

**Canberra Alliance for Participatory Democracy
(CAPaD)**

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**CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS
FOR THE 2016 ACT LEGISLATIVE
ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS**

**For all candidates elected in
the five electorates**

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INTRODUCTION

The recently formed Canberra Alliance for Participatory Democracy (CAPaD), after consultation with the three main parties sent to all declared candidates in the ACT Election, an invitation to provide us with a single page pro-forma statement to place on our website. The responses were incorporated in a separate file for each electorate, which was freely downloadable by voters.

Each candidate was invited to answer 3 questions, each in less than 200 words. a) These are my principal qualifications for being a parliamentarian. b) If elected, these are the issues that I see as the most important for the long-term benefit of all my constituents and towards which I will be working on their behalf. c) If elected, this is how I plan to represent my constituents. I.e. how I will engage with, consult and report to the electorate during my term in office.

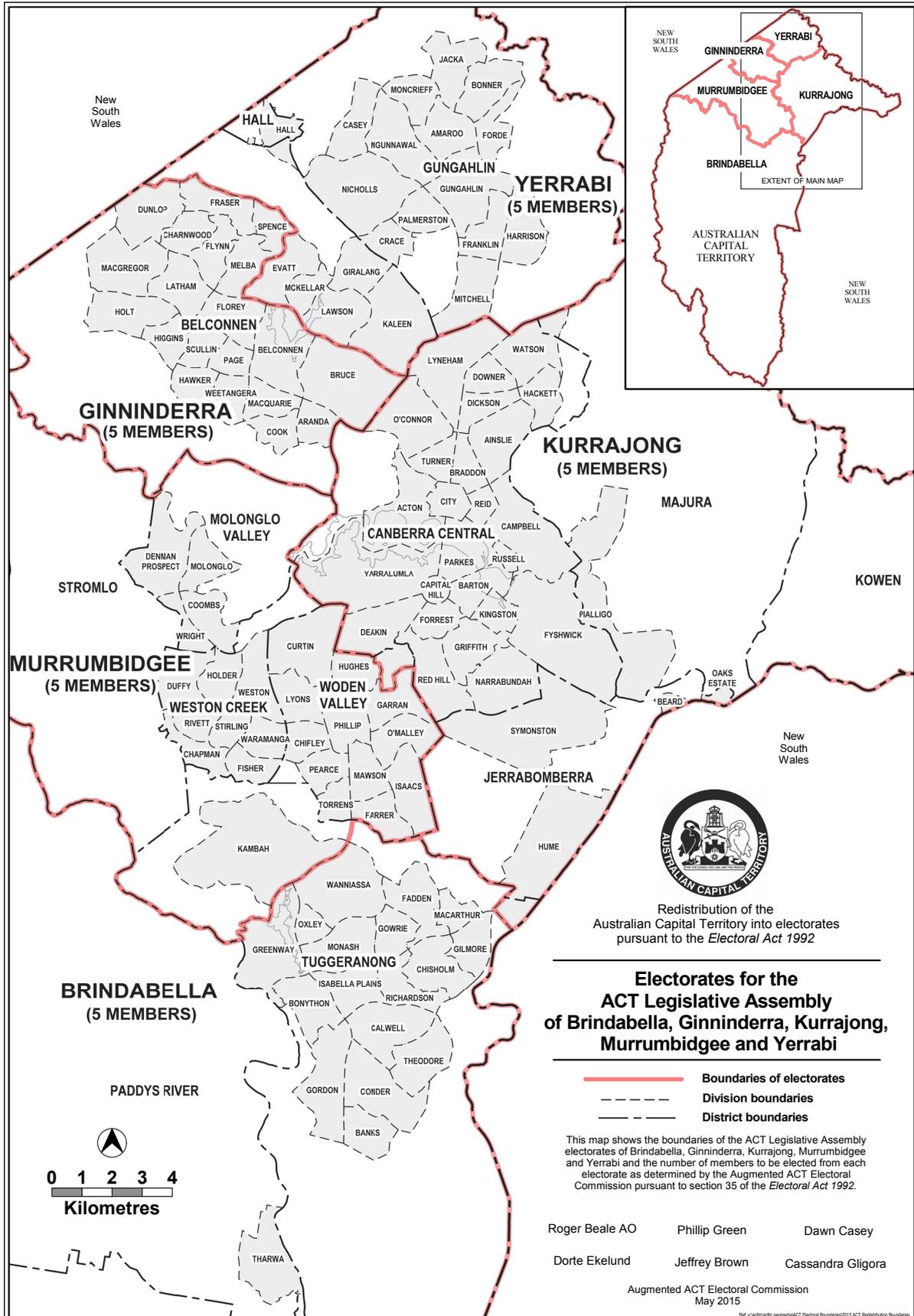
Of the 141 candidates who stood for election, 62 completed the statement and many voters reported that they found the statements helpful in choosing the five or more candidates to number on their ballot paper

All candidates were also invited to endorse or modify the following six point **“Charter of Democratic Commitment.”**

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This file contains lists all of the 25 elected candidates by electorate, and includes the statements of the 14 elected candidates who completed them. For the 11 members who did not complete a statement their page contains only their photo and\ a link to their party website.

ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES IN ACT FOR 2016



1. ELECTED MEMBERS FOR THE ELECTORATE OF YERRABI

Alistair Coe Liberal Member for Yerrabi



<http://canberraliberals.org.au/our-people/coe/>

James Milligan Liberal Member for Yerrabi.



<http://canberraliberals.org.au/our-people/milligan/>

Meegan Fitzharris Labor Party Member For Yerrabi (CS)



http://www.actlabor.org.au/meegan_fitzharris

My name is Meegan Fitzharris and I am a candidate for the ACT Legislative Assembly in the electorate of **Yerrabi**

I am endorsed to represent ALP.

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

I have lived in Gungahlin with my family for nearly a decade. This is a diverse and growing community and I am proud to represent this happy and optimistic region. I've worked hard to advocate for Gungahlin in the ACT Legislative Assembly and I have secured funding for major road and transport infrastructure, for schools and for vital community health care projects.

