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 Gordon Ramsay and I am a candidate for the ACT Legislative Assembly in the electorate of **Ginninderra.**

I am endorsed to represent ACT Labor.

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

After a 20 year career as a local community sector leader and advocate, I have been privileged to represent the people of Ginninderra since 2016 and be a Minister in the Government. I have worked not only to ensure Canberra can be a place where everyone belongs, everyone is valued, and everyone has the opportunity to participate but also in a number of challenging and important portfolio areas including making renting fairer, improving building quality, stronger social inclusion for seniors, more funding for the arts, and more employment for veterans, and addressing gambling harm, elder abuse and organised crime.

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 believe everything comes from good listening - through conversations with people about the things that matter and meaningful consultation. With a long background in the community sector and as a lawyer, I fight for social justice and inclusion with a view to policy and legislation that puts people first.

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

I will continue to listen to my constituents about what is important to them - from local municipal issues to big-picture policy questions – by making myself available at community events, weekend stalls at shopping centres, by contacting my office, or over social media. I will aim to get things fixed for you, make services better, and continue to be your voice in the running of the ACT so that is a great place to live, work, play and raise a family.

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 am, and will continue to be, fully engaged with transparency measures of government including freedom of information and integrity processes and the quarterly publication of my ministerial diary, if I am fortunate enough to be reelected and appointed to a portfolio role. I will continue to respond as quickly as I can to any issue raised with me and to advocate with colleagues to get the outcomes my constituents are seeking.

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 have, and will continue to, welcome everyone's input into how the ACT is run, continuing my track record of taking the issues that you raise with me into decision-making processes. From footpaths to restorative justice, intersection upgrades to arts funding, and everything else, I'm here to serve.

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   *Gordon Ramsay*   **Date**   20·8·2020

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