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

None

**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**

I do not mind either way

**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 according to their personal views

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

by Celebrating with all things "Australian"

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

Political organisations; Mental Health Advocacy organisations; Local Sporting Clubs

**I BELIEVE THAT CLIMATE CHANGE**

Is something Councils should consider in rational and practical ways without throwing money away

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

Rubbish Collection/Waste Disposal; Roads, Footpaths, Drains (New and maintenance); Cutting Council Waste (spending); Value for Money in service delivery; Improving the efficiency of the planning process

**MY CAMPAIGN IS FUNDED BY:**

Me alone

**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:**

Livestreamed so the public can see what councillors and officers say (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 have always focussed on the core statutory responsibilities delegated to council under the Local Government Act, 1993 - roads, rates, rubbish, footpaths, parks & gardens, kerb & guttering, streetlights. I have always considered the impact on residents by planning proposals, particularly retrospective lot size reductions. I hanker for transparency, accountability and openness of our council particularly in dealings between council senior staff, councillors and developers. I am friendly and approachable and always willing to stand up for the fine people of the Tamworth Regional Council LGA.

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