

CANDIDATE SURVEY

Please indicate your commitment to implementing our ideas by placing a cross in the most applicable of the three boxes alongside each idea. If you select the “committed to some aspects of this idea” please give a short indication of which aspects of the idea you are committing to.

The full details of each idea can be found in *10 Big Ideas to Grow the Illawarra* (www.illawarrabusiness.com.au/resources/1091)

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10 Big Ideas for the Illawarra	Committed to implementing this idea	Not committing to this idea	Committed to some aspects of this idea (give details)
Develop a comprehensive plan for the Illawarra and have the Minister for the Illawarra to report to Parliament every 6 months on implementation progress	Yes Report to Parliament should be every 3 months		
Create jobs by cutting employment taxes and reducing red tape	Yes Immediate implementation for Illawarra businesses, not wait for year 2015		
Improve infrastructure delivery in new land release areas in the Illawarra	Yes Must be only areas designated as growth centres. Community and business members to have own representatives		
Prepare and plan for an aging Illawarra population	Yes As this sector is not inherently mobile, needs to be concentrated in specific areas to ensure services close to the end user		
Promote Wollongong as a business centre	Yes Modernisation and expansion of existing infrastructure not to be overlooked		

<p>Revamp the Illawarra Advantage Fund</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Such a small amount of money would have minimal positive outcomes for area. Funding needs to be increased as well as targeting small business. Perception will only assist medium business needs to be rectified.</p>		
<p>Deliver the key infrastructure and transport projects identified by the IBC</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Key projects F6 and Picton Road, freight rail line to link Wollongong to the main Southern Line at Maldon</p>		
<p>Enhance reporting of regional spending initiatives</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Would be a nice change to see some cost accounting, budget analysis and reporting together with corrective action plans. Fixed price quoting would be an end to unexplained budget overruns</p>		
<p>Improve local government service delivery</p>	<p>Yes but under different circumstances</p> <p>Whilst reasonable in principle, totally unachievable whilst State Labor Government appointed Administrators as Council. Only true local community based (independent) representatives could deliver on this initiative</p>		
<p>Prepare the Illawarra workforce of the future</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>However an upskilled workforce will mean nothing if the employment opportunities and additional business opportunities do not exist. Fix these first, and a ready to work workforce will ensure success of both goals.</p>		