



Dear Candidate,

Congratulations on nominating for the Redland City Council elections. Having represented Division 9 for eight years I know what a rewarding job it can be, and how harrowing running a campaign can be.

I also know that it is important that electors and your future colleagues know where you stand on key issues.

As you know, I am contesting the position of mayor, and while it is up to Redlands voters whether I win or not, I would like to know where you stand on some key issues.

I am running a platform of financial responsibility and good governance. With rates increasing four times as fast as inflation, and council debt increasing even faster, Redlands faces large challenges.

I am only sending this letter to new candidates for council as we already know the record of the existing councillors who endorsed council's 10-year financial strategy in December 2011 that included:

- Increasing rates by 4.5% and higher, per annum, until at least 2022,
- Maintaining domestic tip fees and
- Increasing debt from \$68m this year to \$110m in 2016/17.

I would be very grateful if you could complete the attached questionnaire that asks for your position on the key issues in my platform.

I will release this letter to the local media, and I would hope to have your response back by Thursday lunchtime so that the Redland Times will know where you stand too. I realise this is a short deadline, but there is not a lot of time left between now and the election.

Kind regards,

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## Questionnaire

As a candidate for the 2012 Redland City Council election which of the following would you support?

	Support	Oppose
1. Cap rates to the CPI		
2. Abolish domestic tip fees		
3. Maintain and better manage current population targets		
4. Cut bureaucratic red tape so it's cheaper and faster to do business in the Redlands		
5. Control council debt		
6. Make Redland City Council processes more efficient, transparent and fair.		

Signed:

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