

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 Brendan Forde and I am a candidate for the ACT Legislative Assembly in the electorate of **Brindabella**. **I am endorsed to represent the ALP**

These are my skills and experience for being an MLA.

We are lucky to live in a democracy, where anyone can seek public office. Skills and experience are less important than commitment and dedication to the community. Anyone truly seeking to represent and improve their community is already a good candidate.

I grew up in Tuggeranong, attended local schools, graduated from the ANU with an Asian Studies degree, majoring in Chinese politics. I also have a Master's degree from the ANU. I've worked in higher education, as a consultation on international aid, as an industrial representative for both white collar and blue collar workers. I understand how government works.

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

If I was ever fortunate enough to become a minister, I would bring my analytical skills, as well as my commitment to bettering our community, to the table. Above all, I would listen to and be guided by expert advice in formulating and executing policy.

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

I will always be present and available in the community to remain available to my constituents. I will do this through regular and frequent mobile offices across Tuggeranong. I will seek the views of the community on the policy questions before me, both through face to face meetings and also surveys.

While I will not promise to be a perfect reflection of the will of the community, I will always form my decisions with their views in mind, and then explain the rationale for my decisions to them. I will be accountable for my actions to my constituents.

If elected, I will undertake these measures to promote good government and strengthen the responsiveness, accountability and transparency of government in the ACT.

- Respond to and address constituent matters in a timely manner;
- Seek feedback on decision making through frequent surveys and town halls;
- Engage the community through the work of committees;
- Support the work of the integrity commission;
- Commit to passing information/feedback/complaints from the community into the relevant parts of government;
- Explain my own decision making on issues through various forums.

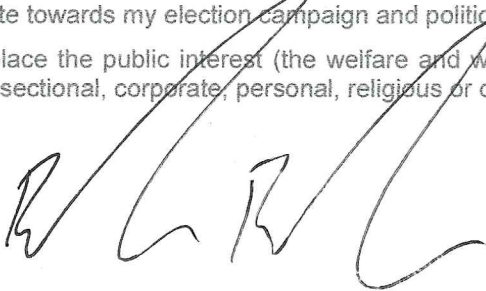
If elected, I will undertake these measures to promote and improve informed participation by my constituents in ACT policy development and decision making.

- Use surveys, mobile offices and town halls to seek feedback on policy in both development and execution;
- Actively involve the community in the committee process;
- Participate in the Tuggeranong Community Council;
- Share any and all relevant government documentation with the community through an accessible means.

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

14/10/20

Please send a pdf copy of your statement to secretary@canberra-alliance.org.au for placement on the CAPaD website.

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