I have a strong public policy background and, before entering politics, I worked for the NSW Police during the 2000 Sydney Olympics, as a senior policy manager for the Australian Federal Police and for the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department. I've also worked in hospitality, been a stay-at-home mum, ran a business from home and I've also worked as a consultant. In Gungahlin, I've been involved with a number of local community groups, including as a board member of the Gungahlin Regional Community Service (now known as Communities@Work), as a member of a school community council and as an executive member of the Gungahlin Community Council.

If elected, these are the issues that I see as the most important for the long-term benefit of all my constituents and towards which I will be working on their behalf. *(no more than 200 words – in 8 pt Arial font)*

Yerrabi is a fantastic place to live and work but I understand challenges happen at all stages of life for all Canberrans. This includes securing the infrastructure that we need to make sure Australia's fastest growing region – Gungahlin – has the services it needs. A high quality health system, more knowledge-based jobs and an integrated transport network are all important for Yerrabi and I believe this is the case for all Canberrans.

So far, I have delivered for Yerrabi residents in many areas. These include securing a site for a new cinema in Gungahlin, funding for the duplication of Gundaroo Drive and for Horse Park Drive, transforming Hibberson Street in Gungahlin town centre into a people friendly area and \$20 million in funding for Gungahlin's schools. I've put a real focus on walking and cycling safely to school, wherever in Canberra you live, and I've secured Canberra's first ever paediatric palliative care nurse.

If elected, this is how I plan to represent my constituents. *i.e. how I will engage with, consult and report to the electorate during my term in office. (No more than 200 words in 8 pt arial font,)*

Since my election to the ACT Legislative Assembly, I have held regular mobile offices across the Gungahlin area and, if elected, I will continue these offices. During the 2012 election campaign, I was a regular on Hibberson Street in Gungahlin and it became a part of the political process I really enjoy. I love spending time with the people of Gungahlin, talking to them about their lives, their concerns and hopes. This is a personal highlight of the job for me and it is something I would continue.

Balancing the Ministerial workload can be tricky at times but I am still a regular at Gungahlin Community Council and other community forums, and I respond to queries and questions via email and on social media daily. I would love to continue this work, I believe consultation and reporting to the community is a vital part of politics. Building trust and community connections is also important to me because it's very important to the success of our community. I think deliberative democracy processes have huge potential. I was a volunteer at the deliberative democracy forum on a bill of rights for the ACT. I would be very keen to explore their potential in the next term of the Assembly.

I will abide by the CAPad Charter of Democratic Commitments as follows: *(NB If you are uncomfortable with the wording in any these statements, please amend them and show any amendments in italics and underline them)*

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Signed

Date 12/9/2016

Please return your completed statement to canberraalliance@gmail.com for placement on the Canberra Alliance Website

*See Section 14 ACT Electoral Act.

Suzanne Orr Labor Party Member for Yerrabi (CS)



http://www.actlabor.org.au/suzanne_orr

My name is Suzanne Orr and I am a candidate for the ACT Legislative Assembly in the electorate of **Yerrabi**
I am endorsed to represent ALP

These are my principal qualifications for being a parliamentarian.

If you asked me when I was younger if I saw myself as a politician, I would have said no. I grew up in Giralang playing cricket in our cul-de-sac and going to Brownies. I now work as an urban planner and I've recently bought my first home in Franklin.

Growing up, my family fostered more than 200 children because we wanted to help kids who needed it most. I learned that we can do a lot to help each other, but sometimes we can't solve all the problems ourselves. Luckily we had social services there to help and it showed me that government has a big role in helping when we need extra support.

I joined Labor when the policy area I worked in was dismantled overnight, and I realised how important it is to be involved where the agenda is set. I led a campaign with 350.org to end government investment in fossil fuel companies. The ACT Government heard our call and has now divested from companies that generated 60 gigatons of fossil fuels. For me, politics is about members of our community making a difference and that's why I'm running for the Legislative Assembly.

If elected, these are the issues that I see as the most important for the long-term benefit of all my constituents and towards which I will be working on their behalf.

Growing up in Giralang, and now living in Franklin, I have seen Canberra change and grow. Yerrabi has some really new suburbs, like Crace and Franklin, but it also covers older, established suburbs like Kaleen, Giralang and Palmerston. One of the key issues for the area is keeping the balance between the needs of the communities in new areas that are growing rapidly, at the same time as providing for the more established areas where the needs of the community are changing as they age.

I believe we have to look after our environment so our environment can look after us. I would really like to see us be even more proactive about balancing our urban and natural environment. We've been really lucky in Canberra to have so much nature in our city. But as the city grows the pressures on the natural environment are going to get greater. We are going to have new challenges to respond to and some existing challenges will get more difficult to manage. I'd like to see us approach these challenges with a proactive attitude so that we can continue to benefit from Canberra's natural environment.

If elected, this is how I plan to represent my constituents. I.e. how I will engage with, consult and report to the electorate during my term in office.

I know that engaging with constituents means more than one-way communication. I love hearing directly from people about their experiences, and throughout the campaign I have talked to hundreds of Yerrabi residents about what they love about living here, and the things that we need to do to make it better. For me, being a local member means being a champion and advocate for the local community.

As someone who is passionate about planning and good urban design, I believe there are opportunities to help improve the conversations we have in the community about development and consultation. This is a discussion I would like to lead as a local member.

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Signed: Suzanne Orr

Date: 14 September 2016

Michael Petterson Labor Party Member for Yerrabi



http://www.actlabor.org.au/michael_petterson

2. ELECTED MEMBERS FOR THE ELECTORATE OF MURRUMBIDGEE

Rebecca Cody Labor Member for Murrumbidgee



http://www.actlabor.org.au/bec_cody

Chris Steel Labor Member for Murrumbidgee (CS)



http://www.actlabor.org.au/chris_steel

My name is Chris Steel and I am a candidate for the ACT Legislative Assembly in the electorate of Murrumbidgee.

I am endorsed to represent ACT Labor.

