

## Getting a Better Democracy – CAPaD Priorities for 2020

<p><b>What are we for?</b> A democratic Canberra, where citizens trust their elected representatives, hold them accountable, engage in decision making and defend what sustains the public interest.</p>		
<p><b>How can we strengthen democracy...</b> <i>Working together with a wide range of people and groups, we will:</i></p>	<p><b>What CAPaD will do ...</b></p>	<p><b>What you can do to help us get there, faster...</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ vigorously promote integrity in politics, (includes reform of political donations, support for integrity commissions, real time open diaries, lobbyist registers)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ set clear expectations in our Candidate Statement for the 2020 ACT election</li> <li>✓ advocate for change and build alliances</li> </ul>	<p>Take action - as an individual, and in groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ talk to family and friends about getting a better democracy (use ideas on our website)</li> <li>➤ back our initiatives, connect what your group or community is working on to strengthen democracy</li> <li>➤ be an active citizen, work in your community to build understanding of our political system and institutions</li> <li>➤ Work with groups to strengthen institutions and ways to hold governments to account</li> <li>➤ work with CAPaD to create change - join one of our action groups</li> </ul> <p>Share your skills – we need you!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ advocacy and communications</li> <li>➤ community development and active citizenry</li> <li>➤ strategy and research</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ More clearly describe citizen's expectations of the roles of our MLAs and how citizens can relate to them between elections</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ document expectations about the relationship between MLAs and the people they represent and show what accountability looks like</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ help voters to recognise which candidates will work towards strengthening the system in ways that contribute to government “with the people”</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ persuade candidates to commit to new ways of working through the Candidate Statement for 2020</li> <li>✓ work at community level to build understanding of our political institutions and how to make them more responsive to the people they were designed to serve.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ create participatory ways for citizens to shape the policy agenda, contribute to policy-making and monitor progress (deliberatively)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ find what new ways will work</li> <li>✓ support community development efforts at agenda setting</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Why? Because your future depends on it:</b> whatever concerns you – precarious work, insecure housing, the cost of education, government over-reach or something else – getting a better democracy is the best way to get change that sticks.</p>		
<p>This is your chance to <b>work with others</b> who believe that change is possible, that a just and sustainable society is in everyone's best interest, and that ordinary people can use power wisely.</p>		