

## 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 **Shane Rattenbury** and I am a candidate for the ACT Legislative Assembly in the electorate of **Kurrajong**

**I am endorsed to represent the Greens.**

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

When I was first elected, I said I wanted to ensure Canberra would be a city our children would thank us for. I continue to hold that motivation, determined to ensure the place we call home is environmentally sustainable, and is fair and equitable, both for today and for future generations. I have lived in Canberra since starting high school in the 80's, have worked in the public service and not-for-profit sector, have worked overseas, and have proudly represented my electorate since 2008. My family all live in Canberra, and I am deeply committed to this city.

**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)*

As a Minister since 2012, I have held a range of portfolios, working to bring good governance, transparency and fair decision making to the role. As a Greens Minister, I have demonstrated an ability to work collaboratively to form a multi-party government, ensuring stable government while delivering on the platform of my party.

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

I will seek to deliver the ideas outlined by myself and my party during the election campaign, and address issues that arise by listening to community views and looking for the solutions that are fair, equitable and sustainable. I will promote and implement improved community engagement in decision making, particularly through the use of deliberative democracy, and attend a broad range of community events, meetings and discussions to make sure I am available and connected to the community.

**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)*

Accountability and transparency have been a focus of my work in the Assembly. I introduced new Freedom of Information laws in 2016, which included a new 'push' element, requiring government to proactively publish documents and reports. I also led the development of the ACT Integrity Commission, committing to it during the last election, then chairing the Committee that designed the key features of the legislation. We have made our Parliamentary Agreements publicly available and reported regularly on the implementation of those Agreements. This is a unique approach in Australian politics for power-sharing governments.

**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)*

Aside from the above, deliver the Greens [Neighbourhood Democracy](#) program. We know that when people come together to discuss their vision for the place they call home, great things emerge. This fund will allow the members of every suburb to come together to determine how to spend an average annual budget of \$100,000.

### 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

14/9/20

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.

Authorised by Peter Tait, Secretary, Canberra Alliance for Participatory Democracy.

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