

Fairfax Matters is a grassroots movement powered by everyday Sunshine Coast locals who believe politicians should serve, reflect, and inspire our community. We stand for transparency, accountability, climate action, and policies that prioritise people over party priorities and single interest lobby groups.

Our Mission is to build a strong, connected, and engaged electorate in Fairfax by encouraging informed civic participation, promoting integrity in politics, and supporting an independent, community-minded candidate.

The Political Landscape in Fairfax has long been considered a safe seat for the Coalition—held by the LNP since 1984, apart from Clive Palmer's brief term from 2013–2016. Ted O'Brien, the current MP, first won the seat in 2016.

2025 Federal Election:

- Fairfax Matters endorsed a community-backed candidate, **Francine Wiig**, who ran for the first time in 2025 and achieved an impressive **12% of the primary vote**.
- Ted O'Brien was re-elected but suffered a significant swing against him, with his two-party preferred margin reduced to **3.2%**.

This trend signals growing momentum for change in Fairfax—and the emergence of community-powered alternatives.

What's Next for Fairfax Matters?

Fairfax Matters maintains a real commitment to Community Independent representation through local engagement, political education, and community organising. Our region deserves a representative who truly listens and acts in the interests of the people—not the party-political machine, major donors or self-interest groups.

Fairfax Matters Annual General Meeting is set for **Sunday 16 August 2026 from 1.30 to 3pm** at St Marks Anglican Church Hall, Buderim. We are calling for nominations for committee roles, including Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and more... Information available @ <https://www.fairfaxmatters.org.au/events/>

Get Involved

Fairfax Matters is your platform for meaningful change. We have started something powerful and want to keep the momentum going. Whether you can contribute time, ideas, skills, or energy—we'd love to have you with us.

Fairfax Matters Committee Nomination Forms

Committee Nomination Form

If you are a current member of Fairfax Matters, you may nominate for an administrative

Complete the relevant section(s) below.

NOMINATION FOR CHAIRPERSON

Purpose: To provide leadership, maintain focus on group values and strategy, and facilitate effective decision-making.

Nominee Name:

_____ **Phone or Email:** _____

Signature of Nominee:

_____ **Date:** ____ / ____ / ____

Full Name of Nominator:

Signature of Nominator:

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Full Name of Seconder:

Signature of Seconder:

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

NOMINATION FOR TREASURER

Purpose: To manage the group's finances with integrity and transparency and support long-term financial sustainability.

Nominee Name:

_____ **Phone or Email:** _____

Signature of Nominee:

_____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Full Name of Nominator:

_____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Signature of Nominator:

Full Name of Seconder:

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Signature of Seconder:

NOMINATION FOR SECRETARY

Purpose: To ensure the group's operations are well-documented and that communication flows smoothly across the team and members.

Nominee Name:

_____ **Phone or Email:** _____

Signature of Nominee:

_____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Full Name of Nominator:

_____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Signature of Nominator:

Full Name of Seconder:

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Signature of Seconder:

NOMINATION FOR COMMITTEE MEMBER

Nominee Full Name:

Phone or Email:

Signature of Nominee:

Date:

Optional – please Indicate Areas of Interest

If elected, I would be interested in contributing in the following role(s): (please tick all that apply)

- ☐ Community Engagement Coordinator
- ☐ Media and Communications Officer
- ☐ Membership and Volunteer Coordinator
- ☐ Strategy and Policy Liaison
- ☐ Event Corodrinator
- ☐ Fundraising
- ☐ Hub Leader
- ☐ Data Leader
- ☐ Under 40's