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

I am running for election because I grew up on the Southside and I want to be a strong voice for us in the Legislative Assembly. I had the opportunity to attend some great schools - Torrens Primary and Melrose High and as a community advocate for children's education, I want to use my professional experience to help improve our local schools and ensure that they remain the best in the country. I hold a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) and Bachelor of Arts (BA) from the Australian National University (ANU). I work in the community sector, as an education advocate at Early Childhood Australia. I previously worked for both the ACT and Federal Governments with a focus on community services and improving access to quality education for all children. I currently volunteer to help deliver education and community services on the ground, as a tutor for disadvantaged children and as a Director on the Board of YMCA Canberra. I've also worked in the union movement helping to negotiate better wage outcomes for public servants and fighting for a fairer industrial relations system.

If elected, these are the issues that I see as the most important for the long-term benefit of all my constituents and towards which I will be working on their behalf. (no more than 200 words – in 8 pt Arial font)

As an education advocate I know that education is one of the decisive forces for equality and building Canberra's future prosperity. I will continue to fight for better access to early childhood education, upgrading infrastructure at our schools and delivering the Gonski plan for a needs based funding system to ensure every student has the support they need to succeed. With an ageing population we need to ensure that Canberrans have what they need to age successfully. This means building a quality health system with better access to local health services like Labor's plans for a bulk billing GP service and nurse-led walk-in centre on the Southside. It also means delivering Labor's plans for an expanded emergency department and providing a new state of the art hospital building. One of the reasons I am running is to support more local jobs on the Southside, especially through urban renewal. I will continue to stand against the Liberal's cuts and general contempt for the role of the public service, which is affecting our local economy and businesses. I will strongly advocate for the urban renewal of local shopping centres (like Kambah Village and Cooleman Court) and Woden Town Centre – to make Canberra an even better place to live.

If elected, this is how I plan to represent my constituents. I.e. how I will engage with, consult and report to the electorate during my term in office. (No more than 200 words in 8 pt arial font,)

I will seize the opportunity of a smaller electorate to deliver better constituent representation through increasing contact with my constituents, especially with those that don't usually have a voice in our democracy. I will conduct regular, published mobile offices and make myself available to residents on the Southside. I will regularly update people on work in the Assembly and seek feedback on key issues affecting people in Murrumbidgee and the ACT. As a Labor candidate, I will represent Labor's election policies and values in the in the Assembly and seek feedback on implementation and policy development from residents. I will be strong voice for the Southside in the Labor caucus.

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Signed  **Date 12/09/2016**

Jeremy Hanson Liberal Party Member for Murrumbidgee (CS)



<http://canberraliberals.org.au/our-people/hanson/>

My name is Jeremy Hanson and I am a candidate for the ACT Legislative Assembly in the electorate of Murrumbidgee.

I am endorsed to represent the Liberal Party.

These are my principal qualifications for being a parliamentarian.

After spending 22 years in the Australian Army, which included service in Iraq, East Timor, Malaysia, Germany and Papua New Guinea, I ran for the Legislative Assembly in 2008 and was elected to represent the division of Molonglo. I was re-elected in 2012 and subsequently chosen by my Canberra Liberals colleagues to become Leader of the Opposition in 2013. I am currently the Shadow Attorney-General, Shadow Minister for Health, Police, Gaming and Racing and Veterans Affairs. In the Army I attained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and was awarded the Conspicuous Service Cross, ADF Gold Commendation and the Army Combat Badge. My professional qualifications include a Master's degree in Management and Defence Studies from the University of Canberra and a bachelor's degree from the University of New England.

If elected, these are the issues that I see as the most important for the long-term benefit of all my constituents and towards which I will be working on their behalf.

Under my leadership, a Canberra Liberals Government will stop light rail and invest in health, education and better local services for all Canberrans. Over the past 15 years ACT Labor has neglected our suburban areas while focusing on the favoured few. I will focus on delivering a rebuild of the Canberra Hospital as well as two new satellite hospitals, one for Gungahlin and one for Tuggeranong. I will deliver a badly needed funding boost for our education system, including money for capital upgrades for schools and kids with special needs. I will remove red tape and create an environment for business to thrive. There's a lot of work to do after 15 years of ACT Labor and the Greens. Fundamentally, Canberrans want a local government that represents their interests in the community and that's what I will deliver if the Canberra Liberals are elected.

If elected, this is how I plan to represent my constituents.

I intend to continue the tradition of Canberra Liberals MLAs providing strong local, grassroots representation for the community. For me, it's all about speaking with Canberrans face to face, whether it be at the local shops, door knocking or at functions and events. If you don't actually communicate with the people you hope to represent, how will you ever know what to deliver? Over my eight years in the Legislative Assembly I have consulted and listened to thousands of Canberrans. That is how the Canberra Liberals have developed a plan to represent all of Canberra in government and we will continue to use that formula to deliver on the priorities of the community.

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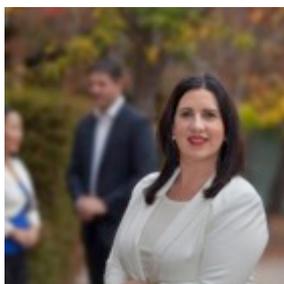
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Signed

Date

9 Sep 2016

Giulia Jones Liberal Party Member for Murrumbidgee.



<http://canberraliberals.org.au/our-people/jones/>

Caroline Le Couteur Greens candidate for Murrumbidgee (CS)



www.actgreens.org.au/caroline-lecouteur-for-murrumbidgee

My name is **Caroline Le Couteur** and I am a candidate for the ACT Legislative Assembly for the **Greens electorate of Murrumbidgee**

These are my principal qualifications for being a parliamentarian. I was a Greens parliamentarian in 2008 – 2012. Together with the other Greens I made a difference in the ACT in many ways including: Legislated green house gas and renewable energy targets, Better planning consultation, More money for mental health, I grew up in Canberra and have lived here most of my life. Prior to becoming a member of the Legislative Assembly I had worked in IT and renewable energy in the Federal and ACT governments and then was a founder and executive director of Australian Ethical Investments which is now an ASX listed company with \$1.5 billion under management. I currently work part time for a small NGO, the Australasian Centre for Corporate Responsibility, whose mission is to empower shareholders to lead to a more sustainable companies and thus a more sustainable Australia.

