

# 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.

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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?**

There is no scientific doubt that the impact of human induced climate change is serious. We do need to act, and putting a price on carbon, providing funding to assist high-energy users reduce and source their energy from renewable sources, and increase the use of renewable energy are urgent priorities.

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

Transition to greater use of renewable energy  
Oppose any moves that would undermine the World Heritage status of the Blue Mountains' national parks, provide additional support for research and continue to invest in our national parks  
Oppose any Coal Seam Gas exploration or mining and support the retention of the expanded Commonwealth environmental protection laws to include the effect coal and coal seam gas has on underground water.