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Society welcomes positive environmental policies for greater Blue Mountains

The Blue Mountains Conservation Society has welcomed a positive response to its federal election environmental questionnaire from several candidates.

In a pre-election questionnaire that the Society sent to Macquarie candidates, three of the seven candidates standing for election, who were able to be contacted, responded to the Society's questions regarding their environmental policies.

'It's encouraging to see some positive environmental policies proposed from the Macquarie candidates that responded to our questionnaire,' said Society President, Madi Maclean.

"The society has been running this questionnaire since 2010. It provides residents in the electorate with important information from the responding candidates on crucial issues such as climate change, raising of the Warragamba Dam wall and ensuring protection of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area," said Ms Maclean.

Amongst the policies proposed by some Macquarie candidates were:

- Funding from the Federal Government for climate change initiatives, including to help people in Macquarie shift their homes and cars from fossil fuels to renewable energy, including through more solar panels on rooftops and cheaper electric cars;
- Appointing federal environmental laws as proposed in a recent audit and appoint an independent watchdog to ensure compliance with these laws.
- Establishing a powerful Australian anti-corruption commission to stamp out corruption and other improper conduct by Federal politicians and public servants.
The Australian anti-corruption commission would be similar to the New South Wales Independent Commission Against Corruption.

The questionnaire and responses can be found on the Society's website at:
<https://www.bluemountains.org.au/elections/fe22/fe22-response.shtml>.

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