

Candidate Statement for the 2020 ACT Election

The Candidate Statement is to give voters information to guide their selection of candidates based on the candidate's ability to be an MLA and their commitment to strengthen the democratic fabric of the ACT.

My name is Fiona Carrick and I am a candidate for the ACT Legislative Assembly in the electorate of **Murrumbidgee**.

I am an Independent candidate.

These are my skills and experience for being an MLA. *(No more than 100 words in 10pt Arial font)*

I am a local having lived in Woden for over 50 years. I studied a Bachelor of Commerce at ANU and Horticulture at the former Weston CIT. My working life has primarily been in finance and transport infrastructure.

For nearly 4 years I have been an advocate for the community as President of the Woden Valley Community Council. We have had some great wins for the community, including a commitment to a new CIT in Woden.

I understand planning and how it underpins how we balance jobs, public spaces, community facilities and the density of housing around our shopping hubs to ensure we can live, work and play locally. That we have a sense of identity and belonging, that everyone is included.

Further, I have these skills and experiences that qualifies me for a role in the ministry. *(No more than 50 words in 10pt Arial font)*

I have a strong understanding of the social, economic and environmental needs of our community. I support open and transparent strategic planning in consultation with the community to provide guidance and confidence to both the public and private sector to invest in our community.

My public sector and finance background provides me with a strong understanding of public budgeting and the machinery of government.

If elected, this is how I plan to represent my constituents. *(No more than 100 words in 10pt Arial font)*

I am standing as a candidate to bring a strong independent voice to the Legislative Assembly that is issues based and not aligned with party ideology and politics. I will continue to advocate for:

- planning for the people, not developers; and
- transparency and accountability in decision making

I will work with community organisations to identify problems and options to rectify them. I will apply planning principles to the options to ensure the proposed solutions meet the needs of the community.

I am a viable alternative to the major parties because I will investigate issues and consider the merits of proposals in the context of the community.

If elected, I will undertake these measures to promote good government and strengthen the responsiveness, accountability and transparency of government in the ACT. *(Up to 100 words, dot points, in 10pt Arial font)*

I will promote good government by being responsive to stakeholders and strengthening community consultation to include the communities views to reach a common understanding of the issues and options to implement solutions.

I will require the development of transparent and accountable business cases for significant decisions, for example light rail, SPIRE and the Woden CIT to determine the problem, the policy objectives and the options to achieve the best result for the community.

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If elected, I will undertake these measures to promote and improve informed participation by my constituents in ACT policy development and decision making. *(Up to 50 words, dot points, in 10pt Arial font)*

I will ensure community members and groups are informed with clear information about the issues associated with the development of policy.

I will work towards on-going dialogue to capture all of the considerations involved in assuring that stakeholder interests are addressed and reflected in policy initiatives.

Statement of Democratic Commitment

1. I will strictly abide by the ACT Legislative Assembly Standing Orders Code of Conduct for MLAs.
2. I will fully disclose and make public the sources and value of all political funding donations, contributions, gifts public and private towards my election campaign and political activity, within one month of receipt.
3. I will place the public interest (the welfare and wellbeing of the general population and the integrity of the planet) ahead of sectional, corporate, personal, religious or other interests.

Signed **Fiona Carrick**

Date 27-7-20

Please send a pdf copy of your statement to secretary@canberra-alliance.org.au for placement on the CAPaD website.

Authorised by Peter Tait, Secretary, Canberra Alliance for Participatory Democracy.