

IN response to Councillor Cameron Caldwell's comment (GCB 23/10) that the "vast, vast number of people are extremely happy with the proposals ... due the current number of received submissions", I care to differ.

I have doorknocked 1000 homes and hosted two residential forums to build awareness of the City Plan. First, less than 10 per cent of people doorknocked were even aware of the proposed changes and many asked "If you hadn't knocked on my door, how would I have heard about this?".

Secondly, when polled at our forums (by way of hands – not a rigorous testing method but it provides an indication), less than 1 per cent were happy with the proposed changes. I have the video of this poll for Cr Caldwell to review should he wish.

Rather, I would suggest the small number of submissions is due to the complicated online

submission process. I required training to get through it. The State Member for Bonney's office has an excellent step-by-step guide, and I, along with numerous community groups are allocating our resources to help people learn how to make their submission.

As an aspiring councillor for Division 6, I consider it my duty to facilitate as many residents having their say as possible now – whether that be for, against, or somewhere in between. That way, when it comes time to vote and implement the City Plan, I know I do so with the backing of my community.

I urge people to not allow the complexity to put them off.

Get in touch with me, or Sam O'Connor's office for assistance

if you indeed wish to have your say.

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SO southeast Queensland water supply is down to 60 per cent and the powers that be want to crank up the Tugun desal. Meanwhile Warwick, Stanthorpe and many other inland towns are virtually dry of water and are considering a recycled project that would take at least two years to create.

The money set aside for a useless light rail to the airport – as current buses are excellent yet almost always empty – would be better served with a permanent desal pipeline inland. Surely filling our inland dams on a continual basis is a much bigger priority