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A. CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENERGY

1. If and when we can generate enough energy to replace coal fired plants, Yes.on the moratorium on sanitary waste land fields, yes. We can probably reclaim waste (Los Baños Laguna model). We could import cement. And shut down our own production but we live in one world so what good will it do to the worldwide problem emissions.
2. Again yes but. What are the alternatives and at what cost?
3. Amendments to the EPIRA (which I authored) and which unfortunately failed to address this issue.

B. WATER

1. Yes- even as high as 100%. Look at my record. The Japitan (Barili, Cebu) Water Coop which I started is a model now. From 1992 I used millions of my CDF for community based potable water systems (level 1 & 2). Ask Cebu's "Sustainable Water" NGO and Fr. Van Engelen of San Carlos' Water Resource Center for the depth of my sustained commitment.
2. There could be several "punitive" measures but what about the implementation? The better to address the root causes – shortage of supply mainly. There are enough laws that are not being implemented.
3. In the urban setting water distribution requires huge investment which only a "monopoly" can provide. In the rural setting these can be community based (such as Japitan). So the answer is regulated monopolies in the urban setting.

C. SOLID WASTE

1. Recourse to the budget and provide adequate appropriations for more MRFs.
2. Amend the law. Make it part of governments health and welfare agenda. Mandate local governments.
3. Yes and note that there are existing laws in the books which are not implemented.
4. Sin taxes end up being paid by the consumers. Banning is not the answer. It lies in MRFs.

D. TOXIC WASTE

1. Reject JPEPA.
2. Yes.
3. Yes.

E. GMOs

1. I am not convinced that the controversy on GMOs is not political between nations of the first world. Are we just being made pawns?
2. Cost driven judgment.
3. Yes we must know what we are consuming and be the judge of it.

F. SUSTAINABLE & ORGANIC AGRICULTURE

1. Yes.
2. Yes.

G. LOGGING

1. Increase the budgetary support for the Forestry sector in the national budget. Yes, total and absolute log ban (note my vote in the Senate).
2. Total permanent log ban not a five year moratorium.

H. MINING

1. There are existing laws that need to be enforced.
2. Yes.
3. The issue is deeper than that. Like many other situations, IPRA and NIPAS are being exploited. We should re- open the issue.

I. AIR POLLUTION

1. Again enforcement. Banning diesel engines? Then what? Horse drawn carriages instead of tricycles?_
2. Legislation is only the beginning. The big problem is implementation. The answer lies in providing budgetary support for implementation.

J. YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL TRACK RECORD

Ask Atty. Antonio Oposa, Fr. Van Englen, Dr. Alacala of Siliman, Rene de Rueda of DENR and many others about my records

Finally- your rating – 10 pts. On each subject. Does this betray your hierarchy of importance? Is water, solid waste. Climate change at par with GMO's?