

## **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 Jason Potter and I am a candidate for the ACT Legislative Assembly in the electorate of **Brindabella**. *(Cross out those not applicable)*

**I am endorsed to represent the Federation Party ACT**

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

I grew up in a large family and I now have a large family of my own. I have spent my working life helping others and I see the opportunity that politics provides to make an important contribution to our ACT Community.

I have been a community leader, youth worker, manager of national and international projects in education and international aid and CEO of a Registered Training College. I have invested time in learning as well, including a master's degree in leadership and further Post Graduate study in Psychotherapy.

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

Local Community Leader and Advocate

A good listener who believes in making sure every person's voice is heard

National Manager of Vocational Education for large Private Training Institution

Manager of 3500 Volunteers across Australia and NZ for International Aid NGO

Father, Husband, Uncle and avid Sports fan

*(No more than 50 words in 10pt Arial font)*

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

Our party is committed to implementing community sourced policies and plans. We seek to listen through meeting with individuals and groups and conducting extensive surveys to discover what the community wants. We will never vote against the majority view of the electorate we represent. This means our party comes second and the residents of our electorates come first. It is time to return representative democracy to the ACT.

**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 listen to the residents of Brindabella and take their needs and aspirations into the parliament and implement them. For example, residents in Brindabella have talked with me about the traffic jam that occurs on McBryde Cres in Wanniasa when three schools and a childcare centre have students picked up all at the same time. If elected, we will work with the schools and the childcare centre to fix this.
- I will make sure our party only chooses candidates of good character and integrity.

**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 hold an open community meeting every month, that any resident can attend in person or via Zoom where issues can be raised with me that need to be addressed and I will then take those issues and raise them with the relevant minister or department.

I will meet with any resident who seeks to have a meeting with me on any issue that concerns them.

### **Statement of Democratic Commitment**

1. I will strictly abide by the ACT Legislative Assembly Standing Orders Code of Conduct for MLAs.

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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 20/09/2020**

**Please send a pdf copy of your statement to [secretary@canberra-alliance.org.au](mailto:secretary@canberra-alliance.org.au) for placement on the CAPaD website.**

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