we will resist overdevelopment and work to ensure that all future planning benefits the whole community. We are already fighting the Mortdale and Beverly Hills Master Plans, which will cause the proliferation of high-rise in and around the town centres.

Similarly, we intend to fight the implementation of Council's Foreshore Scenic Character Study, which seeks to drastically reduce our Foreshore Scenic Protection Area, thus permitting a possible 750 duplexes. Lugarno and Oatley West will be most affected if the study is implemented, as Council will be able to remove the existing safeguards from 1549 and 1184 properties respectively in those suburbs. The watering down of the FSPA will also give rise to the rezoning of the Oatley West shopping centre and nearby streets for higher density.

Council has also identified Beverly Hills, Penshurst, Narwee, Riverwood, South Hurstville and Ramsgate for upzoning, and as Council has already met its current housing targets we will strongly resist all of those undesirable proposals.

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