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

Liberal

**IF YOU RESIGNED PARTY MEMBERSHIP, WHAT YEAR?**

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**I BELIEVE COUNCIL SHOULD PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY:**

As their primary responsibility

**I BELIEVE RATES SHOULD:**

Council Should always be looking to reduce by being efficient

**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**

NO - so long as they live in the Municipality or own Property there

**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 from a political party and declare it publicly

**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 Celebrating with all things "Australian"; 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:**

Volunteered in local charity or community organisations; Political organisations; Local Sporting Clubs

**I BELIEVE THAT CLIMATE CHANGE**

Does not generally belong in Local Councils (it is mostly a State/Federal issue); 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?**

Cutting Council Waste (spending); Value for Money in service delivery; Roads, Footpaths, Drains (New and maintenance); Traffic and Parking Management; Community Safety

**MY CAMPAIGN IS FUNDED BY:**

Me alone; I will not take ANY funds from large companies

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

YES

**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:**

I do not know

**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?**

My pitch is simple: I'm committed to putting our community first and ensuring high-quality services with real value. With experience in local government, I know how crucial financial responsibility is. I'll make sure every dollar spent by the Council benefits Solway Ward—upgrading parks, sporting facilities, and maintaining footpaths and roads. I'll protect green spaces, support small businesses, and improve sporting infrastructure. We deserve the best services, delivered efficiently and on budget. If you want a Councillor who listens, advocates, and acts with integrity, I ask for your vote. Let's build a stronger, more efficient Boroondara together.

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