

## Candidate Details

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**Electorate: Molonglo**

### Part A

*(Responses to questions to be published in September edition of the Woden Voice)*

#### Questions One - Three:

##### Background

Woden is the oldest of Canberra's satellite towns. Many of its residents feel that while the ACT government has allowed Woden to be developed at a rapid pace as an office, employment and retail centre, the social and environmental infrastructure has been allowed to deteriorate and lag behind other centres. For instance, it is one of the few town centres that does not have a cultural centre.

##### Question One:

Will you, based on a needs assessment, support the development of a community cultural centre for Woden in the 2009/10 budget? *(please tick)*

Yes

No

##### Question Two:

Will you commit to a major tree planting project and an upgrade of reserves and public parks and places for Woden in the 2009/10 budget? *(please tick)*

Yes

No

##### Question Three:

Will you further commit to improving the physical community infrastructure, e.g. footpaths, playgrounds, suburban lighting, seating throughout the suburbs of Woden and support funding for the work to commence in the 2009/10 budget? *(please tick)*

Yes

No

##### Question Four:

##### Background

Woden Town Centre is losing its existing sporting and recreational facilities, e.g. tennis courts, bowling greens etc, as the former Entertainment, Office and Leisure Precinct north of Launceston Street has now been changed to Commercial.

##### Question

Will you commit to replacing and increasing recreational facilities in the Woden Town Centre as soon as these are lost? *(please tick)*

Yes

No

### **Question Five:**

#### **Background**

The building of strong and vibrant communities goes beyond the delivery of services to local residents, it requires resources to bring the community together around a range of diverse activities and interests and to encourage participation. Apart from some funds for generic community development and some seeding funds for a community festival there are no resources to encourage community participation.

#### **Question**

Will you support additional funding for community capacity building activities to enable the development of healthy and participative communities? *(please tick)*

Yes

No

### **Question Six:**

#### **Background**

The Phillip Public Pool and Ice skating rink has been leased to a private operator for 99 years.

#### **Question**

Prior to any changes to, or sale of this lease, will you undertake to consult widely with the community about the future of the pool and rink? *(please tick)*

Yes

No

### **Question Seven:**

#### **Background**

The proposed Molonglo residential development is expected to house approximately 70,000 people. This development, combined with approved resident and commercial developments in the Woden Town Centre, will place considerable additional strain on the existing service system and physical infrastructure, such as traffic and parking. The current service system requires additional funding to meet demand for services, particularly for older people, those with mental health concerns, housing and family support.

#### **Question**

Will you ensure that Woden's support services and general infrastructure are improved to meet this demand as it occurs? *(please tick)*

Yes

No

### **Question Eight:**

#### **Background**

The ACT Planning Authority (ACTPLA) has issued a Draft Variation to the Territory Plan (for the former Burnie Court site in Lyons) which will change residential land zoned for a maximum of medium density three storeys to a maximum of six storeys over the entire site, with a tower up to a maximum ten storeys. Some people are concerned that this will be the thin edge of the wedge with further high density high-rise residential development along the eastern edge of the suburb of Lyons. Some are concerned about the proximity of high rise development adjacent to one and two storey residential buildings.

#### **Question**

Will you support the current Draft Variation to the Territory Plan which allows up to six storeys over this Lyons' site, and up to ten storeys in the North-East corner of the site? *(please tick)*

Yes

No

### **Question Nine:**

#### **Background**

Yarralumla Creek, Woden's only 'water feature', is currently a concrete drain through the Woden Town Centre. WVCC has lobbied for Yarralumla Creek to be "naturalised" as it passes through the Woden Valley and this is supported in the Woden Town Centre Master Plan. Plans for the creek to be naturalised need to be drawn up as quickly as possible to ensure sufficient land remains available for ponds and marshes etc along the course of the creek as it passes through the Town Centre.

#### **Question**

Will you commit to the urgent development of a naturalisation plan for the Yarralumla Creek in the Woden Town Centre and support funding for the work to commence in the 2009/10 budget? *(please tick)*

Yes

No

### **Question Ten:**

In 50 words or less what are your top three priorities for improving community life for Woden residents?

1. Introduce a government funded water wise program, this can result in 15-18% reduction in water consumption
2. Add a 240L green waste bin with fortnightly collection and two general rubbish collection from residential areas each year
3. Increase the level of maintenance of footpaths, nature strips, parks and open space

*(Responses will be published on the WVCC website)*

### **Question One:**

#### **Background**

WVCC worked for over three years with the community and ACTPLA to draw up a Master Plan for the Woden Town Centre (WTCMP). The Plan was approved by the then Minister for Planning and certain elements were incorporated into the Territory Plan. ACTPLA, however, did not gazette the Master Plan and it has not been incorporated into the statutory planning codes in the new Territory Plan. The WVCC has called on the Government to recognise the community input to the WTCMP and incorporate it, as a matter of priority into the Planning Codes applying to the Woden Town Centre. The Master Plan can be accessed through the ACTPLA website.

#### **Question**

Will you commit to the incorporation of the WTCMP into the statutory planning codes as a matter of urgency? *(please tick)*

Yes

No

### **Question Two:**

#### **Background**

The Federal Golf Club is built on land which it received from government as a concessional lease. This has naturally been of very considerable financial benefit to the club over many years. There are now proposals to change the land use to allow the sale of some land for residential or possibly commercial purposes to be of further financial benefit to the Club.

#### **Question**

Will you support the Federal Golf Club selling off land for residential or commercial purpose? *(please tick)*

Yes

No

### **Question Three:**

#### **Background**

In the Woden Town Centre's former Entertainment, Accommodation and Leisure Precinct, north of Launceston Street there are a number of recreation and leisure opportunities. This Precinct has now been changed to commercial and the ACT government has already agreed to get rid of the tennis courts on the former YMCA site and replace them with a 13 storey office block. Other leisure opportunities such as lawn bowls will also be under threat in time.

#### **Question**

Will you commit to supporting a comprehensive Impact Assessment before any further loss of these facilities is agreed to? *(please tick)*

Yes

No

#### **Question Four:**

##### **Background**

The ACT's planning framework has gone through, and is continuing to go through, major changes. This has placed a significantly increased consultation workload on the ACT's six Community Councils, whose job it is to consult with the community and liaise with the public service about planning issues, report to government and administer the affairs of a publicly-assisted Council. At least some, if not all, Councils have found the workload placed on organisations which depend entirely on volunteer personnel, very onerous if not impossible to keep up with. There is a perception that the ACT government has not responded positively to these consultation challenges and the level of administrative support to Councils - \$10,000 pa – has not changed for a number of years.

##### **Question**

Given the extra strain being placed on Community Councils will you support a significant increase in funding, eg at least doubling it, to enable them to properly perform their consultation roles? *(please tick)*

Yes

No

#### **Question Five:**

##### **Background**

2006 ABS data shows the number of children aged 0 – 4 in Chifley is on the rise – 70% higher than the rest of the Woden Valley, which has 15% fewer. The number of births in Chifley has also risen by 100% (ABS Population Estimates by Age and Sex, Australia by Geographic Classification: 3235.0.55.001).

##### **Question:**

If the demographic trend in Chifley continues of increasing numbers of young children, would you give an assurance to conduct a clear and transparent consultation with the community about possibly reopening the closed Melrose Primary School? *(please tick)*

Yes

No