

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 **Judy Anderson** and I am a candidate for the ACT Legislative Assembly in the electorate of **Kurrajong**

I am endorsed to represent the ALP

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

When it comes to getting things done, I have delivered:

- For families I've lived in inner Canberra raising my children and working in the community for nearly 30 years.
- In healthcare I've been a frontline nurse and driven better conditions for nurses.
- In public policy I've championed research, lowered carbon emissions and brought investment to Canberra.
- In business I continue to work tirelessly on boards and leadership roles creating positive change, including jobs, in technology, health and energy.

I believe that right now, more than ever with COVID, we need representatives in the Legislative Assembly that have a wide range of experience to bring fresh thinking and perspectives to get things done. Canberra, experience matters.

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)*

I have worked in and around government, including the ACT Government for many years, so I extensive experience in how government works, including policy development and legislative process. In these roles, I have delivered better government services, including in health, technology policy, brining investment to Canberra and creating new jobs and offering new training and education opportunities.

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

I believe the best way to create positive change is to engage closely with the community to understand their problems and work with them to develop creative solutions. This includes listening to a variety of views and actively bringing communities together to share perspectives, generate a deeper understanding and actively encourage collaboration for developing outcomes with the community.

With extensive experience in a wide range of settings: community, business and government, I will be a highly effective representative of the community by relentlessly championing their needs because I have a deep understanding of what effective government looks like, and a string appetite to continuously improve the deliver of government services.

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 believe in transparency and accountability by government and the best way to achieve these means is through effective scrutiny of government decisions through Assembly processes, including questioning, committees and reporting. I will fully support independent scrutiny processes are maintained, supported recommendations are acted on, including from the Auditor General and the Independent Commission Against Corruption.

I fully support and will advocate for participative and deliberative democracy, including in relation to complex and sometimes contentious matters.

I will be actively alert to the pervasive influence of vested interests, to ensure my representation of the community and their interest are foremost.

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 continue to connect and listen to the community, I represent them in matters that are important to them and ensure the public officials take their views into active consideration in designing policies and legislation. I believe active

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engagement with the community is far more effective than consultation and working closely with the community to help facilitate finding better ways to deliver to the community in government

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 *Ancimon*

Date *9/10/2020*

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