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Independent candidate Nicolette Boele

Attributable to Nicolette Boele:

"It now looks like the result in Bradfield will come down to just a few dozen votes out of around 120,000. There may be a recount and I await the final declaration from the AEC.

I would like to say thank you to all the volunteers who are scrutineering as the count continues. I would also like to thank AEC officials for their commitment to ensuring this count is accurate.

I'm grateful we live in a country with a trusted electoral commission that conducts itself with integrity. I didn't quite think I'd get such a close look at the institutions underpinning our democracy, but seeing the AEC operate over the past few weeks, I'm glad we live in Australia. We should never take our democracy for granted.

This has been a nail-biting couple of weeks for our volunteers, and I'm sure for Gisele Kapterian and her team as well. Despite the close count Gisele has encouraged civility throughout. I thank her for being a respectful and formidable candidate.

No matter the final result, our community has sent a powerful message to the major parties: we are not the safe seat we used to be. Our votes mattered this time, and they will matter next time too. That's the power of independents and I thank our 1,450 volunteers for the years of hard work it took to get here."

You can read more about Nicolette Boele and her policies here.

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