

JRA Questionnaire for Queanbeyan City Council election candidates

The Jerrabomberra Residents' Association Inc. (JRA) requests all candidates answer the following questions.

Candidate name: TOMMY LORRAINE WRIGHT Date: 17-8-08 Signature: J Wright

<p>Question 1: The JRA supports the construction of Dunns Creek Road from the Monaro Hwy to Cooma Road to be completed before the 7th year of the Googong town development. Would you act & vote in a manner to help ensure Dunns Creek Road is developed as a condition of any future development of Googong.</p>	<p>YES, I agree. I would vote to support this.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Y</p>	<p>No, I disagree with this proposal.</p>	<p>Sorry, I would have a conflict of interest.</p>
<p>How would you help achieve this? SEE ATTACHED FOR FURTHER EXPLANATIONS, VOTES ON COUNCIL & ENCOURAGEMENT IN PUBLIC FORUMS IS THE MEANS OF ACHIEVEMENT</p>			

<p>Question 2: The JRA supports Edwin Land Parkway remaining as a community road only, not a 4 lane Queanbeyan bypass. Jerrabomberra must not become a by-pass for Queanbeyan. Would you act & vote in a manner to ensure our suburb does not become a bypass for Queanbeyan or the main road to Googong from the Monaro Hwy?</p>	<p>YES, I agree. I would vote to support this.</p>	<p>No, I disagree with this proposal.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">N</p>	<p>Sorry, I would have a conflict of interest.</p>
<p>How would you help achieve this?</p>			

<p>Question 3: The JRA supports the development of additional community & educational facilities, including a proposed high school to be developed within the Jerrabomberra Valley. Would you act & vote in a manner to ensure these facilities are developed?</p>	<p>YES, I agree. I would vote to support this.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Y</p>	<p>No, I disagree with this proposal.</p>	<p>Sorry, I would have a conflict of interest.</p>
<p>How would you help achieve this?</p>			

<p>Question 4: The JRA supports the development of a major district sporting centre and community facility. Including an indoor aquatic centre, athletics facilities and additional sports fields etc. to be developed in the Poplars area, Jerrabomberra Valley for the benefit of all in Queanbeyan. Would you act & vote in a manner to ensure these new sporting and community facilities are developed?</p>	<p>YES, I agree. I would vote to support this.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Y</p>	<p>No, I disagree with this proposal.</p>	<p>Sorry, I would have a conflict of interest.</p>
<p>How would you help achieve this?</p>			

<p>Question 5: The JRA supports an 11pm-6am curfew of Canberra Airport and is opposed to a 24 hour airport freight hub. Would you act & vote in a manner to help secure a curfew?</p>	<p>YES, I agree. I would vote to support this.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Y</p>	<p>No I disagree with this proposal.</p>	<p>Sorry, I would have a conflict of interest.</p>
<p>How would you help achieve this?</p>			

These are the responses of John and Lorraine Wright to the JRA's 5 questions.

1. Why wait 7 years? Why not insist on it as a pre-condition to starting? I certainly do not consider that Googong traffic should come through Jerrabomberra. (This question seems to pre-suppose the Edwin Land Parkway will carry traffic from outside Jerrabomberra). The answer is an unequivocal yes. The Googong project should not piggyback on a necessary road that it has taken over 30 years for Queanbeyan to get and is to be built only for the purpose of taking traffic out of Monaro Street that has no intention of stopping in our CBD.
2. All land purchasers in Jerrabomberra will undoubtedly have been told by Mr Brinkmeyer, who had the obligation to do so, of the purpose and route of Edwin Land Parkway. The reality is that it will happen and that it has been on maps since the mid-1970s at least as a means of relieving the intolerable traffic situation of Queanbeyan's narrow main street deteriorating into a roaring highway after 170 years of existence. Its completion will honour the ALP's 1994 promise to fund it for \$35 million. Any candidate supporting this would be denying reality. However, there is a wide corridor between back fences and the road. There would also be noise readings taken to check the necessity for noise barriers. As a couple who lives at the back of Canberra Avenue, near the right turn roundabout into Lanyon Drive, with about 30,000 vehicles a day, we understand noise. Yet, we have only a very small noise barrier at that point. Queanbeyan council is required to make every effort to ensure all parts of the Queanbeyan City area are developed with equal facilities and equal responsibility to share the inconveniences. There have been a number of people killed in Monaro Street due to the traffic. The noise and fumes leave people with headaches and illness after a short time in the street. Shopping is very difficult.
3. I have supported the Tralee development since its inception. I stood in council and insisted that roads should go through Hume, with its wide, non-residential streets with one to Jerrabomberra for those wishing to travel there. The airport is 11 km away, far enough to experience little aircraft noise impact. The high school idea is fine. The Education Department may not be able to justify it on numbers, given the distorted numbers they used (only counting children going to Queanbeyan schools) to delay the primary school about 3 years, make it much smaller than I suggested and then cut off North Terrace as a further mistake to rectify the others. The Anglicans may be interested in providing a school. Either is fine with us.
4. This is supportable, but John wants to emphasise the need for women's indoor sport facilities. The Poplars could be a good location, given its euhred for residential. Do National Parks want to preserve it for open land? The description suggests lots of cost, which would have to be spread over many years. It would have to compete with other pressing needs.
5. I, along with Frank Pangallo, spoke strongly for a curfew. It is obvious that the airport's refusal was to allow more aircraft, the statement that they had so few that a curfew was unnecessary, assumed we came down in the last shower. Unequivocal yes.