

# Mayor - Candidates

## Leanne Diazell - Mayor

1. What changes have you made in your life, personally, in response to the climate crisis?

The climate crisis has caused me to think more about what I buy and what I do. I have made a real effort to reduce the amount of waste I buy. I take my own reusable bags if I'm shopping - not just for the supermarket. I avoid pre-packaged fresh food and take my vege bags. I have reduced the amount of meat I eat, although that is as much for health and wellbeing than it is for increased awareness of the environmental impact. I am moving into town - again this is not in response to the climate crisis - however it will have a dramatic effect on my carbon footprint.

2. Will you, if elected as mayor of Christchurch, vote to reaffirm the Climate and Ecological Emergency Declaration?

Yes.

3. Are you willing to make the climate and ecological emergency the overarching priority for everything that you do/every decision you make? How will you do that?

I am assuming that this is in the role as Mayor. The incoming council will be asked to confirm this in the context of establishing the strategic directions that will set the pathway for the next the term and will drive the next Long Term Plan - 10 year financial strategy and 30 year infrastructure strategy. I will promote this overarching priority, because it underpins the resilience framework that I have established.

4. How will you ensure that all voices are heard equally in matters relating to the climate emergency?

Climate justice requires equity when it comes to hearing from communities affected by the impacts of climate change. I believe in communities having agency when it comes to decisions about their future and having the tools to participate at the table when it comes to the decision-making. Adaptive management demands such a joint approach.

## **John Minto**

### 1. What changes have you made in your life, personally, in response to the climate crisis?

Myself and my partner cycle around the city as our first-choice transport and have a small hybrid car to use when we need to (Honda Fit). We have dramatically cut back on meat (almost vegetarians).

### 2. Will you, if elected as mayor of Christchurch, vote to reaffirm the Climate and Ecological Emergency Declaration?

Yes but the main focus will be to breathe life into the declaration by implementing policies to make significant and immediate changes. Two of these policies are:

- a. Free and frequent public transport using modern, low-emission vehicles with free wifi
- b. Create a 'locals zone' in the city centre which promotes and celebrates products and services produced here in Canterbury by local co-operatives and businesses. A low-emissions future means much more local production for local consumption.

### 3. Are you willing to make the climate and ecological emergency the overarching priority for everything that you do/every decision you make? How will you do that?

Yes. Everything the city does should be tested against the climate and ecological emergency declaration. I would also make the general comment that what is best for people and families on low incomes will usually be good for the environment.

### 4. How will you ensure that all voices are heard equally in matters relating to the climate emergency?

I think its vital to hear from all voices. Business interests traditionally dominate council decision making with people on low incomes abandoning hope of meaningful change from voting. Empowering everyone will help end disillusionment and re-engage people and communities in genuine democracy.

## **Jim Glass**

- 1 I have decided to run for Mayor so that I can point out there is no Climate Crisis
- 2 No. I shall do all in my power to impress on people that talk of a Climate Crisis is complete nonsense
- 3 No
- 4 This question is complete nonsense

## **Blair Anderson - Mayor**

### 1. What changes have you made in your life, personally, in response to the climate crisis?

As a climate activist in many forms and forums for the past forty (40+) odd years having taught climate change to secondary students nearly twenty years ago (St Bedes), having lectured on the subject of 'Beyond Climate Change' a technical insight into climate mitigation strategy's and technologies presented at ECAN on World Earth Day (thanks JFK), having lobbied the Synod of the Anglican Church to support the Global Commons Institute's "Contraction and Convergence" Strategy, presented on technical concepts under the aegis of the internet (I was the first person to put a New Zealand Bulletin Board [BBS} on the internet. ) I have advocated Contraction and Convergence at eth highest levels of governance including have the then Minister of Climate Change Hon Nick Smith concede that 'it was his preferred methodology'.... and the list goes on. The changes I have made in my life have been focused on changing the lives of others.... by giving the policy of C&C its best possible chance to come to the fore as the preferred (indeed the only) game in town in delivering the required social justice, to us and everybody else.... it is what I do!

### 2. Will you, if elected as mayor of Christchurch, vote to reaffirm the Climate and Ecological Emergency Declaration?

Yes and engage our City in everything that that means.

3. Are you willing to make the climate and ecological emergency the overarching priority for everything that you do/every decision you make? How will you do that?

I do already... and, there is always more we can do. I do not accept the inevitable!

Sea level is not the threat we will face first, it is a Cyclone Bola

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type event coming 500km further south and loading the eastern hinterland with west coast rainfall accompanied with elevated sea levels on a scale comparable to New Orleans over two or more tide cycles.

4. How will you ensure that all voices are heard equally in matters relating to the climate emergency?

Committed to equity of access to policy framework building and planning, transparency and support of the science. "We don't need a moon shot, we need a JPL approach, That is what we are good at!" - advice to The Royal Society. Wellington.

I am also running for an STV vote for CDHB where 'Climate' should and must be a priority in adaption preparation and planning as well as mitigation. Climate is already a major health threat. It is not going to get easier...

