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## **Media Release**

### **'Candidates ready for Environment and Election forum'**

The North Queensland Conservation Council is hosting a candidates' forum in the lead up to the federal election. The forum is an opportunity for Herbert candidates to deliver their environmental policy platforms to the public and face audience questions.

'We have confirmed the attendance of five candidates – Ewen Jones, Cathy O'Toole, Colin Dwyer, Wendy Tubman and Michael Punshon. This will be a great opportunity to compare each party's stance on environmental issues that matter to voters' said Maree Dibella, acting coordinator of NQCC.

Some candidates challenging status quo of the LNP and ALP are particularly looking forward to the evening.

'Our environment is a crucial part of our community. It's essential we balance work, community and environment for ours and future generations' net benefit.

'We need Townsville's representative in Canberra, not Canberra's representative in Townsville, to implement effective change,' said Katter's Australia Party candidate, Colin Dwyer.

Wendy Tubman from the Greens clearly prioritises the environment. 'Climate change and the state of the Reef are two of the many vital environmental issues that must be addressed urgently by the next Federal government. I look forward to explaining The Greens' plans and answering questions from participants' said Ms Tubman.

The NQCC Candidates' Forum is a free event and open to all. It is at the Townsville Yacht Club, Tuesday 14 June, 6-8pm.

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