A Liveable Sunshine Coast
for a better Queensland

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The LNP supports a liveable Sunshine Coast, one with its own unique character. We recognise this region is not “Brisbane North”.

The Sunshine Coast is rightly proud of its lifestyle. The LNP believes it is important Coast residents have a real say in shaping the future of their region.

To safeguard the Sunshine Coast way of life, the LNP believes it is important to:

• Protect the sensitive Sunshine Coast environment from inappropriate development
• Support a healthy and diverse society by delivering infrastructure in a timely manner
• Create real jobs in the region and support small businesses and local industry.

The LNP is committed to the Sunshine Coast community. We will retain the region’s distinctive qualities by ensuring:

• Ministerial call-ins are only used in exceptional circumstances following community consultation
• Delivery of affordable and efficient transport infrastructure to support sustainable growth on the Sunshine Coast.
• Developments on the Sunshine Coast meet the highest environmental safeguards
• Economic growth in the region so people can live, learn and earn locally
PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE
The LNP believes all local residents have a right to shape the future of their region. The Sunshine Coast should be no different.

As a result of growth in South East Queensland the Sunshine Coast’s population is predicted to rise from 340,000 in 2010, to 497,000 by 2031. Caloundra South alone will see approximately 50,000 new residents move to the region. This is the equivalent of a city the size of Bundaberg. The proposed Palmview development is also expected to add another 17,000 people to the region.

The LNP is committed to providing sustainable growth in South East Queensland and giving local people a real say.

The Bligh Labor Government has increasingly imposed development on areas, without consulting the community. It has also abused the Ministerial call-in power: the Caloundra South development is just one example of this. Labor has ignored the wishes of the local people.

We believe call-in powers have become Labor’s first choice rather than their last in resolving difficult planning issues.

Ministerial call-ins should only be used in exceptional circumstances, following community consultation.

The LNP will stand up against the abuse of such practices and restore transparency and integrity to the regional planning process.

We believe the planning system must be reformed to ensure timely and transparent decision making on developments. Strong community input should also be a requirement. This reform will end Labor’s increasingly secret and opaque call-in process.

The LNP also believes transport infrastructure must be properly planned to provide social integration across the Sunshine Coast. This is particularly important during the creation of major greenfield developments.

We will guarantee the delivery of affordable and efficient transport infrastructure to support sustainable growth on the Sunshine Coast.

In Government, the LNP will deliver a Sunshine Coast Integrated Transport Plan containing clear delivery timelines for infrastructure and services.

PROTECTING OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT
The LNP will ensure development on the Sunshine Coast meets the highest environmental safeguards.

The Sunshine Coast has outstanding natural beauty and diversity from the coastline to the hinterland. With major catchment areas including the Pumicestone Passage, Currimundi, Mooloolah, Maroochy and Noosa river systems, the LNP recognises the need to ensure development is balanced to protect these waterways.
There is no doubt the Pumicestone Passage catchment is under threat from ad hoc approvals. Adverse impacts include run off from developments, erosion from an increase in watercraft on Bribie Island and additional pressure on fish hatcheries. If the catchment’s water quality is not protected, Moreton Bay will also be adversely affected.

The LNP believes incremental development that goes ahead without considering the overall impact of all development in the area has the potential to cause significant damage. We believe whole-of-catchment planning and analysis is vital to ensure true sustainability.

**We will provide for independent monitoring of development impact on the local environment, including water catchment quality.**

We believe development should be as self-contained as practical, with water run off kept onsite as much as possible.

The LNP is also committed to preserving inter-urban breaks to safeguard the Sunshine Coast’s distinct character. We are also committed to retaining the character of the Sunshine Coast Hinterland.

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**DELIVERING REAL JOBS FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

The LNP is committed to providing economic growth to the Sunshine Coast region so people can live, learn and earn locally.

We understand small business is the backbone of the Sunshine Coast. This region has a distinct economic identity and should not be treated as a dormitory suburb of Brisbane.

**In Government, the LNP will develop a Sunshine Coast Economic Plan to guide the economic growth of this region.**

This will be done in partnership with the local business community and local residents.

We recognise the University of the Sunshine Coast and the growing innovation industries are an important part of the region’s future economic prosperity. We will work with the community to build on the strength of these industries to provide for the future.
HAVE YOUR SAY

The LNP is committed to listening to the community and delivering real outcomes for the people of Queensland.

We are keen to hear your feedback and suggestions for the future of the Sunshine Coast. Our LNP team on the Sunshine Coast welcome your input on this region’s potential and the shape of its future development.

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