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**FEDERAL ELECTION 2019 CANDIDATE STATEMENT**

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My name is **Robert Knight** and I am a registered candidate in the forthcoming Federal Election for a House of Representatives Seat in the Electorate of **Canberra**.

I am an endorsed candidate for the **Australian Progressives**.

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

**I am a 21-year ADF veteran and a former executive level public servant. I now work in small business. My well rounded, real life experience places me in a far better position than any former political staffer.**

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 am a firm believer in the concepts of participative, and deliberative democracy. I will seek to create expert local citizen forums in the creation of policies on as wide an array of issues as possible. Diversity of perspectives, thought, are critically important in developing palatable, workable solutions to the problems we currently face.**

**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/Oppose/Uncertain**

**The Australian Progressives have a comprehensive Anti-Corruption policy which includes not only a Federal ICAC, but a parliamentary code of conduct.**

Open parliamentary diaries / real time lobbyist and visitor register: **Support/Oppose/Uncertain**

**There is no reason, beyond national security concerns, why our elected officials should be keeping this kind of information from the public.**

Real time reporting of all donations and in-kind electoral and related support: **Support/Oppose/Uncertain**

**The Australian Progressives policy on political donations is not to accept business, corporate, or organisational donations. We call for a similar policy for all political parties, as well as real time reporting and a yearly cap on individual donations.**

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

**As per above answer**

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

**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

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