The Bronte Citizens Jury – questions for potential participants

Thank you for agreeing to be considered as a potential participant in the Bronte Citizens Jury. This is an exciting and innovative opportunity to have your say and influence decisions about community issues in your local area. This has never been done before - Bronte residents are leading the way for other communities, councils and levels of government.

We can only include 12 – 16 people on the jury. To help ensure we have a balanced jury, we are asking everyone to complete and return the following questions to us. The questions ask about the environment and community activities, as well as questions about age, education, occupation etc. This will help us form a jury that offers a cross-section of people, interests and circumstances.

All information will be treated as anonymous and confidential. No identifying details will be passed on or sold to others.

For more information or assistance to complete the following, please contact:

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Environment Issues

Q1. We would like to know your opinion on a range of environmental issues. Please indicate on a scale of 1 (strongly agree) to 5 (strongly disagree) whether you agree with the following statements. (Please circle the number that most applies).

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Industry creates the most pollution. 1 2 3 4 5
The government will ensure the environment is preserved for our children. 1 2 3 4 5
There are experts who can manage pollution problems. 1 2 3 4 5
Individuals should be responsible for the environment. 1 2 3 4 5
I am prepared to change the way I do things if it improves the environment. 1 2 3 4 5
I believe that technology will solve any environment problems. 1 2 3 4 5
My lifestyle has very little impact on the environment. 1 2 3 4 5
Q.2 We would like to know your opinion on a range of activities. Please indicate on a scale of 1 (strongly agree) to 5 (strongly disagree) whether you agree with the following statements. *(Please circle the number that most applies).*

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Changing my activities will not improve stormwater quality.  
My local Council would listen to any contribution I make on an environment issue.  
If I noticed someone doing something to cause pollution, I would report it to the appropriate authorities.  
I am prepared to change my lifestyle for cleaner waterways.  

**Community involvement and participation**

Q.3. Listed below are a number of statements about active participation. How important is it to… *(Please circle the number that most applies).*

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a) help out in a local group as a volunteer  
b) support a local environment program  
c) participate in political activities  
d) participate in local schools, churches or cultural organisations  
e) participate in activities at the local library  
f) participate in local festivals and events  
g) participate in demonstrations and rallies  
h) use community facilities  
i) attend a local organisation or club (sport, craft, social, welfare)?

Q.4. How involved are you in your local community? *(Please circle the number that most applies).*

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Q.5. Which of the following activities do you take part in?

a) □ help out in a local group as a volunteer? Please specify........................

b) □ support a local environment program? Please specify........................

c) □ participate in political activities? Please specify..............................

d) □ participate in local schools, churches or cultural organisations? Please specify

e) □ participate in activities at the local library? Please specify......................

f) □ participate in local festivals and events? Please specify........................

g) □ participate in demonstrations and rallies? Please specify......................

h) □ use community facilities? Please specify...........................................

i) □ attend a local organisation or club (e.g. sport, craft, social)? Please specify

j) □ Other (please specify)

Q.6. There may be some reasons that prevent you from taking part in local community activities?

a. □ The times these organisations meet or events take place

b. □ People don’t speak my language

c. □ Your timetable and commitments

d. □ Your level of interest in local issues or local organisations

e. □ lack of transport

f. □ access to Childcare

g. □ Disability related issues

h. □ Other reasons (please specify)

Participation in Local Government

Q.7. How important is it that...

Not at all Important | Extremely Important

1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5

a) You are made aware of issues on the council's agenda?

b) You hear about the outcome of decisions council has made?

c) You are given the opportunity to participate in decision making processes of local council?

d) Your views are considered by your local council?

e) You can directly contact your elected representative?

f) Council provides good services?

g) Council provides good financial management?

h) Council consults residents about allocating resources?

i) Council advocates to other levels of government on issues of importance to the community?
Q.8. How involved are you in your local Council?

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Q.9. Which activities connected with local government have you ever taken part in?

a) attended regular council meetings
b) attended special council meetings on particular issues
c) contacted elected representatives
d) contacted staff about particular problems
e) made complaints or suggestions
f) completed council survey or questionnaire
g) attended council organised events
h) Other (please specify)

Q.10. Certain factors may make it more difficult to be involved with local government. Please tell us if any of these apply to you.

a) The times council meets
b) People don't speak my language
c) Your timetable and commitments
d) Your level of interest in council matters
e) Transport restrictions
f) Access to Childcare
g) Disability related issues
h) Other (please specify)

About you and your household

1. Are you male or female? 

2. How old are you? 

3. What is the highest level of education you have completed?
   - High School to Year 10
   - High School to Year 12
   - Trade or TAFE Diploma
   - University
   - Other (please specify) 

4. What is your current occupation? 
   In what area or field?

5. Do you speak a language other than English at home?
If yes, which language? ______________________________________________________

6. Please indicate your annual income before tax for the last financial year.
   - Negative or nil income
   - Under $ 9,999
   - $10,000 to $19,999
   - $20,000 to $39,999
   - $40,000 to $69,999
   - $70,000 to $89,999
   - $90,000 +

7. Which of the following best describes the dwelling in which you live?
   - House
   - Town house
   - Flat/unit
   - Other (please specify) ___________________________________________________

8. Is your home
   - Being rented
   - Being occupied rent free
   - Fully owned
   - Paying off mortgage
   - Other (please specify) ___________________________________________________

Thank you... for taking the time to answer these questions.

Just to repeat....
All the information you provide will be treated as strictly confidential and will not be sold or disclosed to any third parties. This is an independent non-profit project and is not connected with any political parties or businesses. No individual household will be identifiable in any report or data collection.

What happens now?
We have had a lot of interest from people about the Citizens Jury, and we are now contacting everyone like this and running through these questions. Then we will look at who is available to participate on those days. As I said at the beginning, we are also trying to balance the mix of people, so that we have a range that is representative of the catchment community.

We will be contacting people by phone and email, to let people know if we have been able to include them in the final selection. Those who have been included in the jury will also be contacted to discuss how the project can provide for any support requirements they may have.

The selected jurors will also be contacted in preparation for our first meeting at Council on Sunday, 9th of September, 10 - 2.30pm. This meeting will be an opportunity for us all to meet for the first time, and talk about the jury process and what might be involved. We will also be visiting Bronte Gully and Bronte Beach, for a guided walk and activities about local environmental and marine issues.
The Jury will be held the following week, beginning Friday 14th of September (9am – 5pm), Saturday 15th of September (9am – 5pm) and Sunday 16th of September (9am – 5pm, with closing presentation and reception 6 – 7.30pm).

We require jurors to be available during all 3 ½ days of the process.

Once again, many thanks.........

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