

*We need **new voices** in politics standing up for our community with long-term thinking and a vision for our future.*

*As an **Independent**, I will be a proud advocate for our city, fighting to make our voices heard and to get our fair share of federal funding.*

*Together, we can **make Canberra count**.*



Business & Economy

- Help business rebuild & grow, after the set-backs of COVID-19.
- Address critical workforce shortages
- Improve NBN connectivity and fix mobile black-spots
- Make it easier for small businesses to apply for & win government work
- Incentivise business investment
- Leverage government procurement to support local business
- Support investment in research & development, alongside innovation & commercialisation to bring new products to market



Tackling Cost of Living

- Increase productivity, promote real wages growth & maximise workforce participation
- Drive down bills by improving access to cost-saving technology like rooftop solar, batteries, heat pumps & electric vehicles
- Make childcare more affordable & accessible
- Ensure a sustainable safety net for the most vulnerable in our community so that no one is forced to live in poverty.
- Address the housing affordability crisis, including by increasing the supply of social & affordable housing



Integrity & Corruption

- Support a federal anti-corruption watchdog with real powers
- Pursue political donations reform
- Back federal truth in political advertising laws
- Restore funding to the Auditor-General & Australian National Audit Office
- Strengthen & rebuild the Australian Public Service (APS)
- Restore transparency & accountability to how public funds are spent



Equality & Safety

- Implement a strong, well-resourced, widely-consulted on National Plan to End Violence Against Women and Children 2022-2032
- Include superannuation in government-funded paid parental leave & greater efforts to close the gender pay gap
- Advocate for more humane treatment of refugees and asylum seekers
- Back the Uluru Statement from the Heart for a First Nations voice to Parliament



Acting on Climate

- Bring down power & fuel bills as well as emissions by accelerating the electrification of businesses & households
- Implement minimum mandatory fuel standards to help make electric vehicles more affordable
- Provide certainty for business and households with a clear path to net zero emissions and a robust transition plan
- Improve our disaster preparedness, response and resilience
- Stronger measures to protect biodiversity & ensure environmental laws safeguard our natural environment for future generations



Skills & Education

- Ongoing investment in early childhood education & schools, with proper resourcing & remuneration for teachers
- A long-term commitment to training & apprenticeships with a plan to address current & emerging skills shortages
- Long-term funding certainty & higher accreditation standards for training providers
- Access to affordable tertiary education with more equity across degrees costs
- Maintain our world-leading research capability by adequately investing in research & development and supporting research commercialisation



Health & Services

- Improve access to bulk-billing and specialists, lower out of pocket costs
- Accelerate the listing of TGA approved medicines on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme to lower the cost of prescriptions
- Extra resourcing for mental health and a specialist wellbeing centre for veterans
- Increase standards of care for older Australians including staff to patient ratios and other Royal Commission recommendations
- Sustain the NDIS and stop cuts to plans and wasteful legal challenges



Defence & Security

- Maintain a defence budget that enables the armed forces to do their job & meet evolving needs & threats
- Better target defence spending to build capability, minimise waste & more efficiently utilise investment
- Stronger, more effective diplomatic engagement and services
- Invest in resourcing and upskilling our defence, Australian Federal Police, security and intelligence personnel



Make Canberra Count

- Genuinely listen to & represent the community
- Restore our right to make laws for our own citizens, including the right to debate and decide issues like voluntary assisted dying
- Fight to ensure we receive our fair share of federal funding, including for nation-building infrastructure like a Convention Centre and Stadium, as well as re-opening the AIS
- Oppose decentralisation and keep the APS and associated agencies in the ACT



Doing Politics Differently

- A Community Volunteer program, where members of the community can participate in the day-to-day working of my office
- Consulting the community on major legislation
- Maintaining a transparent voting record so you know what I'm voting on and why
- Quarterly Town Halls welcoming questions and inviting the community to contribute ideas
- Canvassing the ACT community about issues raised in the Senate each sitting fortnight

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