

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 Robert Knight and I am a candidate for the ACT Legislative Assembly in the electorate of **Murrumbidgee**

I am endorsed to represent the Canberra Progressives

These are my skills and experience for being an MLA. I have 21 years of service in the Australian Defence Force, with over 13 years in leadership and management positions. I also have 3 years' experience as a middle manager in the Australian Public Service and more than 12 months experience in private enterprise. I am an excellent communicator, strategic thinker, and hold tertiary qualifications in transport & logistics, as well as urban planning.

Further, I have these skills and experiences that qualifies me for a role in the ministry. I have proven strategic thinking, and stakeholder engagement skills, including the marshalling of expertise in the development of policy and operational aims.

If elected, this is how I plan to represent my constituents. By genuinely engaging those who I seek to represent, and taking a values based leadership style within my community.

If elected, I will undertake these measures to promote good government and strengthen the responsiveness, accountability and transparency of government in the ACT. I will seek to establish a culture and behaviors which put the Canberra community as a broad collective, front and centre in the Legislative Assembly's dealings. I will seek to develop genuine community engagement mechanisms which truly give a democratic voice to the people.

If elected, I will undertake these measures to promote and improve informed participation by my constituents in ACT policy development and decision making. I will investigate mechanisms and procedures to improve public accountability and genuine community engagement. I will seek to establish citizen's juries, public referenda, community councils and other initiatives which give the public a say on how we're governed.

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



Date 23 July 2017

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.