If elected, these are the issues that I see as the most important for the long-term benefit of all my constituents and towards which I will be working on their behalf.

There is no doubt in my mind that climate change is the most important issue facing my constituents, and indeed all people. If we do not address it, then there will be rapid change in our planet's weather leading to loss of life of people and extinction of many species. In fact, this has already started. As noted above, the Greens passed legislation on this and continue to work on it. I am particularly interested in building a more sustainable Canberra because much of our recent development is making Canberra less sustainable. Making our transport system more sustainable, with public transports, walking and cycling is part of that.

The second issue is rising inequality in Canberra. This is just unfair, and leads to hardship and a breakdown of community. The Greens have policies for more affordable housing and to reduce homelessness as well as addressing domestic violence.

Thirdly its important that our government works for the community, not just for wealthy donors. This is also an issue I am working on with ACCR.

If elected, here is how I plan to ensure that I am representing the interests of my constituents

If elected, I will listen to my constituents. I will read (and answer) correspondence, attend community events and continue to have mobile offices. Where there are specific issues I will consider things such as forums, surveys and Assembly inquiries so as to best determine the interests of my constituents. If I am in a position to, I will instigate some deliberative democracy processes to see how they can work for the ACT government issues – see answer 4 below for more detail.

I will abide by the CAPaD Charter of Democratic Commitments as follows:

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2. I will fully disclose and make public the sources and value of all political funding donations, contributions, gifts public and private, within one month of receipt, towards my election campaign and political activity.

As well as that - The ACT Greens commit to electoral funding reform to:

- Ban political donations from developers, corporations and organisations with vested interests;
- Only allow donations from individuals in the ACT and capped at \$5,000; and
- Require monthly public disclosure of political donations, and funding on a public website, in non-election periods and weekly disclosure during election periods. In the last week of the election campaign, the ACT Greens would require daily disclosure from political parties.

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".

A fair go is important – and it includes a fair go for those who need it most...the Greens will work to ensure that all our policies and responses prioritise those who are the most disadvantaged in our community - people who live with low incomes, disabilities, or in other disadvantaged groups. We value the contributions of all people in our society, and we understand that most people have times in their lives where they need support and assistance to get through. We believe in an inclusive society where all Canberrans can participate in our community and live fulfilling and rich lives.

4. I will promote and support participatory and deliberative methods for policy and legislative decisions.

The ACT Greens understand that community consultation and engagement must be meaningful, otherwise governments lose the trust of the community. There is no purpose to having community consultations where the outcomes have already been decided by Government, or where there isn't a meaningful opportunity to have an impact. We support the use of deliberative democracy mechanisms and would like to see these mechanisms used more at specific decision-making points. n"As such, the ACT Greens will conduct a review of the Budget process in 2017 to be undertaken in consultation with the community, and with the express objective of establishing participatory budget setting processes in the ACT."

5. 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.

The ACT Greens are committed to putting the community first. That means putting the community and the planet we depend on ahead of big business and corporate interests. The ACT Greens are a member-driven party that is made up of members of our community. They develop our policies and inform the decisions of our elected representatives for, and on behalf of, the community. 6. 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 by Caroline Le Couteur on 9th September 2016

3. ELECTED MEMBERS FOR THE ELECTORATE OF KURRAJONG

Andrew Barr Labor Party Member for Kurrajong (CS)



http://www.actlabor.org.au/andrew_barr

My name is Andrew Barr and I am a candidate for the ACT Legislative Assembly in the electorate of **Kurrajong**

I am endorsed to represent ACT Labor

These are my principal qualifications for being a parliamentarian.

I have been a member of the Legislative Assembly since April 2006 and have served in multiple ministerial portfolios including: Education and Training, Community Services, Housing, Treasury, Economic Development, Sport and Recreation, Tourism and Events, Workplace Safety, Children and Youth, Planning and Industrial Relations. I was elected Chief Minister in December 2014.

I graduated from the Australian National University in 1995 with a degree in public policy that included study in the following fields: economics, economic history, political science, philosophy, sociology and demography.

I have lived in Canberra for forty years.

If elected, these are the issues that I see as the most important for the long-term benefit of all my constituents and towards which I will be working on their behalf.

I am committed to delivering a positive, progressive and forward-looking agenda that will shape our city for generations to come. My focus will be on delivering world class health, education, municipal and community services. Further information on ACT Labor's platform and policies can be found here: <http://www.actlabor.org.au/> and my personal website is www.andrewbarr.com.au.

If elected, this is how I plan to represent my constituents. I.e. how I will engage with, consult and report to the electorate during my term in office.

I use a range of platforms to engage with, consult and report to the electorate. These include face to face meetings, telephone conversations, public speaking engagements, stakeholder roundtables, industry forums, community meetings, suburban mobile offices, email, letters, traditional print and electronic media interviews, monthly printed newsletters to households, fortnightly Chief Minister talkback on ABC radio, my personal website and multiple social media platforms including facebook, twitter, linked-in and instagram. I will continue to use these, and other new platforms, to engage with and represent my constituents.

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Signed by Andrew Barr 18 September 2016

Rachel Stephen-Smith Labor Party Member for Kurrajong (CS)



<http://www.rachelstephensmith.org>

My name is **Rachel Stephen-Smith** and I am a candidate for the ACT Legislative Assembly in the electorate of **Kurrajong**. I am endorsed to represent the **ACT Labor Party**.

These are my principal qualifications for being a parliamentarian.

I grew up in Canberra and it's my home. I'm running to represent the "heart of Canberra" as a strong, progressive woman with the experience to make a real difference in the Assembly from day one. Over the past 20 years, I've been a health consumers' policy advocate, senior public servant, diplomat, chief of staff and horse riding coach for children with disabilities. Having worked in government and the community sector, I've been on both sides of the table, and I've seen good decision-making and bad decision-making; good community engagement and not-so-great.

