

Questions For Candidates

Macquarie Electorate

2013 Federal Election



The Blue Mountains Conservation Society is providing a set of questions to candidates in the Macquarie Electorate in the 2013 Federal Election. The answers to these questions will be published.

Instructions: The areas for response are shaded green.

We would like you to complete this document, save it as a pdf and email it back to us. [Word can save documents as a pdf.]

All email correspondence and queries should be sent to Alan Page at webmaster@bluemountains.org.au

Candidate's Name:	Matt Hodgson
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The Questionnaire

- Q1. Under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act the Commonwealth has various environmental protection powers.**

Do you support maintaining the Commonwealth's role in environmental protection?

yes

Q2. Do you support the Commonwealth having a role in the new Blue Mountains Local Environmental Plan (through requiring a "strategic assessment" of the impacts of the new plan on the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area and Commonwealth listed flora, fauna and endangered ecological communities)?

yes

Q3. In your opinion, how bad is human induced climate change?

Overpopulation is a massive problem, along with csg and destruction of agricultural land for other forms of mining

Q4. What three initiatives would you actively support to improve the environment and conserve biodiversity in the electorate of Macquarie?

No sandmining the Hawkesbury-Nepean, no new planning laws for the lower mountains and exotic tree and weed species to be banned for nursery resale(ie. Cotoneaster spp, Camphor Laurel etc)