JRA Questionnaire for Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council election candidates

Candidate name: …Mareeta Grundy………(Group B)...............................………….…………

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The Jerrabomberra Residents' Association Inc. (JRA) requests
all candidates answer the following questions.
The results of this questionnaire will be published throughout the community prior to the election.

Topic: Traffic and road planning		
Issue: *The JRA supports the construction of Dunns Creek Road from the Monaro Hwy to Old Cooma Road to be completed before the 7th year of the Googong town development.*	Agree/Disagree/Abstain	Comments
Question 1: Would you act & vote in a manner to help ensure Dunns Creek Road is developed as priority infrastructure project?		I understand that DCR forms part of the longer term infrastructure plan. The previous council decision is to support the EDE option.
Question 2: How would you help achieve this?		

Issue 2: *Jerrabomberra residents are concerned that construction of the EDE will result in the ELP being used as a Queanbeyan by-pass, effectively cutting the suburb in two with a dangerously busy road*	Agree/Disagree/Abstain	Comments
Question 1: Do you support the construction of the Ellerton Drive Extension (EDE)?	Agree	This is a decision of the past Council/ Administrator. It is planned infrastructure that has been on the public record for the past 40 years. Significant expenditure has already been directed to this option, and significant State Government funding directed to this option also. Council documentation and modelling suggest that the ELP is fit for purpose when the EDE commences operation.
Question 2: How would you help achieve this?		

Issue 3: *We strongly believe that the EDE will not solve Queanbeyan's or Jerrabomberra's traffic problems, and is more likely to make them worse.*	Agree/Disagree/Abstain	Comments
Question 1: what is your plan for a sustainable traffic solution for Queanbeyan?		The past Council developed the comprehensive Queanbeyan Road Network Strategy 2031. I understand that this Strategy is the result of substantial local and ACT traffic modelling, incorporates the EDE, ELP,

		Old Cooma Road Stage 1, Old Cooma Rd Stage 2, and Old Cooma Rd Stage 3 (yet to be commenced). It also addresses a number of intersection improvements. The result is to enable traffic from Googong, Tralee and Jerrabomberra to flow around Queanbeyan's CBD to the north east, or through to the Monaro Highway.
Question 2: How would you help achieve this?		
Question 3: If the EDE proceeds, what measures will you support to mitigate the impact on traffic through Jerrabomberra?		The Road Network Strategy 2031 identifies that the existing arterial roads through Jerrabomberra have been purpose build for the projected traffic, with the EDE providing a complementary alternative traffic route.

Topic: Infrastructure and investment in community

Issue 4: *The JRA supports the development of a major district sporting centre and community facility. Including an indoor aquatic centre, athletics facilities and additional sports fields etc. to be developed in the Poplars area, Jerrabomberra Valley for the benefit of all in the Queanbeyan and Palerang Region.*	Agree/Disagree/Abstain	Comments
Question 1: How would you help achieve this?		Council planning and development documentation shows the Poplar Regional Sports Centre and the Regional Aquatic Centre as proposed for development. Moving from developmental phase to planning and Commencement phase will require a needs based assessment. One way to establish this is to forge relationships between local, greater Queanbeyan, and ACT based sporting entities, schools, State Government Sports and Recreation Departments, Health Authorities and Council. The establishment of an advisory role in Sport and Recreation for a Councillor would be one way to drive this.

Topic: Ensuring engagement and representation

Issue 5: *The JRA is concerned about the reduced representation with the merged Council, the expanded Council having only 11 Councillors.*	Agree/Disagree/Abstain	Comments
Question 1: How do you intend to engage and be inclusive of all QPRC residents and in particular of Jerrabomberra residents?		I have no political alliances. Group B policy is unbiased and inclusive representation. Central to our platform is that no one should feel overlooked or overburdened, and no one should feel left behind as a result of this merger. We're all in this together now and my style of governance will be about unity and inclusion. That Council table must be about working for the good of the entire regional, city about urban community as a whole. I will not be working for one "patch" over another. Many communities in the newly merged Council, especially those in the far east and far south are also concerned about under representation. Many communities are fearful. I feel that. My commitment to fairness will address that.

		How to engage? Presence is a big part of successful engagement. Ensuring I attend important community events, seeking opportunities for informal contact with groups such as mothers groups, sporting teams, and the school P&F for example. You can learn a lot about a community over a cup of coffee. I also intend to use Social media via an interactive facebook page enabling all QPRC communities to post, learn from each other, see what I've been doing and where I've been doing it, celebrate achievements or raise issues.
Question 2: How would you help achieve this?		

Topic: Priorities and recurrent expenditure

Issue 6: *The JRA appreciates the scale of implementing and maintaining infrastructure and facilities covered by QPRC. With budget limitations priorities need to be set to ensure adequate and equitable services are provided to all residents.*	Agree/Disagree/Abstain	Comments
Question 1: How would you ensure the priorities are focused across all areas of the region? What areas in Jerrabomberra do you see as priorities?		1. Engagement with communities at the grass roots. My facebook page and real like interaction. 2. Ensure there is a well researched, well prepared case for addressing the priorities. 3. Social Media surveys, and other forms of data collection can be powerful in presenting an argument. Priorities for Jerrabomberra broadly will to ensure adequate and targeted infrastructure and service provision for an evolving population (example education, health, recreational facilities, childcare, retirement. But my role if elected will be to engage directly with residents to establish what they see as priorities.
Question 2: How would you help achieve this?		

Name and Signature of candidate and date:

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