



**Answers from Jane Judd (Independent)**

1. *Do you accept that climate change is occurring? If not, what specific scientific sources and references do you rely on to justify rejecting the scientific consensus?*

**Climate Change is undeniable. The evidence is indisputable.  
We have a responsibility to adopt the “Think Global Act Local” approach to protecting our environment for us and future generations.**

2. *Do you believe that all politicians have a moral obligation to understand the science of climate change?*

**Not everyone can understand “the science”, but they need to commit to accessing reliable information and becoming informed for reputable authorities like international research etc.  
I think our moral obligation to others is to ensure in any situation, our “actions do no harm”**

3. *Are you aware that [over 97% of climate scientists](#) globally, the [CSIRO](#), the [Australian Academy of Science](#) and every major national [science academy](#) in the industrialised world (whose membership includes climate scientists) agree that the planet is warming, that the observed climate change is mostly human caused, and that if we continue with business as usual, harsh impacts and irreversible changes to the climate system will occur?*

**I am aware and have accessed this information some years ago.**

4. *Is it your position that Australia needs to urgently adopt policies to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions in line with scientific recommendations? If not, what specific scientific sources and references do you rely on to justify rejecting the scientific consensus?*

**Yes I do- unequivocal and I think we have gone backwards in recent years.  
Direct Action is rubbish. The G20 clearly demonstrated the international community is looking on and saying clearly we are not doing enough.**

5. *Do you think carbon emissions should be priced? If so, how? If not, why not?*

**Many people speak enthusiastically about an ETS as a good idea.  
Yes, polluters should pay if they damage the environment. In this country, where there are options, profits need to be adjusted for the common good.  
Planning however is essential for industry because employment is vital to peoples economic survival. Each Industry will need tailored supports to move to a sustainable future. We need firm federal policies and complimentary state regulation/legislation policies so Industry specific action plans can begin to achieve reduce carbon footprint in Australia.**

6. *If elected, how will you ensure that the State of Victoria reaches its emissions reduction goal for 2020?*

**There are many resources and publications that can be accessed, but I think Victoria is full of balanced knowledgeable people who would be happy to contribute to workable and progressive solutions to achieve renewable energy targets. I would seek to gather informed and intelligent people together to seek that advice. We need people who know the interface issues from the domains of science, economics and industry. Creative, open minds welcome.**

7. *Are you aware that the renewable energy sector employs 5 times more people than the coal industry and is the fastest growing industry in Australia? What is your position on the Renewable Energy Incentive Scheme?*  
**I am in favour of REIS. 5 x the employment within the renewable energy sector is good news too. Can you provide me with that employment data in any detail? I would like to raise this point having seen the evidence.**
8. *Do you believe that financial contributions of the Victorian government to the coal mining sector are compatible with the Renewable Energy Target? If yes, why? If not, why not?*  
**Sorry, I don't have any information re financial subsidies by Vic Govt the question implies...happy to have it sent to me.**
9. *Can you offer residents, businesses and community groups of your electorate incentives to address climate change at a local level? How?*  
**Great question and important initiative. Again I would like feedback on this from interested locals. I invite readers to log on to janejuddforeildon facebook page and share their ideas for local action. I am in favour of participatory democracy.**
10. *The Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act requires the Victorian government to actively protect listed species. In our electorate, particularly in the Upper Goulburn catchment, large areas provide habitat to a considerable number of listed flora and fauna species. This habitat has come under additional stress due to the Black Saturday bush fires and continued logging activities after the fires. What actions do you suggest and support to protect endangered species in our electorate?*  
**Advocate to instigate an independent Review of the Upper Goulburn catchment to assess the current activity meets/current practices are meeting our legislative obligations under the Flora and Fauna Act. I would advocate for old growth forests to be maintained and distinguish between these and regrowth forests on maps used by Vicforest if that is not already being done.**
11. *Do you support the creation of a Great Forest National Park in our electorate to provide a greater level of protection to the mountain ash forests? (<http://www.greatforestnationalpark.com.au/>)*  
**I think this should be a Victoria wide decision, not ours. We are the custodians not the owners.**
12. *Given that VicForest has not been able to run a profitable operation from its logging operations of public state forest over the last 7 years and has been relying heavily on government subsidies, what is your position on the future of VicForest and on the logging of public state forest in general and in our electorate in particular?*  
**Can you provide evidence for this statement please? The timber industry size and financial viability is significant to those relying on it for employment, across the spectrum from production to building and furniture industry etc. R we using quality timber wisely?**
13. *Given the limited public funding, if only one of the projects could be built - the East-West Tunnel or the Melbourne Rail Link Tunnel - which one would you support and why?*  
**No brainer – Melbourne Rail link Tunnel. Better return for investment and improves public transport and reduce emissions from cars with a single passenger in it. Where is the sense in that- one passenger, one car.**