



## Canberra Alliance for Participatory Democracy (CAPaD)

**Candidate statement for the voters of Canberra, (to be entered on the CAPaD website on June 27)  
[www.canberra-alliance.org.au](http://www.canberra-alliance.org.au)**

**My name is Christina Hobbs and I am a candidate for the Senate for the Greens.**

**These are my principal qualifications for being a parliamentarian. (No more than 200 words - in 8pt arial font)**

Being a Senator and representing our community requires the capacity to listen, learn and stand up with a strong voice on the issues that matter. This year, with the help of friends, family and other Greens volunteers we've already knocked and called over 15,000 households in Canberra to listen to people's concerns, that's a good start.

I was born in Canberra and graduated from the ANU, later undertaking a Masters in Economics at the University of London. I began my career working in finance, before spending six years working as a humanitarian and economist with the United Nations across Africa, Asia and the Middle East. In 2013, I spent 18 months with the UN living and working in Syria and Turkey, supporting people fleeing conflict.

I'm am a Board Director of the Global Women's Project and have previously worked as the Deputy Manager of WWF's Earth Hour.

In 2014, I helped to establish Future Super, a Canberra based small business and superannuation fund that is the first in Australia not to invest in fossil fuels.

My experience will help me advocate for the values that many Canberrans care about - a fair and peaceful society that is ecologically sustainable.

**If elected, these are the issues that I see as the most important for the long-term benefit of my constituents and towards which I will be working on their behalf. (no more than 300 words - in 8 pt arial font).**

The ACT is one of the tightest Senate races in the country. Yet our city has been taken for granted by both major parties for too long –it's time for that to change.

I want to be a Senator that forward thinking Canberran's will be proud of. I will listen to our community and speak with a loud voice for strong action on climate change, the transition of our economy and closing the gap between the wealthiest 1% and the rest of us. The Australian Greens are a political party based on four key principles: ecological sustainability, grassroots democracy, social justice and peace and non-violence; these align well with my values.

As a Canberran, I will stand up against cuts to our public services, cultural institutions and universities. I will seek to protect funding to age care services, Medicare and to advocate for increased child care.

As a Greens Senator, I will pursue a safe climate future and ensure that Canberra is well positioned to lead the transition. I have already announced a program to subsidise the cost of solar panels and battery storage which would reduce emissions, reduce power bills and create hundreds of tradie jobs right here in Canberra. The Greens have also announced \$2 billion for research and development of renewable energy which would create thousands of jobs in the knowledge sector benefiting Canberra enormously.

As a member of the Greens I will champion political reform, and stand with my party calling for a National Corruption Inquiry to review federal parliament. With my party I will continue to call for reforms to our political donation system.

As well as representing voting constituents, **the Greens speak on behalf of those who wouldn't otherwise get much of a say inside parliament:** children, refugees, students, animals, and of course, our natural environment.

**I will abide by the CAPaD Charter of Democratic Commitments as follows: (any amendments to be in italics and underlined)**

1. I will at all times tell the truth to the citizens and voters of Australia and be honest in all aspects of my work as an elected representative of the Australian people.
2. I will fully disclose and make public the sources and value of all political funding donations, contributions, gifts public and private (as soon as is possible –not 18 months later) relating to my election campaign and political activity-except for small personal donations totaling under 1,000 per person per year. This is because many people for privacy reasons do not want their names listed publicly on a website but do want to contribute to making the world a better place, I think this should be respected particularly in Canberra where many people are public servants.
3. I undertake to be fair, ethical, compassionate and diligent in serving my electorate and the nation at all times, and to uphold the Australian value of "a fair go for all". Where possible, I will promote and support participatory and deliberative methods for policy and legislative decisions.
4. I will place the public interest (the welfare and wellbeing of the general population and the integrity of the planet) ahead of sectional, corporate, party, personal, religious or other interests.
5. I will never abuse or misuse the allowances, subsidies, concessions and privileges accorded to me by the Australian people and Parliament in my role as an elected representative.

**Signed**

**Date 27. June. 2016**