

NT Election 2024 - Questionnaire for Candidates

To all Top End candidates in the upcoming NT election (ALP, CLP, NT Greens, other minor parties, all independent candidates). The **Friends of Casuarina Coastal Reserve Inc.** and their members would like to hear about your commitment and views on a number of issues that are important to us. Please complete the survey by close of business Wednesday, 7th August 2024. You will receive a copy of your responses at your nominated email address.

Email *

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Please note

Results will be published on the Friends of Casuarina Coastal Reserve Inc. Facebook page and website, the Casuarina Coastal Reserve Landcare Group Facebook page and the Rapid Creek Landcare website.

If you decide not to complete the survey, then we will record this as 'No reply' when we publish the responses.

This questionnaire is authorised by D. Hall of 24 Kapalga Street, Tiwi NT 0810.

Candidates Full Name *

Response from NT Greens Candidates for 2024 Territory Election

What is your electoral division? *

Casuarina, Nightcliff, Johnston, Fannie Bay, Port Darwin,

What is your party alignment? *

NT Greens

1. If elected, will you commit to increasing operational funding to the Parks and Wildlife Commission NT by at least 20% by 2026? *

Yes

No

1. Please explain *

In order to protect places like Casuarina Coastal Reserve we will commit to increasing funding to Park and Wildlife. We know that an ounce of prevention is worth a of pound of rehabilitation of our fragile ecosystems.

The Greens stand with the community to protect our environment, water and biodiversity. Because once it's gone, it's not coming back.

2. If elected, will you ensure that cleaning of visitor facilities in Casuarina Coastal Reserve is no longer the responsibility of rangers? *

Yes

No

2. Please explain *

We will advocate for systems that support rangers to focus their time on the key environmental work that employs their specialist skills.

We understand that resources are stretched, but if there are tasks that could be performed by people without these specialist skills we would support this.

3. If elected, will you pledge to establish dedicated weed management and feral animal control rangers in Casuarina Coastal Reserve? *

Yes

No

3. Please explain *

We will advocate within parliament for biodiversity to be protected, according to best evidence practices. We will create a dedicated NT Biodiversity Strategy - to protect our ecosystems in the long term.

The Northern Territory lags behind the rest of the country on biodiversity conservation. We need to be investing in research, so we can make the best decisions, informed by evidence. We also need a long-term plan of action to secure the future of our most threatened plants, animals and ecosystems. Places like Casuarina Coastal Reserve and Lee Point are key to our biodiversity future. The NT is the only jurisdiction in Australia without State of Environment reporting to track the health of our environment.

We are falling behind and our environment is paying the price. - This is explicitly included in our "Healthy country, thriving nature - Water, Environment and biodiversity" election platform - <https://greens.org.au/sites/default/files/2024-06/Healthy%20Country%2C%20Thriving%20Nature%20-%20NT%20Greens%20Policy%20Initiatives.pdf>

4. If elected, will you commit to ongoing operational funding for LandcareNT, as per the rest of Australia, to support the important work of volunteer landcarers? *

Yes

No

4. Please explain *

This promise is explicitly included in our “Healthy country, thriving nature - Water, Environment and biodiversity” election platform - <https://greens.org.au/sites/default/files/2024-06/Healthy%20Country%2C%20Thriving%20Nature%20-%20NT%20Greens%20Policy%20Initiatives.pdf>

First Nations ranger groups and community groups like Landcare play a vital role in protecting and restoring local ecosystems across the NT. These organisations do incredible work often on a shoestring budget. This work has practical conservation outcomes, enables sharing and building environmental knowledge at a local level and builds upon thousands of years of First Nations land management knowledge.

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