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## **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 Tjanara Goreng Goreng and I am a candidate for the ACT Legislative Assembly in the electorate of Murrumbidgee. I am endorsed to represent the Greens

### **These are my skills and experience for being an MLA.**

I am academic University lecturer, a career passion since 1994 at six Australian Universities where I have been a lecturer, Senior lecturer and Assistant Professor, retiring from full time teaching at the University of Canberra in 2014. Since then I have attained my PhD from ANU in Sacred Leadership and began a Transformational Leadership company focusing on Indigenous and western ways of doing transformational leadership mentoring with executives and designing and running transformational leadership programs in government and non-government agencies in Australia with three Indigenous and non-Indigenous colleagues. I am a certified practitioner of Self Managing Leadership from the Oxford Leadership Academy and The Leadership Circle (TLC) which I utilised in my mentoring practice.

I have worked in the Commonwealth, NSW and QLD public service agencies in the SES as a Director of Policy or Program delivery. I have also been appointed to Ministerial Advisory Boards in the SAAP, HAAC, Disability, Housing, Education and Aged Care sectors. I have also been the Chair of two Indigenous not for profits and I am as a social worker a member of the Australian Association of Social Workers. I currently work casually as a sessional lecturer at the Australian Catholic University where I teach Indigenous Education and Indigenous Studies in the Faculty of Education to undergraduate and postgraduate students on the Canberra campus. My financial, human resource and years of management and leadership experience will enable me to work collaboratively with people across the political spectrum and I hope to build a better Canberra for the good of all. I have business and financial management experience from my time travelling overseas to undertake and Executive MBA through Melbourne Business School where I studied the impacts of international finance on our economies, the impact of coal fire power plants on the environment in China, Slovakia,

Germany and the USA. With my colleagues at Melbourne Business School, I developed a healthy way of sustainable energy use that did not involve fossil fuels during this time of study overseas. We investigated at a very deep level the impacts of all types of fuel on people, the economy and the planet providing reports on what works best. This experience gave me a deeper understanding of the impact of our desire for cheaper fuel on the environment. These experiences and career paths have given me over a 40-year career a knowledge of a range of systems that will enable me to work well as an MLA.

**Further, I have these skills and experiences that qualifies me for a role in the ministry.**

I am a therapist, social worker and community development designer and program designer by training, and I have completed a Postgraduate Diploma in Management from Melbourne Business School and a Master of Social Administration, majoring in community development, population health specifically addiction. I have written, designed and delivered programs, policy and for the Federal government whilst working as a Senior Policy Advisor in the Social Policy Division of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet and I have spent many years working in policy and program development within Indigenous Affairs. I have also had a background in the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Trade Commissioner Service in the early stages of my public sector career. I have worked with ACT women's services and have advocated on behalf of Indigenous community-based services whilst being an Executive Board member of some of those services. I have media experience and I manage my own financial and human resources in my current consultant business. If elected, this is how I plan to represent my constituents. Being a manager of a business, of large program delivery services for Commonwealth agencies I understand how the government financial cycles work and I have been involved in developing future budgets and policy development and legislation years before it is implemented. I have a deep knowledge of the public sector and how it works politically, economically and physically. This would stand me in good stead for a role in the ministry.

I seek a greener future for Canberra, Australia and the planet as a way of passing on a world that is healthy for our children and grandchildren. I will use my political voice and First Nations network of experience in environmental management to apply what we have learned. I will promote strong action on climate change based not only on science but on the knowledge of First Nations peoples in fire management, adaptation and management of forests and sources of sustainability. I want to ensure we address homeless and social housing, using international knowledge and experience around wrap around services and housing that meets the needs of the mentally ill, and the marginalised in our communities. I support the increase of excellent public transport, education and health services that respond to the changing needs of Canberrans and allows access for those who do not have the money to utilise private medical insurance.

**If elected, I will use my networks, knowledge and ability to build collaborative relationship to undertake these measures to promote good government and strengthen the responsiveness, accountability and transparency of government in the ACT.**

As a member of the ACT Greens I am proud that my elected colleagues have led the way in increasing transparency of political donations in the Territory, reducing the threshold and increasing the frequency of reporting and we already go beyond what the law requires. For example, we do not accept donations from developers, and we have a committee whose role is to examine any offer of a donation above \$'1000 for potential conflict of interest or perceived conflict. This committee has rejected a substantial number of donations over the years. However, the ACT Greens do not believe that, on balance, real time disclosure of every single donation of any sum serves to improve democracy. In, the administrative imposition of such reporting would pose a barrier to entry to small political parties and independents who do not have the capacity to do such reporting. Additionally, in a city like Canberra, with many public servants and academics, we have many citizens who legitimately fear reprisal for publicly supporting a political party or cause. We of course will continue to work to improve the donations system.

On a personal note, I will be available to constituents via email, Facebook, telephone, at public forums, and via my participation in many Canberra groups. Community exchanges are essential to find out what issues are affecting people and how I can assist. I will have local coffee catch up in local shopping centres and visit community agencies on a regular basis if I am elected.

**If I am elected to the ACT Legislative Assembly, I will undertake these measures to promote and improve informed participation by my constituents in ACT policy development and decision making.**

I am a local member of a large extended First Nations community and I utilise particular ways of communication through social media, social distancing visits to people, to community organisations etc and during COVID-19 restrictions we are increasing our online engagement through video calls, Facebook Live, community surveys and messaging. I will use my entrepreneurial and communication skills to expand these channels during and after restrictions are lifted. Being a First nations candidate in this election means that my community see a visible representation of their community and they are behind me in my vision for the community and for our empowered engagement with government if elected.

I will work with the policy, values and principles of the ACT Greens and within my own First Nations values and principles of working together, of respect and honouring everyone in any role I'm given in representing the government or the ACT Greens as an elected official. I will

continue to be a very engaged local community visitor, listening deeply to the needs of all rather than forcing my own opinions on others.

**Statement of Democratic Commitment**

1. I will strictly abide by the ACT Legislative Assembly Standing Order 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:

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light blue background. The signature appears to read "Hannah Green".

Date: 30 August 2020

"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.