I've seen what getting it wrong can mean for those who rely on governments to protect them and to open the doors of opportunity. Living in Washington DC, I got to know a capital city divided by inequality. I never want to see that here. If I'm elected to represent the people of Kurrajong, I'll work every day to build a stronger, fairer Canberra.

If elected, these are the issues that I see as the most important for the long-term benefit of all my constituents and towards which I will be working on their behalf.

I'm proud to have been educated in Canberra's great public school system. Public education is vital to ensuring everyone can have access to an excellent education, regardless of their background. Public schools also foster social inclusion by bringing people together and building tolerance and understanding. If I'm elected, I'll always argue for well-funded schools and a strong vocational education system.

Critical social policy issues such as health, justice, disability, community services and housing all come together at the Territory level. Housing is key – without a secure, appropriate, affordable home, everything else becomes so much harder. I'm keen to find new ways to ensure our planning and development system supports more affordable housing and creates inclusive spaces that reflect the way people want to live.

I believe our community is stronger when we all participate. Many people have talked with me about the barriers still faced by people with disabilities in our community. If I'm elected, I'll work to make Canberra the most accessible and inclusive city we can be for older people and people with disabilities. It's a matter of social justice, but it's also clear that a city that works better for people with disabilities works better for everyone.

If elected, this is how I plan to represent my constituents. I.e. how I will engage with, consult and report to the electorate during my term in office.

My experience means I know how to listen to people and get things done. I've had hundreds of conversations with Canberrans this year, and I've answered their questions, explored their ideas and helped them in practical ways to navigate the system. If I'm elected, these conversations will continue – at mobile offices, on the phone and at people's homes.

Over recent months, I've also had some great discussions about how governments can work better with the communities they serve in more structured ways, so that together we can build an even more vibrant, sustainable and inclusive city. The ACT Labor Government has already made it easier for people to engage in consultations through a range of online tools, particularly the Your Say website. The next challenge is how we bring expertise to bear, while also ensuring we hear from younger people and families who are time poor.

Canberra boasts serious expertise in participatory democracy, and I'm keen to see the next Labor Government use a range of consultation mechanisms – from "kitchen table" conversations to citizens' juries – to complement successful models like the community panel that was established for the Canberra Brickworks Precinct and is proposed for the Manuka Oval master plan.

I will abide by the CAPaD Charter of Democratic Commitments as follows:

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Signed:

Date: 11 September 2016

Shane Rattenbury Greens Party Member for Kurrajong (CS)



<http://www.actgreens.org.au/shane-rattenbury-for-kurrajong>

My name is **Shane Rattenbury** and I am a candidate for the ACT Legislative Assembly in the electorate of **Kurrajong**.
I am endorsed to represent the **ACT Greens**

These are my principal qualifications for being a parliamentarian.

In two terms as an MLA I have always put the community first and done my best to represent the people of Canberra, and listen to their ideas and concerns. But it hasn't always been easy being the only Green in the Assembly! I was the only MLA to stand up against the Liberal and Labor parties when they tore down the ACT's political donation laws, and I believe it is the Greens who really put the interests of the community ahead of corporate interests, developers and pokies. I am proud to have been part of the efforts to adopt world-leading clean energy targets in the ACT, to reduce homelessness through building Common Ground, and get a good outcome on the proposed Teloepa/MOCCA land swap. I have championed transparency and openness in government. The Assembly recently adopted the Greens' new Freedom of Information laws. Our laws are now amongst the best in the country, and provide a "push" model to proactively make government information available to the community. And I will continue to be motivated by the idea that as leaders today, we should be striving to build a city our children will thank us for.

If elected, these are the issues that I see as the most important for the long-term benefit of all my constituents and towards which I will be working on their behalf

The decisions our government makes now will shape the future of our city. We must act now to prepare for the long-term challenges of global warming, our growing city and Canberra's rising inequality. That is why I am committed to ensuring that everyone in our city has access to good quality public transport, by extending light rail across Canberra, investing in our buses, and upgrading our cycling and walking infrastructure. That's why the Greens will tackle Canberra's hidden poverty by making housing more affordable. And, it's why we will take real action on global warming and invest in clean energy jobs and industries.

I want the community to have confidence in our democracy, which is why I want to ban donations from developers and establish an ACT ICAC. I want a health system that puts a strong focus on prevention, as well as being excellent when it is an emergency. And as Education Minister, I see two really important roles for our schools - to promote excellence, and to help reduce inequality. The Greens are the party of the people, the environment and the future of our city. We will always stand up for the community and for future generations.

If elected, this is how I plan to represent my constituents. I.e. how I will engage with, consult and report to the electorate during my term in office.

There is no point in having community consultations where the outcomes have already been decided by government, or where there is no meaningful opportunity for the community's voice to be heard. I would like to see more effort put in at the start of processes to ask the community what they actually want, so that ideas and proposals reflect community aspirations.

If elected I will be pushing for more community involvement in Government decision making, and the use of deliberative democracy mechanisms in the budget process and at specific decision-making points. There is plenty of experience and lots of good ideas in our community, and government decisions are better when they reflect this local knowledge. I will continue to actively engage with the community by regularly making myself available to meet with constituents in their community, attending community events, being responsive to people's concerns, and by representing their needs in the Assembly.

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Signed Date

 9/9/16

Candice Burch Liberal Candidate for Kurrajong who has replaced Steve Doszpot (deceased) (CS)



<http://canberraliberals.org.au/our-people/burch/>

My name is **Candice Burch** and I am a candidate for the ACT Legislative Assembly in the electorate of **Kurrajong**. I am endorsed to represent the **Liberal Party**.

These are my principal qualifications for being a parliamentarian.

I have a Bachelor of Economics/Arts, and am currently completing a Master of Business Administration. I've worked in the public service for the past five years, and am currently at the Commonwealth Department of Finance.

Having lived, worked and studied in the Inner North and South for a decade, I care deeply about the center of Canberra. I am running for the ACT Assembly because I want to return the focus of the ACT Government back to the job it's supposed to do.

