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Ellen Crocker	Absolutely, yes	Ensure Council retains financial membership of both the Benalla Sustainable Futures Group (BSFG) and the Goulburn Broken Greenhouse Alliance.(G.B.G.A.) and that there is a dedicated staff member who is part of these groups and reports back to Council. Lobby councillors to promote their attendance at meetings. Retain the position of a councillor rep. on the GBGA committee. Advocate for council to fully support a change to electric cars for their fleet and for more retro fitting of energy saving devices on council facilities.	Absolutely, yes
Matt Jenkins	We obviously MUST reduce our reliance on fossil fuels as much and as quickly as possible.	I will research and encourage research into both the potential to achieve zero pollution and the funding opportunities available to assist in these initiatives. This could be another on a list of positive this we can do in the short term to advance our community, without spending vast amounts of ratepayers funds!	Yes I do, however I cannot claim to have gone to the trouble that many in our community have. Having said that we installed solar panels relatively early on, when the investment was quite significant and it was substantially a decision influenced by environmental concerns.
Pauline Bailey	Yes. In my opinion, communities and nations which do not are being left behind.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Construct pathways to remove architectural barriers to walking instead of driving. 2. Conduct an energy efficiency audit on all street and council lighting to ensure it is the most energy efficient type. 3. Ensure all taps in public and council property turn off automatically when not in use. 4. Encourage council plantings that require no or minimal watering. 5. Review the number and fuel types of council vehicles and investigate the feasibility of a charging station in town. 	<p>Yes.</p> <p>We built a solar oriented house (with over recommended insulation) which generates lots of solar energy.</p> <p>Where possible, the house has been converted to LED lighting.</p> <p>Our household has very little weekly waste. I use no garden sprays.</p> <p>We protect remnant vegetation and mostly plant Australian native plants.</p> <p>We have grazing practices which protect the land and native grass species.</p> <p>On farm, we run an electric vehicle.</p> <p>I currently support the World Wild Life fund and Bush Heritage Australia.</p>

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Alison Ballard	As a mother, like many others, I support the need to explore clean and renewable energy to ensure that we are working towards a sustainable future for our children. I feel that addressing climate change must be a priority for all levels of government in our country.	I understand that a lot of work has been done by Benalla Council to date to work towards becoming more energy efficient; however with new research undertaken in this area often, I feel that as a community we should always be open to new ways of doing things. I think for me personally as a potential future representative I will ensure that where possible I will be proactive in working towards a cleaner future for everyone.	Yes
Danny Claridge	Climate change and the use of fossil fuels are a huge concern to us all but tackling the big picture and making change is a role of State and Federal Government.	On a local level I was a member of the Art gallery Friends and the Gallery Special Committee who secured a \$700,000 grant for "Greening the Gallery". This allowed us to replace the forty year old air-conditioning with new energy efficient units, replace lighting with LED and install rain water tanks to harvest storm water. As a board member of BPACC we have allocated funds to replace old theatre lighting with LED lamps. If elected to council I will be looking at similar energy minimization over all council assets.	
Anita Sanson	Climate change has a number of scientific opinions and is a complexed process through Local / State and Federal government, even State to State vary greatly in opinion.	In response to your three questions letter dated 28/09/2016, yes I firmly believe Wind / Solar / Hydro are our future. Inclusive is industry and household waste which is a very big pollutant. "AWT" Alternative Waste Treatment also has a part to play.	
Jim Myconos		Thanks for your enquiry, however whilst I absolutely believe in the effect of human behaviour on climate change I don't believe I can sensibly answer your survey without being able to canvass other related issues. This whole question has been hijacked by so many vested interests that any response I make without reasoned conversation will invariably be misconstrued.	

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Simon Klose	I support a move away from the current energy regime, but need to understand the implications of the word “urgent” to respond more fulsomely. Preparedness and anticipation of inevitable change will allow savings and better management of the inevitable transition.	I am interested in reducing pollution, uneconomic energy usage and waste of all kinds. I understand climate change in a basic way. I am not a scientist. I am not able to guarantee any surety regarding a Council policy legislating for clean energy and dangerous climate change.	I instigated the “greening” of the Benalla Art Gallery. Jeannie Hall organised the funding from the Friends of the Gallery, Federal and State Govts. and Council. This project included an upgrade of climate control (more efficient), solar panels on the roof, water tanks under the gallery, a second front door, electrically controlled to maintain as much cooled/warmed air in the gallery as possible – reducing energy expenditure and costs.
Barbara Alexander	I support a staged and well thought out transition towards clean energy. Towards that end I have supported initiatives from the Benalla Sustainable Future Group as well as encouraging them to come and speak to council on the issues they wish to raise. The latest initiative towards clean energy has been supported by all council and council officers.	I would use my position on council as I have always done promoting firstly our environmental strategy as Chair of the Steering and Implementation Group, The Climate Adaption Strategy and encouraging council where possible to retrofit or take into account different energy sources for new and existing buildings. I would also encourage Benalla to go plastic bag free if such a campaign was to go ahead.	I do personally support cutting pollution and using energy wisely and efficiently.
Margaret Richards (Copied from Margaret’s response on the BSFG website)	YES!	I have fully supported the investigation of an alternative energy project for Benalla. And will insure that Council seek a funding by way of an application in early 2017.	I was instrumental in supporting the ORGANICS waste introduction in 2015. This has been a great saving to the cost a of landfill.
Phil Hauptmann (Selected from Phil’s response on the BSFG website)	Yes, I believe in a transition away from fossil fuel and a low environmental footprint.	Benalla could start to do a lot more to reduce our carbon footprint. Solar systems on council buildings driving more economical cars. Maybe even a carbon offset.	We need a council that listens to the intelligence of the community.
Michael Plex	I fully support the move to a greener energy economy, I feel Benalla is well placed to take advantage of its position in the sun and close to the distribution grid.		