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IN THE LAST 10 YEARS, HAVE YOU BEEN A MEMBER OR AFFILIATED WITH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING POLITICAL PARTIES?

Greens

IF YOU RESIGNED PARTY MEMBERSHIP, WHAT YEAR?

I resigned in May 2024. I believe that councillors should not be affiliated with a political party to properly represent everyone in their community.

I BELIEVE COUNCIL SHOULD PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY:

As their primary responsibility

I BELIEVE RATES SHOULD:

Should be frozen in the 2025 year and reduced in following years where possible

I BELIEVE RATE CAPPING:

Is vital and must remain unchanged

I BELIEVE COUNCIL:

Should focus on Local matters only and stay out of State, Federal or international issues as much as it can

ALL COUNCIL EXPENDITURE SHOULD BE:

Disclosed in as much detail as possible

A CANDIDATE SHOULD LIVE IN THE WARD THEY SEEK ELECTION

YES - they must live in the area they want to represent (I live in the ward I am running for)

AS A CANDIDATE:

I WILL NOT accept donations from Political Parties

AS A CANDIDATE:

I WILL NOT accept donations from Developers

AS A CANDIDATE:

I WILL NOT accept donations from Unions

COUNCILLORS ARE BETTER IF

They are not affiliated with a political party and refuse to join one whilst they are a Councillor

COUNCIL CEO'S AND EXECUTIVES SHOULD HAVE PUBLIC KPI'S TIED TO THEIR REMUNERATION AND THEIR RESULTS SHOULD BE VISIBLE

YES - public money equals public accountability

I BELIEVE COUNCILLORS

Should make decisions in the best interests of their community regardless of their personal views

AS A CANDIDATE, I BELIEVE AUSTRALIA DAY SHOULD BE HANDLED BY COUNCIL:

by holding a day where we allow everyone to celebrate as they wish

HAVE YOU HAD THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTEER/UNPAID OR COMMITTEE EXPERIENCE IN THE LAST 10 YEARS IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

LGBTQIA+ organisations; Volunteered in local charity or community organisations; Womens Equality organisations; Political organisations; Environmental organisations; Local Sporting Clubs; Local Council Committee or special interest group

I BELIEVE THAT CLIMATE CHANGE

Is the existential threat to mankind and Councils must make it their PRIORITY; Is something Councils should consider in rational and practical ways without throwing money away; Is an issue that Councils should ask the community about before spending public money

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR COMMUNITIES' TOP 5 FUNDING PRIORITIES ARE FROM COUNCIL FUNDS?

Green Open Space (increasing); Rubbish Collection/Waste Disposal; Roads, Footpaths, Drains (New and maintenance); Stopping overdevelopment; Value for Money in service delivery

MY CAMPAIGN IS FUNDED BY:

Me and Family/Friends

IF ELECTED, I WILL FOCUS ON LOCAL ISSUES AND AVOID FEDERAL AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUES AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE?

DEPENDS ON THE ISSUE

IF ELECTED, I WILL ADVOCATE THAT ANNUAL CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEYS ARE CONSIDERED, AND THE ANNUAL PLAN IS DEvised TO ADDRESS PERFORMANCE GAPS

YES

IF ELECTED, I PLEDGE TO ADVOCATE THAT THE COUNCIL 4 YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN INCORPORATES SERVICE DELIVERY STANDARDS.

YES

IF ELECTED, I WILL ADVOCATE THAT ALL OVERSEAS/INTERSTATE TRAVEL MUST BE APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL IN A PUBLIC MEETING

YES - the public should see it

IF ELECTED, I WILL ADVOCATE THAT COUNCIL PUBLISHES ALL COUNCILLOR AND STAFF EXPENDITURE ON THE COUNCILS WEBSITE EVERY QUARTER

YES

IF ELECTED, I WILL ADVOCATE TO

Advocate to conduct an organisational review to reduce duplication and waste in staff resources

IF ELECTED, I WILL ADVOCATE THAT COUNCIL IMPLEMENTS A COUNCILLOR VOTING REGISTER ON COUNCILS WEBSITE (TO SHOW HOW EVERY COUNCILLOR VOTED ON EACH ITEM IN THE MINUTES OF EACH MEETING)

YES

IF ELECTED, I WILL ALWAYS REMAIN PROFESSIONAL ON SOCIAL MEDIA, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, AND IN ALL DEALINGS IN THE COUNCIL. I WILL ALWAYS TREAT THE COMMUNITY WITH DIGNITY, COURTESY AND RESPECT.

YES

IF ELECTED, I WILL ENSURE I RESPOND TO COMMUNICATION FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS (UNLESS THE SENDER IS DEFAMATORY OR ABUSIVE)

YES

IF ELECTED, I WILL ADVOCATE FOR A COUNCIL TRANSPARENCY HUB WHERE ALL INFORMATION IS DISPLAYED OPENLY ON THE COUNCIL'S WEBSITE

YES

IF ELECTED, I WILL ADVOCATE FOR COUNCILLOR BRIEFING MEETINGS (WHICH ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC & BETWEEN COUNCILLORS AND STAFF) SHOULD BE:

have transcripts made public (except confidential items)

IF ELECTED, I WILL ADVOCATE FOR A BACK-TO-BASICS ACTION PLAN AS PART OF THE COUNCIL 4 YEAR PLAN TO MEASURE SERVICE DELIVERY OUTCOMES ON CORE COUNCIL SERVICES

YES

WHAT IS YOUR PITCH TO VOTERS? WHY SHOULD THEY VOTE FOR YOU?

I am a local resident of 50 years. I am standing for Nepean, so we get our fair share of services, better access, more accountability and transparency, and proper consultation with our local communities on issues that matter from our Council.

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