As a Budget officer in the Department of Finance, I'm passionate about ensuring government decisions are based on evidence and implemented properly. Unfortunately, under this Greens-Labor Government, this has often not been the case. In recent years, we've seen rates and the cost of living going up and up, while many services are getting worse and worse. Whether it is road maintenance, footpaths, or grass mowing, there are so many basic services that local government should be focused on delivering, and doing so well.

If elected, these are the issues that I see as the most important for the long-term benefit of all my constituents and towards which I will be working on their behalf.

I am determined to do all I can to return the focus of government back to the things that really matter to Canberrans – essential services. After more than 15 years of inefficient government, we have seen huge increases in rates, fees, and charges. However, we're not seeing sufficient value for this money.

If elected, my key priorities will be:

- Stopping the \$14 billion tram, so that we can afford to invest properly in priority areas of healthcare and education;
- Fixing our health system by expanding the Canberra Hospital and building new hospitals in Gungahlin and Tuggeranong;
- Addressing cost of living pressures by making rates fairer;
- Supporting our schools with funding for new infrastructure and capital upgrades, as well as additional support for children with disabilities, and enhancing safety at our schools by rolling out flashing lights in all school zones.
- Ensuring genuine consultation takes place on development proposals in our community;
- Improving essential services including local roads, footpaths, public parking and urban maintenance.
- Investing in public transport for all Canberrans by enhancing our bus network so that it is frequent, safe, convenient and reliable, with faster and shorter journeys for everyone.

If elected, here is how I plan to ensure that I am representing the interests of my constituents

I'll be speaking to constituents everyday to understand and act on their concerns. The Canberra Liberals have a strong tradition of working directly with constituents and communities to achieve outcomes and I intend to continue that. Ongoing community consultation is the key to ensure that we are addressing local issues and concerns and delivering real outcomes for constituents.

I will abide by the following principles consistent with the CAPaD Charter of Democratic Commitments as follows: *(NB If you are uncomfortable with the wording in any these statements please amend them and show any amendments in italics and underline them.)*

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5. I will place the public interest ahead of personal interests.
6. I will never abuse or misuse the allowances, subsidies, concessions and privileges accorded to me by the people of the ACT and the Legislative Assembly in my role as an elected representative.

Signed by Candice Burch 13 September 2016

Elizabeth Lee Liberal Party Member for Kurrajong (CS)



<http://canberraliberals.org.au/our-people/lee/>

My name is **Elizabeth Lee** and I am a candidate for the ACT Legislative Assembly in the electorate of **Kurrajong**. **I am endorsed to represent the Liberal Party.**

These are my principal qualifications for being a parliamentarian.

I am blessed with good health, a supportive family and have had access to world class education which have given me the opportunities to:

- advocate for and represent a section of our community in my capacity as Vice President of the ACT Law Society;
- assist the vulnerable members of our community through my volunteer work with Legal Advice Bureau (ACT Law Society) and Legal Aid (ANU Legal Workshop);
- gain the professional experience and network as a commercial litigation lawyer;
- teach the future lawyers of tomorrow as a law lecturer; and
- share my passion for health and fitness as a group fitness instructor.

These experiences have given me the unique skills and values to represent the people of Kurrajong in the ACT Legislative Assembly. I have lived in Canberra for the past 18 years and have studied, played and lived here my entire adult life. I love Canberra - its people, its character and its heart and I know I am the right person to be an elected representative.

If elected, these are the issues that I see as the most important for the long-term benefit of all my constituents and towards which I will be working on their behalf.

Fixing our health system: Canberrans deserve a world class health system and I am proud to be a member of the Party that is committed to providing this for all Canberrans. Our recent health policy announcements are thoroughly researched and have received the full backing of the medical profession. We will invest \$400m on a hospital expansion with more beds, more staff and cutting edge technology at The Canberra Hospital.

Stopping the tram: the Canberra Liberals have announced a comprehensive public transport policy that benefits all Canberrans, not a select few. Our proposal to expand our existing bus network including 6 additional rapid bus routes has been given support by independent experts on the right solution for Canberra. We will stop the tram that has been criticised by the Auditor-General and independent experts as bad policy - for public transport, for accountability and for the cost.

Stop unfair increases in cost of living: through putting a halt on unfair increases on rates, fees and charges and taking responsibility for public spending. We believe that Canberrans deserve the best local services and amenities that they work hard for.

Improve local amenities: we will get back to delivering the basics - looking after our green space, taking care of the character of our city - natural and man-made and ensure that we create a capital city that all Canberrans (and all Australians) can be proud of.

If elected, this is how I plan to represent my constituents. I.e. how I will engage with, consult and report to the electorate during my term in office.

First, by being fair, ethical and conscientious in serving the people of Kurrajong. I will put the needs of my constituents first by upholding the highest of ethical standards as an elected representative, acknowledging the privilege and responsibility of such a position.

Second, by being a good, effective communicator. As a lawyer, I see myself as a professional communicator. I will remain in regular contact with my constituents through a variety of means to connect with as many and diverse members of the community as possible - face-to-face mobile offices, letters, email, social media, community forums, etc.

Third, living up to promises. I will also do my very best to deliver, to the best of my capacity, on any reasonable request made of me by my constituents. I can only do this by being open-minded and listening to all members of the community.

The Canberra Liberals have a strong tradition of working directly with constituents and I intend to continue that.

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5. I will place the public interest ahead of personal interests.

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Signed by Elizabeth Lee on 8th September 2016

4.ELECTED MEMBERS FOR THE ELECTORATE OF GINNINDERRA

Yvette Berry Labor Party Member for Ginninderra.



http://www.actlabor.org.au/yvette_berry

Tara Cheyne Labor Party Member for Ginninderra (CS)



http://www.actlabor.org.au/tara_cheyne

My name is **Tara Cheyne** and I am a candidate for the ACT Legislative Assembly in the electorate of **Ginninderra**
I am endorsed to represent **ALP**

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

Belconnen is my home and my passion. When you love something, you want the very best for it – and that's what I've committed myself to doing. I started small, simply promoting things that I was enjoying in Canberra and Belconnen on a blog called [In The Taratory](#) as a hobby. By its third year it had 3000 views a week – and a weekly radio segment. I've loved being able to raise Belconnen's profile with it. It's fostered a love of communicating with people about issues that matter to them.

