

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 Mike Stelzig and I am a candidate for the ACT Legislative Assembly in the electorate of Yerrabi.

I am endorsed to represent the Canberra Progressives.

These are my skills and experience for being an MLA.

I worked for the Commonwealth for 11 years, six as a policy and five years as an internal auditor. I've been employed with the ACT Government for two years. Prior to joining the public service, I was employed in various roles in the private industry from management to senior executive. I have an insight into what makes government tick, how decisions are made and why they are made.

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 identification of, and problem solving skills.

If elected, this is how I plan to represent my constituents.

By genuinely listening to my constituents and communicating with them in an open and transparent way and by making true democracy available to them. I work for the electorate; they don't work for me.

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 push for implementation of a full transparency law where commercial-in-confidence (except for national security matters) no longer exists. Canberrans have a right to know about all activities politicians undertake in the name of 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. (Up to 50 words, dot points, in 10pt Arial font)

I will push to legislate for a citizen's assembly so that Canberrans can have an active role in making decisions that affect them. If the government is not open to a citizen's assembly, I will make myself available publicly to hear feedback from my constituents which I will pass onto the government for actioning.

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 (electronically) Mike Stelzig

Date: 10 September 2020