



## **CLIMATE CHANGE AND YOUR COUNCIL**

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### **Inner West Council Leichhardt Ward**

#### **Lucille McKenna      A – Labor**

1. Leading the Inner West Council to be the most divested from fossil fuels of any council in NSW by achieving **70 per cent divestment in 2018** and 100 per cent divestment in the future.
2. Making Inner West Council **100 per cent carbon neutral by 2023** and systematically retrofitting all Council premises with solar photovoltaic panels.
3. Opening a new **Office of Renewable Energy Innovation (REI)** to unleash the potential for solar and renewables on local apartment blocks and businesses and other community solar projects.
4. Committing to Council becoming **waste free by 2030** as well as immediately expanding food waste recycling and acting to make our community **plastic bag, bottle, and disposable coffee cup free**.
5. **Making the Iron Cove Catchment of the Parramatta River swimmable**, increasing support for the Cooks River Alliance and installing gross pollutant traps on all stormwater drains in the local government area.

Website: [www.innerwestlabor.org.au](http://www.innerwestlabor.org.au)

#### **John Lozano      B - Independent**

I am so disillusioned with our Federal Government's approach to renewables and sustainability. I'm a firm believer of leading by example and I wish our council to set benchmarks others will follow. Here's my high level action plan:-

- Establish community groups to recommend initiatives and participate in implementation
- Set renewable energy targets for all council buildings
- Divestment strategy to move council investment away from polluting industries
- Ethical companies register/ban list as source for all council business partners
- Rate incentives for participation in our "green initiatives"
- Assistance in navigating strata by-laws to allow participation in "green initiatives"
- Enforcing green standards on new developments
- Investigate creation and reselling of energy within our own LGA
- Credit scheme whereby the more sustainable your home, the more credits you earn. Redeemable against council rates and includes tenants
- Purposely designed Active Transport Network

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**Vittoria Raciti**

**C - Liberal**

The NSW Coalition Government has committed to the aspirational goal of making our state carbon neutral by 2050, through investment in renewable energy efficiency.

The Inner West Liberal Team proposes to work with the NSW Government to implement local policies that align with NSW-wide initiatives, ensuring that the Inner West residents will gain maximum benefit from the actions of the state government.

**Marghanita Da Cruz**

**D - Greens**

**The Greens' transition to a 100% Renewable Energy Future for the Inner West includes:**

- Enable everyone who wants it, including tenants, to have rooftop solar on their homes
- Introduce interest free loans for solar panel purchase and installation
- Utilise Council's purchasing power to negotiate bulk low prices and permit the sale of solar panel kits to local residents at cost
- Provide council assistance and waive planning fees to enable solar panel installations on large or difficult sites
- Make the Inner West Council carbon neutral by 2020
- Develop community-owned renewable energy projects such as urban solar farms, photovoltaic systems for car parks, shopping centres, etc
- Install electric car and bicycle charging stations
- Building climate-smart infrastructure and open spaces
- Ensuring IWC joins the Cities Power Partnership

Website: [greensoncouncil.org.au/inner-west-renewables](http://greensoncouncil.org.au/inner-west-renewables)

**Blair Vidakovich**

**Ungrouped - Socialist Alliance**

Socialist Alliance has a Climate Change Charter to which I am bound. Here are some of the policies my party supports. I have deliberately only included policies which apply to local government.

1. Set an immediate target to reach 100% renewable energy in a decade.
2. Start the transition to a zero-waste economy. Implement policies which will end industrial waste.
3. Advocate for free public transport.