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Gregory Candidates – are all of them serious?

With less than one week until polling day, the seven mayors of Central Western Queensland are asking the question, “*are all of the Gregory candidates serious about this election?*”

The seven mayors, who between them, represent 22% of Queensland’s land mass and 7 of the 9 councils in the Gregory electorate area have made numerous approaches to all of the candidates along with Katter’s Australia Party, seeking their written feedback on RAPAD’s 10 point election plan. The plan was developed from extensive consultation.

Cr Rob Chandler, Chair of RAPAD, said the RAPAD office and former Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) General Manager of Advocacy Greg Hoffman, who has been engaged by RAPAD, have made the approaches to all candidates, and parties, over many weeks.

“Our plan is about enhancing and facilitating the continued economic, social and environmental sustainability of our region”, said Cr Chandler.

To date, LNP’s Member for Gregory Lachlan Millar has provided RAPAD with a written response addressing the plan, and attended the recent candidate’s forum.

Independent Bruce Currie and ALP’s Dave Kerrigan attended the candidate’s forum but are still to provide a written response although they have indicated they will provide one.

PHON’s Mark Higgins, and the Queensland Greens Norm Weston did not attend the recent candidates forum nor have they provided a written response, or indicated whether they intend to do so or not.

KAP are not running a candidate in Gregory however they have been asked for a response to RAPAD’s election plan and they acknowledged receipt of the document highlighting their support to some areas.

“If elected, these candidates are going to be working hand in hand with the mayors of Gregory, and it’s disappointing that some candidates and their parties, have made no attempt to provide us with information on how they will address our plan. We call upon those who have not done so, to do so before Saturday’s election” said Cr Chandler.

RAPAD 10-point election plan can be found at:

<http://www.rapad.com.au/assets/Documents/Media-Releases/2017-RAPAD-Election-Plan-2017.pdf>

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