

# Nelson Legislative Council Election Candidate Survey

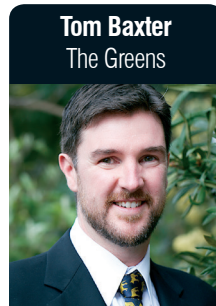
**We asked, they answered** (well, most of them did!)

Nelson voters will decide the future of Tasmania when they go to the polls on **Saturday, 4 May 2013**.

The Tasmanian legislative council could lead the way to a sustainable future for Tasmania's forests, a high quality education system, marriage equality and real reproductive choice for women. Or the Council could block progress and hold Tasmania back. **The choice is up to the voters of Nelson.**

**Questions:**

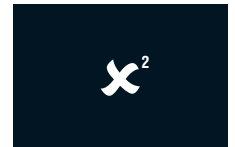
The sitting member for Nelson refused to give us permission to use his name or image in this scorecard so Tasmanian electoral law prevents us from naming him. He also failed to answer our survey, so instead we judged the sitting member on his voting record and practice over the last 18 years as a Member of the Legislative Council.



If elected would you commit to devoting yourself to your role as a **MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON A FULL-TIME BASIS?**



If elected would you commit to **OPENING AN ELECTORATE OFFICE** so that community members can contact you about their concerns or issues that affect them?



Do you support Tasmanian **MARRIAGE EQUALITY LEGISLATION** that would allow all Tasmanians to have their intimate relationships legally recognised as marriage?



Do you support the implementation of the recommendations of the **GONSKI REVIEW OF EDUCATION FUNDING** and an agreement between the Tasmanian and Federal governments to provide for this?



Do you support the **DECriminalisation of Abortion** in Tasmania and the regulation of reproductive choice as a health and medical matter?



Do you support the **TASMANIAN FORESTS AGREEMENT** negotiated by the timber industry and conservationists to protect forests and secure a sustainable future for Tasmania's forestry industry?



Voting is compulsory in Legislative Council elections and **most Tasmanians vote**.

Remember, to cast a valid vote you will need to number every candidate from 1-4.

Sign up to vote for change on **Saturday, 4 May 2013** and get a text message reminder at [www.getup.org.au/NelsonVote4Change](http://www.getup.org.au/NelsonVote4Change)

1. Despite receiving an annual parliamentary salary of \$121,319 plus 9% superannuation, and generous allowances of more than \$40,000 a year the sitting member still takes cases for law firm Wallace, Wilkinson and Webster in addition to his parliamentary responsibilities.

2. For the last 18 years that he has been a Member of the Legislative Council, the sitting member has not operated an electorate office accessible to constituents, instead using an office at Tasmanian Parliament.

3. In 2012, the sitting member voted against the *Same Sex Marriage Bill 2012* that would have made marriage equality law and recognised the relationships of thousands of Tasmanian couples.

4. In 2012, the sitting member voted against the *Tasmanian Forests Agreement Bill 2012* negotiated by conservationists and forestry industry to resolve conflict over Tasmania's forests and chart a sustainable future for Tasmania.