In the same month that we purchased our home here, I joined the Belconnen Community Council and soon led it as its Chair. Since 2014 I've been a member of the Belconnen Arts Centre Board: Belconnen's cultural heart. I've made a real difference with my fresh ideas: fostering greater connections in the community, and inspiring the community to help make sure its views are heard on local matters.

In my professional and community careers I've led large, diverse teams. I'm a natural communicator. I have the drive, energy, determination and proven experience to do even more to make our community even better – and that's why I'm running.

If elected, these are the issues that I see as the most important for the long-term benefit of all my constituents and towards which I will be working on their behalf. (no more than 200 words – in 8 pt Arial font)

We have an ageing population and a growing population. Key issues facing us include ensuring we've got the right infrastructure in place to support us – from a range of affordable housing options, to high quality transport no matter what method you use – and remaining inclusive and connected, both physically and socially.

While waste management isn't a sexy topic, it's a critical one. For example, Labor's bulky waste pick up election commitment is a policy I've personally championed for a long time. ACT Labor has partnered with the charity GIVIT, which means bulky items collected which are still usable and in a good condition can be provided to households in need. Continuing to better educate and encourage the community to recycle is also key.

Maintaining a focus on the Belconnen Town Centre – a fast growing, fast changing and popular destination to live, work and play – is a priority of mine. With the recent release of the Belconnen Town Centre Master Plan, I look forward to working with businesses, residents, community and government to implement its recommendations. In particular, I'll continue to advocate for Belconnen Arts Centre's completion, rejuvenating Lake Ginninderra's foreshore and increased integration with the University of Canberra.

If elected, this is how I plan to represent my constituents. I.e. how I will engage with, consult and report to the electorate during my term in office. (No more than 200 words in 8 pt arial font,)

I'm determined to be an MLA who works to know your views so that I can make them heard and get the best outcomes for our community. So, I've run my campaign in the way that I want to be an MLA. In a few months alone, I've knocked on thousands of doors and held hundreds of community stalls – day, night, wind, rain, sunshine or sleet. The number of people who speak me at a shopping centre simply because they've seen me not once but numerous times or because I've already knocked on their door speaks to the value of being available regularly and consistently.

However, I recognize not everyone has a chance to speak face to face with a politician. As representatives, we must create, participate in and encourage participation in as many channels as possible. In this campaign alone I've engaged regularly and meaningfully via Facebook, Twitter and Instagram; have personally responded to every e-mail I've received (hundreds); and conducted a survey which hundreds of people have completed and about which I'll be preparing a report soon.

I've valued the opportunity to create community connections in all these forms and will continue with this work.

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Signed Tara Cheyne Date 9 September 2016

Gordon Ramsay Labor Party Member for Ginninderra (CS)



http://www.actlabor.org.au/gordon_ramsay

My name is Gordon Ramsay and I am a candidate for the ACT Legislative Assembly in the electorate of Ginninderra
I am endorsed to represent ALP

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

- 20 years of local, grounded community leadership in Kippax, Belconnen and across Canberra – including UnitingCare Kippax, Anti-Poverty Week, ACT Community Inclusion Board.
- Demonstrated history in improving the lives of Canberra's most vulnerable citizens.
- Governance leadership of a large community services organization (Board Chair of \$800m pa organization).
- Leadership in ACT policy work – including Targeted Assistance Strategy, Better Services Taskforce.
- Finalist in 2015 ACT Australian of the Year Local Hero Awards .

If elected, these are the issues that I see as the most important for the long-term benefit of all my constituents and towards which I will be working on their behalf. (no more than 200 words – in 8 pt Arial font)

- Building on strong history of a socially inclusive community – ensuring that Canberra is the world's most liveable city is for all its residents.
- Ensuring that as our city continues to grow and develop, it does so with people (individuals and community) at its heart.
- Continuing to develop our education and health systems (particularly including mental services services and disability services) to ensure high quality of living, now and for the future.
- Ensuring access to secure and affordable housing for all Canberrans.
- Increased attention to the issue of energy poverty.
- Development of integrated, effective transport – both for drives and public transport, with increased attention to people whose travel is outside traditional "peak" periods.

If elected, this is how I plan to represent my constituents. I.e. how I will engage with, consult and report to the electorate during my term in office. (No more than 200 words in 8 pt arial font,)

- I am fully committed to keeping my representation open, honest and community-based. As I have been mentioning to people since the beginning of my campaign – Good action starts with good listening.
- I will operate with a deliberate practice of openness to constituents and regular meetings.
- I will hold regular and ongoing mobile offices and one-on-one conversations at people's homes.
- I will conduct regular open community forums across Ginninderra on specific topics and general community-conversations.
- I will produce a written newsletter, facebook and website on matters of interest to my electorate.

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Signed

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Date 9 Sept 2016

Vicki Dunne Liberal Party Member for Ginninderra (CS)



<http://canberraliberals.org.au/our-people/dunne/>

My name is **Vicki Dunne MLA** and I am a candidate for the ACT Legislative Assembly in the electorate of **Ginninderra**

I am endorsed to represent The Canberra Liberals

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

I am a member of the Legislative Assembly with 15 years parliamentary experience. I have filled almost every possible portfolio as a shadow minister with the exception of Treasury and Health. I have served as a committee member and chair on every committee except the public accounts committee and been responsible for administering the parliament as its Speaker

If elected, these are the issues that I see as the most important for the long-term benefit of all my constituents and towards which I will be working on their behalf. *(no more than 200 words – in 8 pt Arial font)*

Working with my colleagues to fix the health system; stop light rail; making the cost of living in Canberra fairer through fairer increases in rates, fees and charges; and improving local amenity.

