

## Questionnaire for Invercargill City Council Mayoral and Councillor Candidates

Chambers of Commerce Southland believe the calibre of the local government candidates is an important issue in the coming local elections. We set to identify candidates who support and acknowledge various key actions and policies which will enhance Invercargill as a good city to do business in and which is run effectively and efficiently from a commercial perspective. Responses to the following questions will be used by the Chamber to represent our members' interests.

1. Please outline your vision for Invercargill city in 2011?

MORE PEOPLE  
MORE JOBS  
INVERCARGILL HOSTING RUGBY WORLD CUP MATCHES

2. Name three key issues that you support and will campaign on?

1. SUPPORT GROWTH IN INDUSTRY  
2. CONTINUE TO MAKE OUR CITY A BETTER AND SAFER PLACE TO LIVE  
3. WORKING TOGETHER FOR A BETTER CITY

3. Please outline the specific initiatives you will support to ensure that Invercargill has a business friendly environment.

RATES RELIEF FOR NEW BUSINESS & INDUSTRY.

4. Name five key priorities you see for infrastructural investment in the city over the next five-years.

WATER  
WASTE WATER  
ELECTRICITY LINES  
ROADS  
FOOTPATHS

5. Do you support the use of public private partnerships when council is looking at building, operating or maintaining infrastructure?

NO

6. What are your views on the council's use of debt to fund projects? Do you think the council has an appropriate level of debt?

COUNCIL DEBT LEVEL IS VERY LOW  
CONSIDERING THE VALUE OF INFRASTRUCTURE

7. What is your position on whether Council should free up more land for residential housing?

COUNCIL HAS NOT GOT ANY LAND TO FREE UP.  
COUNCIL HAS ALWAYS AND WILL SUPPORT ANY  
FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS FOR NEW HOUSING

8. What is your position on climate change and carbon neutrality?

WE ALL HAVE A LOT TO LEARN ON THIS ONE

9. Do you think Councillors should be paid in proportion to the number of meetings they attend, or a through a fixed annual fee, or in some other way?

THE FIXED ANNUAL FEE HAS WORKED  
VERY WELL IN THE LAST 3 YEARS

10. What are your views on Council ownership of non-core assets including trading enterprises of Council i.e. those assets that are not essential to run local government? What do you define as core or strategic assets and why?

IF COUNCIL ~~WAS~~ DID NOT HAVE INVESTMENTS  
IN NON CORE ASSETS  
EVERYONES RATES (YES EVERYONE) WOULD  
BE A LOT LOT HIGHER  
WE MUST GO FORWARD IN THIS AREA

11. Do you agree that trading enterprises should be governed by a commercial board of directors and such businesses should be run on a commercial business basis?

Yes  No

Comment

YES & NO / NO = YES  
THIS IS 2 QUESTIONS

12. Do you consider there is a further need for local government reform? If so, what are your reasons?

MAYBE

13. What are your views on combining local authority service delivery, and amalgamations with neighbouring authorities?

YES BUT ONLY IN SOME AREAS

14. Name three actions that you will take to ensure Invercargill city delivers better service and value to rate payers and residents.

ENCOURAGE MORE INDUSTRY  
ENCOURAGE MORE PEOPLE TO COME & LIVE  
ENCOURAGE STUDENTS & SPORTS PEOPLE TO LIVE IN  
MORE INDUSTRY = MORE PEOPLE = VALUE IN  
THE LONG RUN

15. Would you support a rates target so that council's rates income does not exceed the combined rate of inflation and population growth per year?

WITH 80% OF RATE MONIES GOING TO WORKS & SERVICES  
AND WITH THE COST OF MATERIALS FOR ROADS  
FOOTPATHS ETC WAY ABOVE RATE OF INFLATION  
I ASK YOU

16. Do you support the use of differential rates whereby business rate payers pay more than residential rate payers per dollar of rateable land? If you do, how would you justify this?

NO

17. What are your views on council use of fees and charges?

VERY FAIR

18. Do you think the community should pay for its own water on a user pays basis?

Yes  No

Comment  
NO NO NO  
RATEPAYERS UP NORTH ARE PAYING  
WILL OVER \$1000.00 P.A FOR WATER

19. Please identify three courses of action you would want to promote to ensure and vibrant C.B.D

1. ~~BE~~ CLEAN UP THE MESS
2. HAVE A BLITZ ON LITTER BUGS  
FINE THEM. ISSUE FINES \$400 A TIME
3. WORK VERY CLOSE WITH RETAILERS - BUSINESSES

20. List five keys issues that you consider need addressing by the Council in the next three-years

WATER  
WASTE WATER  
GROWTH in INDUSTRY  
CLEANER & SAFER CITY  
KEEP AN EYE ON MAYOR TIM'S SPENDING

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*Thank you for your time and responses.*

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