



VINCENT, Don

As an independent candidate, I commit to have the new Council address four urgent issues. I have the time, energy and qualifications to back up this commitment. 1. Much improved financial management. The current Council has squandered money, increased debt and left the next Council with a significant financial repair job. 2. Restore morale and rebuild expertise within the Council's professional staff. The current Council presided over shocking staff turnover which was costly in ratepayers' dollars and more importantly, the loss of corporate memory and experience. Ratepayers need a stable, professional and competent organisation to ensure we get best value from our rates. 3. The new Council must take seriously its job as the custodian of the Nillumbik Green Wedge. Too often the current Council has undermined the Green Wedge and failed to protect it against inappropriate development. The current Council needlessly threw out the existing Green Wedge Management Plan, wasted half a million dollars on a consultation process it then ignored. Protecting the Green Wedge, supporting agriculture and our urban amenity and lifestyle needs to be woven into the way the Nillumbik Council does business. 4. We need to adapt to climate change, and in particular the Council needs to more vigorously address the increasing risk of bushfire. As a resident in the Rural Conservation Zone my commitment to addressing these issues is backed by decades of professional and practical experience in managing both public and private businesses, and advising on infrastructure in Australia and internationally. Nillumbik is a great place to live. We need to work hard and smart to keep it that way. Vote 1: Vincent, Don with suggested voting order down the ballot: 12, 2, 3, 4, 5, 13, 1, 6, 14, 15, 16, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.