If anyone has any doubt as to my ability and understanding of how important Climate is, first, I have apologised to my children for the mess we have made of this... second, ask me hard questions! Ask why the PRESS is deciding who is important in this debate, the Incumbent, the Minto or the Alcohol Guy! or are we better served by "all voices at the table...."

Thanks for the opportunity to contribute to the debate.

Regards

Blair for Mayor, CDHB and Social Ecology.

## **JT Anderson**

Hey team - Your movement has full support from me

Q - What changes have you made in your life, personally, in response to the climate crisis

A - I do not use council water for drinking or washing, the last time I showered in council water was over a year ago, Lots of water savings there :)

Q - Will you, if elected as mayor of Christchurch, vote to reaffirm the Climate and Ecological Emergency Declaration?

A - 100% I stand on it

Q - Are you willing to make the climate and ecological emergency the overarching priority for everything that you do/every decision you make? How will you do that?

A - 100% Climate change is rapidly moving, way faster than predictions - It is now or never, I will plant 1 Billion plants to off set our emissions and bio-remediate our waterways - Generating billions of dollars locally is what is required to fight, as without money to fight big corporations, central govt, we have no chance

A - How will you ensure that all voices are heard equally in matters relating to the climate emergency?

B - By being on the front lines with the people not hiding in some office, taking advise from professionals that are in the field everyday on the front line not media and or speculators

Hope that helps team

Lets fight to win

J.T

## Robin McCarthy

1) There is no climate crisis. Man was not responsible for the ice age starting a million years ago. Neither was he responsible for the various retreats and advances of the glaciers during cyclical periods of cooling and warming. During the last millennium the Earth had the mediaeval warm period which resulted in the Romans expanding their empire to Hadrian's wall south of Scotland where they were able to grow grapes. The Vikings expanded west to Greenland where they grew crops to sustain themselves until the mini ice age of 1650- 1730 which brought about their demise. The period of the Tasman glacier is about 350 years from snowfall on the upper neve to the glacier terminal. That is the same time period co-occurring with the mini ice age to now. The latest advance exceeded the overlying stratified riverbed. You can go there today and see it. Therefore during the medieval warm period the glacier was further back than it is today, but we don't know by how much as the latest advance (now retreat again) has covered up the evidence. Even in the last century we had a 1940's warm period which led to the Franz Joseph Glacier disappearing from the church window view in 1962. Then we had the 1970's early 80's very cold period and the Franz Glacier advanced about 5 km's. Now it has disappeared from view again. This co-occides with current cyclical Maunder maximum of the sun which has shown that global temperatures have stayed static for 12 years now. It's likely to be cold from here on in again. During the last major ice age, CO2 levels dropped to around 176 ppm. Life on earth was close to being extinguished. Previously during the Jurassic age the earth's CO2 levels were around 5,500 ppm and both flora and fauna flourished. Man by burning carbon fossil fuel has helped the earth recover from its low CO2 level. The higher CO2 of today has led to a huge growth in the earth's flora, sufficient to feed the earth's ever growing population. Ask any farmer and he will tell you about the increased growth. And then ask yourself as to why greenhouse growers pump CO2 into their greenhouses? The answer is to make their plants grow even better.

Climate change has become a religion. If one does not believe, then like every religion terrible things will happen to them. Climate change fanatics are scaring the hell out of kids and then wonder why so many have mental issues. The scare during the 1970's was the impending new ice age. But not many at that stage (if any) knew or understood the Maunder cycle. One person from within the U.N. was responsible for dreaming up the carbon trading system as a means of transferring wealth from the rich countries to the poor countries. It has become a huge global fraud. We see hypocritical pop stars and actors with no science knowledge jetting off to numerous

conferences and whilst doing so burning tons of fuel and spewing out CO2. They do it all the time. Next one is in Glasgow where 30,000 are expected to turn up from all over the world. They are idiots. Greta Thunberg has just sailed to New York. But a crew has also flown across the Atlantic to sail the yacht back. And not one of the religious followers of climate change will dare mention it. I have spoken to many climate change religists and not one has watched the videos of either Dr Willy

Soon, Lord Christopher Monckton, Patrick Moore or Dr Ball. And there is the female Russian physicist who has calculated most of the Sun's variations in output.

There has been no adverse climate change in New Zealand other than normal variability. As someone who has lived in the 1970's I can assure all you doomsters that the weather today is very much more benign. We don't get the big Nor-westers like we used to.

The last five years especially have been very benign. The warmer temperatures are a delight. And how do I know about the weather? Well I used to be a professional pilot living with it, and in it, nearly everyday. Neither have sea levels risen in New Zealand much at all. And despite the climate alarmists predictions New York is not flooded and neither has the Arctic sea ice melted. So the answer to your first question is; Nothing. 2. No. 3. No. 4. Make sure that climate change alarmists do not interfere with those who have a dissenting opinion and who want to express that opinion by way of supporting facts. Finally, I fully accept that climate change is happening as it always has and always will. From time to time it gets hotter, then cooler. Regards, Robin McCarthy.