If elected, this is how I plan to represent my constituents. I.e. how I will engage with, consult and report to the electorate during my term in office. *(No more than 200 words in 8 pt arial font,)*

I'll be speaking and communicating with my constituents on a daily basis and I will continue to act on their concerns. The Canberra Liberals have a strong tradition of working directly with constituents to achieve outcomes. I have already been doing this for 15 years and I intend to continue.

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Signed

Vicki Dunne

Date

9 September 2016

Elisabeth Kikkert Liberal Party Member for Ginninderra.



<http://canberraliberals.org.au/our-people/kikkert/>

5. ELECTED MEMBERS FOR THE ELECTORATE OF BRINDABELLA

Nicole Lawder Liberal Party Member for Brindabella (CS)



<http://canberraliberals.org.au/our-people/lawder/>

My name is **Nicole Lawder** and I am a candidate for the ACT Legislative Assembly in the electorate of **Brindabella**

I am endorsed to represent the **Canberra Liberals**

These are my principal qualifications for being a parliamentarian.

I see myself as very much an ordinary Canberran, who came late to political life after varied careers in the public, private and not for profit sectors. A lot of people ask me why I got into politics, and recently I spoke about my journey to politics, podcast at <http://hercanberra.com.au/cppeople/moment-nicole-lawder/>

As the current Member for Brindabella, I focus on being the best possible local member I can be. This means constant contact with local residents and taking action on their issues. I have lived in Tuggeranong for the best part of 30 years, and my 5 children and 12 grandchildren all also live in Tuggeranong.

Throughout my life I have been an active volunteer including for Red Cross, local sporting clubs, local Community Fire Unit, and Ronald McDonald House Canberra to name a few.

I have strong social justice values as well as policy development, lobbying and systemic advocacy experience. Much of my previous work has been representing consumer voices so this is something I am comfortable with and committed to. I have tertiary qualifications (BA Arts (Psychology), M Business) but what I think is most important is a wide and varied life experience, and a deep love of my local community.

If elected, these are the issues that I see as the most important for the long-term benefit of all my constituents and towards which I will be working on their behalf.

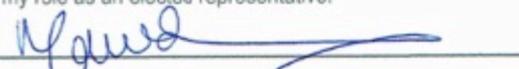
- Fixing the health system including opening a new small hospital in Tuggeranong, and recruiting more nurses across the system
- Stopping light rail, which is a white elephant
- Making cost of living fairer, through fairer increases in rates and charges: currently people on a fixed income are really struggling to pay all these fees and charges which are increasing at far more than CPI
- Improving local amenity including more mowing, fixing footpaths, maintaining parks and playgrounds, upgrading local shops, potholes and better road re-surfacing to start with, and fixing problem parking areas such as Gartside St Wanniasa
- Making sure no-one is left behind through targeted community sector support.

If elected, this is how I plan to represent my constituents. I.e. how I will engage with, consult and report to the electorate during my term in office.

As I have done this term, I will speak daily with constituents to understand and act on their concerns and suggestions. The Canberra Liberals have a strong tradition of working directly with constituents to achieve outcomes and I intend to continue that. I hold regular mobile offices at shopping centres and fetes and other community events, I go doorknocking, I participate in a lot of local events, attend the Tuggeranong Community Council meetings, and am always available to talk with residents either officially or informally during my walks around my suburb with my dog, and everything in between.

I will abide by the following principles consistent with the CAPaD Charter of Democratic Commitments as follows:

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Signed 

Date 9/9/16.

Mark Parton Liberal Party Member for Brindabella (CS)



<http://canberraliberals.org.au/our-people/mark-parton/>

My name is Mark Parton and I am a candidate for the ACT Legislative Assembly in the electorate of Brindabella.

I am endorsed to represent the Canberra Liberals.

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

I'm a 50 year old father and 17 year resident of Canberra. I've made my mark in this city as a broadcaster, journalist and small business owner. I sat on the radio for the last 17 years listening to the concerns of Canberra citizens as month by month and year by year this ACT Labor government stopped listening to them. I got their phone calls, their emails and their letters. I have a very clear understanding of the growing dissent and the anger in the community. My communication skills will lend themselves to community engagement. I coached junior AFL for a decade and I've been a tireless supporter of community organisations. I continue to volunteer for Hands Across Canberra

If elected, these are the issues that I see as the most important for the long-term benefit of all my constituents and towards which I will be working on their behalf.

By far and away the biggest issue facing the ACT is fixing the health system. To me is unfathomable when we have the worst health system in the nation that we could even consider spending billions dollars on a tram. As an MLA in a Liberal Government I want to be of a team that expands Canberra Hospital and builds mini hospitals in Tuggeranong and Gungahlin. It will be important for us to address some of the long term issues that have dogged ACT health for years.

I want to see a renewed focus on basic suburban services. I want the grass mowed, the graffiti cleaned and the potholes fixed.

And I want to end the disastrous Barr inspired rates program which has seen crippling increases for all home owners.

If elected, here is how I plan to ensure that I am representing the interests of my constituents *(No more than 200 words in 8 pt arial font)*

I was a late entry into the electoral race but I've knocked on over 2000 doors in Tuggeranong since my preselection. I've already assisted dozens of those residents with many of minor problems and I aim to continue the Liberal tradition of listening to them and then representing those who I seek to represent. I aim to continue my door knocking regime across the electorate if I'm elected.

I will abide by the following principles consistent with the CAPaD Charter of Democratic Commitments as follows: *(NB If you are uncomfortable with the wording in any these statements please amend them and show any amendments in italics and underline them,)*

1. I will at all times tell the truth to the citizens and voters of Canberra 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 political funding donations, contributions, gifts, public and private in line with legal requirements.
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".
4. I will promote and support participatory and deliberative methods for policy, planning and legislative decisions, as appropriate and practical. This should include better use of new technology.
5. I will place the public interest ahead of personal interests.
6. I will never abuse or misuse the allowances, subsidies, concessions and privileges accorded to me by the people of the ACT and the Legislative Assembly in my role as an elected representative.

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mark Parton', written over a white background.

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Andrew Wall Liberal Party Member for Brindabella.



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Joy Burch MLA LaborParty Member for Brindabella



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Mick Gentleman Labor Party Member for Brindabella



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