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My name is Penny Kyburz and I am a registered candidate in the forthcoming Federal Election for a Senate Seat in the Electorate of ACT.

I am an endorsed candidate for the Australian Greens Party.

This is why I believe I am qualified to be a parliamentarian. (50 words or less)

I'm a Lecturer at ANU with a PhD in computer science. I understand the technological opportunities and challenges we face in the modern world. I'm a feminist, human rights campaigner, innovator, and entrepreneur. I have worked as an academic, policy advisor in the Senate, and have run my own company.

If elected, this is how I will engage with, consult and report to my electorate during my term in parliament. (100 words or less)

I will engage with my electorate in an open and honest way. I will consult with community groups, individuals, and experts, and not just lobbyists. I will run open forums and discussions and invite input from the community. I will attend community forums and events and report on processes, outcomes, and decision-making to the electorate. I will endeavour to represent the values, interests, and rights of my constituents and electorate at all times. I will work in the public interest of the ACT and not for vested interests from corporations, lobbyists, or donors.

This is my personal position on the following issues: (add a brief comment if you wish)

A federal independent commission against corruption, integrity commission or similar body: Support

Open parliamentarian diaries / real time lobbyist and visitor register: Support

Real time reporting of all donations and in-kind electoral and related support: Support

Caps on political / election related donations, including small amounts to individuals: Support

The ACT to have the full spectrum of legislative powers that are available to the states: Support

I will abide by the Canberra Alliance Charter of Democratic Commitments as follows (Amend items if you wish, in italics )

- 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 all political funding donations, contributions, and 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 in my role as an elected representative.

Signed

Date 24 April 2019

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Please note all other correspondence to The Canberra Alliance for Participatory Democracy should be sent to <a href="mailto:secretary@canberra-alliance.org.au">secretary@canberra-alliance.org.au</a> or mailed to 91 David Street O'Connor ACT 2602.