

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 **Laura Nuttall** and I am a candidate for the ACT Legislative Assembly in the electorate of **Brindabella**.

I am endorsed to represent the Greens.

These are my skills and experience for being an MLA. I am currently completing a Bachelors in Asian Studies and Politics, Philosophy and Economics at the Australian National University. I have lived and worked around my electorate, and am thoroughly invested in the welfare of my community. I have a strong focus on ethics and social justice, which is hugely relevant to the issues faced by much of our community.

Further, I have these skills and experiences that qualifies me for a role in the ministry. I have passion and commitment to represent my community, and am a strong believer in evidence-based approaches to policy making.

If elected, this is how I plan to represent my constituents. I intend to remain fully accessible to all constituents through mobile and email contact, ideally in addition office hours in a local South-side electoral office (this policy is being championed by the Greens). I will advocate for my constituents first and foremost, and be critical regarding vested interests.

If elected, I will undertake these measures to promote good government and strengthen the responsiveness, accountability and transparency of government in the ACT. I plan to be more active about consulting constituents by making myself easily accessible and engaging in outreach on social media. I will consult key bodies regarding policy suggestions, and be open and honest about who I engage with and why.

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 engage in regular social media outreach, be available in electoral office/s, and endeavour to conduct mobile offices and catch ups to keep in touch with constituents.

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 17/8/20

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.

*note: Under the rules of the ACT Greens, individual candidates and MLAs are not permitted to receive donations or gifts in their capacity as a party representative, so this will be a nil disclosure for all Greens candidates. All donations received and disclosed by the ACT Greens as a party will be done in accordance with both party rules and the intent of the ACT's laws despite their non-enforceability.