

Ecan - Christchurch - South

Vicky Southworth - ECAN - Christchurch -South

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

I've been aware of manmade climate change for decades. I found a book from 1989 on my mum's shelf about the link between fossil fuels, carbon and climate change. As an environmentally aware person all my life I have always chosen to walk, cycle or bus as much as possible, turned out the lights, put on a jersey instead of cranking up the heating, minimised waste, and definitely avoided out-of-season veg that has been flown in from far away. My biggest change following the climate emergency declaration has been to put myself forward as a candidate for ECan. I've discussed climate change quietly with friends and family and shared posts on social media, but we need people in leadership roles who are determined to make changes to tackle climate change and I'm now ready to play my part more vociferously.

2. Will you, if elected to the ECan Council, vote to reaffirm the Climate Emergency Declaration and to amend it to '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?

Yes. It shouldn't be difficult as these issues will have such a significant impact on our economy and well-being longer term that to ignore them or diminish their importance is counterproductive. I am keen to find ways to support those who recognise the need to change and promote individual's success stories which can inspire others. Increasing environmental awareness through educational opportunities and connecting with local community organisations is really important. Unfortunately increased enforcement is likely to be needed to ensure everybody plays their part in resolving the issues that are impacting us today.

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

I will support the youth work that ECan is doing which provides a forum for young people to voice their concerns, priorities and ideas to help resolve the environmental problems that are facing them. Through my recent studies and research and listening to Māori speakers on fieldtrips I have learnt about

traditional Māori perspectives. I am very keen to ensure a high level of engagement with Māori as their aspirations and passion for environmental improvements as well as traditional knowledge and insights into our unique environment are invaluable.

James Dann _ ECAN - Christchurch South

1. My wife and I lead what I believe to be a very low-impact lifestyle. I use a bike for 95% of my journeys - in fact, we only, very reluctantly, got a car when we were expecting our first child. As soon as she is big enough, I hope to get her into a bike seat. We only eat meat or fish very rarely, and try and get food products that come in refillable or recyclable packaging. We're also voracious op-shoppers, and the few consumer items that we need we try and get second hand if we can.
2. I would vote to reaffirm the climate change declaration, but I would also look at ways that it could be strengthened, so that it isn't just lip service. I thought it was ridiculous that the council passed the climate change declaration, and then the next thing they approved was an increase to the fares for buses - one of the most important ways we can reduce climate change emissions from transport.
3. I believe that climate change is real and man-made and needs to be addressed immediately, and that will influence every decision I make at council, from transport to urban planning to water allocation.
4. Everyone having a voice is a key part of a healthy, functioning democracy. I also believe that discussions need to be ground in facts, and if I elected, I would ensure that ECan becomes a public-facing institution, that is far more transparent with the scientific information that it is collecting. If the scientific data is more freely available, I believe that will lift the level of the debate, and allow us to move faster towards the decisions that we need to make.

Regards,
James Macbeth Dann

Rik Tindall - - ECan - Christchurch South

Hello XR Ōtautahi, thank you for this:

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

I have made time to attend many Extinction Rebellion actions and events, to become more fully informed on the climate and ecological emergency and to help inform others - I have taken risks to join XR protests at roadways and rail tracks. The vehicle I need for on-call work stays home more often, I use the bus as often as I can or walk. I purchase no red meat. I work hard in a predator control program, to help preserve endangered native species. I make no air travel.

1. Will you, if elected to the ECan Council, vote to reaffirm the Climate Emergency Declaration and to amend it to 'Climate and Ecological Emergency Declaration'?

Yes, most definitely.

1. 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, I began doing this 12 years ago when first elected to ECan for the Save Our Water campaign. A part of that has always been to act (limit inputs) to reduce mammal agriculture emissions. This year my life is once again fully dedicated to the same mission. If elected there, I can ensure rules are strengthened and applied and look at changing to emission-free transport, for promoting it everywhere.

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

I will advocate for a citizen's assembly to include all voices as advisors for the changes needed, to arrest destructive climate change and biodiversity loss. I will attend every meeting possible and follow social media forums etc to hear what all the people have to say and then accurately represent it.

Thank you so much for your consistent and determined, excellent efforts. If there's more points that these I will send them on Friday.

Kind regards
Rik Tindall

Phil Clearwater - ECan - Christchurch South

1. At my home I have developed an organic vegetable and flower garden and I cut my lawns with a “push-mower”. For commuting to work I cycle or catch the bus whenever my hours of work allow.
2. Yes, climate change is impacting on the whole ecology of the planet.
3. Yes, ensure that every decision takes account of ecological sustainability, and the impact on climate and ecological change.
4. ECan must have open, democratic decision-making based on social justice and environmental sustainability. A stronger relationship must be developed with Ngai Tahu as mana whenua . People of all backgrounds and cultures must be able to fully participate in making decisions about our environment. Any actions taken by ECan must be alongside our communities.

I will advocate for ECan establishing a variety of community forums and assemblies for meaningful participation and outcome focused conversations with all communities. All interested people, organisations and advisory groups must be welcome and encouraged to assist in decision making, to support ECan’s governance.

There’s a need to inform and raise awareness in the community of the urgency for ecological sustainability given climate and ecological change as the major threat to ourselves and future generations. We need to identify ways to urgently reduce greenhouse gases and work with communities in response to coastal erosion, inundation and flooding, including mitigation and adaptation besides implementing a food resilience strategy.