

# Vote for Nature – Candidate Questionnaire – Dunedin City Council

Forest & Bird Dunedin is conducting a questionnaire to understand the opinions held by Dunedin City Council candidates on conservation issues including the protection and restoration of nature and climate change.

We invite you to complete this before the 7<sup>th</sup> of September 2022 at 5pm, however responses will be published as they are received.

Please note:

- Answers will be made public as they were written.
- All written answers will have a 200 character limit.
- Unanswered questions will be noted as "did not answer".
- We will list the results of this survey, and the names of those who did not complete it, on our website.
- Results will be shared with our membership of 800, on our Facebook page, and with local media outlets.

## General

**What is your name?**

**What role are you running for?**

Councillor  Mayor

### Agreement

I understand that my responses will be published in full on Forest & Bird Dunedin's website.

**What is the most pressing environmental issue in Dunedin?**

**If elected, what actions would you prioritise to protect and restore nature in Dunedin?**

## Climate change

**How would you rate Council's response to climate change in Dunedin?**

1 (terrible)  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10 (excellent)

**How should Dunedin City Council respond to the climate crisis?**

**What is your long term vision for the city and to what extent does that vision rely on fossil fuels for personal transport?**

**If elected, what specific actions will you take in response to the climate crisis?**

## **Freshwater**

**Do you support the Government's three waters initiative? Why or why not?**

**Dunedin has its fair share of urban water issues, such as the Leith and Kaikorai having some of the highest levels of E.coli in the country and the storm water system for much of Dunedin draining directly into water bodies. How would you rate Council's effectiveness in managing drinking water, storm water and wastewater systems?**

1 (terrible)  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10 (excellent)

**If elected, what specific actions will you take to improve freshwater across the city?**

## **Public Transport**

**How would you rate public transport services in Dunedin?**

1 (terrible)  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10 (excellent)

**If elected, what specific actions would you take to improve public transport in Dunedin?**

*We acknowledge that the management of public transport is not currently within Dunedin City Council's remit but that it plays a supporting role.*

**Do you support some form of transfer of public transport services from Otago Regional Council to Dunedin City Council?**

Yes  No

**Do you support a switch from the one-way to two-way system?**

Yes  No

**Do you support making George Street more accessible for pedestrians?**

Yes  No

## **Predator Control**

**How would you rate Council's predator control efforts?**

1 (terrible)  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10 (excellent)

**If elected, what specific actions will you take to support predator control efforts in Dunedin?**

**If elected, would you support continued funding for Predator Free Dunedin?**

Yes  No

**Forest & Bird Dunedin has previously advocated for Council to explore opportunities for improved cat control. If elected, would you be supportive of this?**

**Do you support the use of 1080 to control invasive predators in areas where other methods are not practicable, or where this is the most cost-effective method?**