

## Future Development

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### **Alan Corbett**

26. Can each candidate please state their position on the coal mining lease application (MDL3040) proposed for North Bundaberg and whether you would support a moratorium (or similar vehicle) to prevent that mining tenement ever being considered for coal mining in the future?

I am opposed to the MDLA and any proposed coal mine. I will propose legislation to safeguard our food bowl and other prime agricultural areas in the state.

27. If elected, will you support amendments to legislation to ensure our food bowl is protected from all future gas and coal developments?

Definitely. Indeed I will lead the charge.

28. As we move closer to the election, could you please outline the policy of your party concerning the East Flood Levee Wall?

No policy than to represent those who would otherwise feel powerless to express their views.

29. As a candidate, are for or against the Proposed East Flood Levee Wall?

Undecided. There is an attractive option that has not been fully addressed but is being advocated for by the Bundaberg Flood Protection Group.

30. If in the event that the East Flood Levee wall goes ahead, what sort of compensation on a monetary level, will be put in place to those on the wrong side of the wall on Quay Street East?

I would seek advice on what those residents need from government and advocate for them.

31. The mental health of those who own businesses and homes on Quay Street East is suffering badly, how long do we have to wait and suffer, until we know whether the east flood levee wall will go ahead or not?

This is not my decision but I will represent those who are waiting for an answer. Uncertainty is stressful. Decisions, lives and livelihoods are put on hold.

### **Bree Watson**

#### **East Flood Levee**

More than ten years ago Labor came into power in Queensland and promised the people of Bundaberg boots on the ground in relation to flood mitigation.

To date there's been little consultation and no answers to some serious questions. What happens to the 3,000 residents in North Bundaberg in a future flood event? Will there be



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possible significant rate rises? What about the lack of local Federal Government support and the ongoing cost issues that have been raised by the Bundaberg Regional Council?

While I acknowledge many different reports and studies have been done, it's vital we review all the data and modelling in solidifying a position. To date this information has been denied to the community time and time again by a secretive Government.

I want to respect the 5,000 signatories to a petition that called for investigating river naturalisation options and potential benefits that need to be validated.

It's vital we get the flood mitigation projects being proposed right the first time - for the **entire** community. The people of Bundaberg deserve no less.

My intentions will always be to protect our community. The LNP will finally, after a decade of delay, provide the people of Bundaberg with certainty on the flood mitigation projects.

After 10 years of failed Labor, all we have locally are weasel words, a scare campaign and no money in future budgets.

#### **MDL 3040**

While I am very pleased to see the Fox Coal MDL3040 application recently declared **NOT** in the public interest, I'm disappointed the Labor Government ultimately passed the buck with the final decision now pushed out past the election.

Fox now have until the 15th of November to provide yet another submission.

Our community is sick and tired of the merry-go-round of excuses.

The region deserves so much better.

#### **For further information:**

If you want to know anything more or more specific information about my position and the LNP position, please visit our website for The Right Plan:

<https://online.lnp.org.au/therightplan>