

Secretary Cittaslow Goolwa, Alexandrina PO Box 2539 Goolwa SA 5214

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## To all candidates at the 2018 Alexandrina Council elections

In 2007 Goolwa, Alexandrina was accredited as 'Cittaslow' by the International Cittaslow committee, the first in Australia and outside of Europe, now one of 230 such communities globally. This status recognised Alexandrina Council's commitment to Cittaslow principles, caring for and educating the community about ways in which to improve all of our lives while taking responsibility for protecting our heritage and natural environment. Cittaslow communities continue to work closely with their local governments and enjoy the patronage of the Mayor. As an incorporated not-for-profit organisation run entirely by local volunteers Cittaslow Goolwa Inc aims to show leadership in maintaining Cittaslow principles.

One of the Cittalsow priority areas is the sustainable management of waste. The issue of recycling in public places has become a major concern for people in Alexandrina, as in other parts of Australia. Many of our 200-strong membership have observed the innovative and effective approaches to this issue being adopted throughout Australia and overseas. We believe that Alexandrina, as an accredited Cittaslow community, should be showing leadership in applying the most up-to-date strategies in this field.

While delegating the authority for implementation to the Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority, Alexandrina Council retains central responsibility for ensuring its community is served by the best possible waste management decisions. We know that many of the candidates in the forthcoming local government election will have their own views about this issue. In the interests of enabling well-informed electoral decisions we are providing the opportunity for all candidates to share their views on the subject leading up to the 2018 local government election.

You are invited to respond in writing to the following open questions. Cittaslow will then undertake to publicise all responses accurately through selected local media and community outlets.

As a prospective elected member, what strategies regarding recycling in public places would you like to see supported and implemented in the Alexandrina Council area during your first year in the role?

What other recycling strategies would you like to see considered in Alexandrina in the future?

Please forward your written response to Cittaslow by one of the following means:

*Email*: <u>admin@cittaslowgoolwa.com.au</u> no later than Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 12pm. This is the preferred method and will ensure that your response is included in all of our publicity strategies.

Australia Post: Cittaslow Goolwa, PO Box 2539, Goolwa 5214. Depending on how long it takes to arrive we cannot guarantee that your response will be included in all of our strategies but will attempt to inform the community to the best of our ability.

This hard copy letter will be followed up by text to your designated mobile phone number if you have provided one to the Electoral Commission. If your response is brief you may wish to include it in a reply to that SMS message.

Thank you for your consideration of these important issues. Cittaslow members and the wider community look forward to hearing your views and ideas.

Kind Regards

Christine Putland (Secretary)

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On behalf of the Cittaslow Goolwa, Alexandrina Management Committee