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FEDERAL ELECTION 2019 CANDIDATE STATEMENT



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My name is THERESE FAULKNER and I am a registered candidate in the forthcoming Federal Election for a House of Representatives Seat in the Electorate of BEAN.

I am an endorsed candidate for the AUSTRALIAN PROGRESSIVES, a new party with a fresh approach.

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

I'm a long term Canberran, living here for the best part of 50 years. I have broad experience from working in the public service and private sector, and as an active participant in sporting, arts and community organisations. My friends and family cover a diverse range of lifestyles and social circumstances. I believe governments needs to deliver on long term solutions, underpinned by clear values and ethical decision-making.

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 believe it's important to draw on expertise within the community to help inform discussion and policy development, so I will engage and consult with representative community groups and interested individuals and experts on the issues affecting the electorate to better understand the problems, explore options and identify potential solutions. I'll consult with and report to the electorate through means such as town-hall meetings or shopping centre stalls, an accessible electorate office, active social media and newsletters.

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 parliamentary 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 – *though I acknowledge that this would take a referendum to achieve, so is likely to be a long term undertaking*

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 30 April 2019

Authorised by Em Prof Bob Douglas on behalf of The Canberra Alliance for Participatory Democracy