

# Report on the conduct of Mr Davis MLA

Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory Standing Committee on Administration and Procedure

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# About the committee

# **Establishing resolution**

The Standing Committee on Administration and Procedure Committee is established pursuant to Standing Order 16:

- 16. (a) A Standing Committee on Administration and Procedure is established at the commencement of each Assembly to:
  - (i) undertake self-referred inquiries or inquiries referred by the Assembly and, in addition, in the third year of an Assembly term the committee shall inquire into and report on the operation of the standing orders and continuing resolutions of the Assembly with a view to ensuring that the practices and procedures of the Assembly remain relevant and reflect best practice;
  - (ii) advise the Speaker on:
    - (A) Members' entitlements including facilities and services;
    - (B) the operation of the transcription service (Hansard);
    - (C) the availability to the public of Assembly documents;
    - (D) the operation of the Assembly library;
  - (iii) arrange the order of private Members' business and Assembly business; and
  - (iv) as required by continuing resolutions of the Assembly, consider, inquire and report on matters relating to citizen's right of reply, claims of parliamentary privilege, reports of the Commissioner for Standards and the Ethics and Integrity Adviser and the implementation of Latimer House Principles.
  - (b) the Committee shall consist of:
    - (i) the Speaker;
    - (ii) the Government whip;
    - (iii) the Opposition whip; and
    - (iv) a representative of the crossbench (or if a single party, the whip of that party);
  - (ba) Should a whip be unable to attend a meeting, the Party nominated deputy whip may attend in their place;
  - (c) the Speaker shall be the Chair of the Committee; and
  - (d) the Committee shall have the power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Standing Committee on Administration and Procedure appointed during the previous Assemblies.

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## **Terms of Reference**

#### Continuing resolution 5AA

#### **Commissioner for Standards**



This resolution provides for the appointment of a Legislative Assembly Commissioner of Standards.

#### Resolution agreed by the Assembly

31 October 2013 (amended 3 August 2017, 22 August 2019 and 10 February 2022)

#### Commissioner for standards

That this Assembly requests the Speaker to appoint a Legislative Assembly Commissioner for Standards on the following terms:

- (1) The Speaker must, after each Assembly is elected or whenever the office becomes vacant, appoint a Commissioner for the life of that Assembly and the period of six months after each election. The appointment is for the term of the Assembly and the period of six months after the election at the conclusion of that term. The Speaker may decide not to seek expressions of interest if only one term has been served by the Commissioner.
- (2) Before appointing a Commissioner, the Speaker must consult with the Chief Minister, the Leader of the Opposition and Crossbench Members.
- (3) The Commissioner may be dismissed only following a resolution of the Legislative Assembly resolving to require the Speaker to end the Commissioner's appointment—
  - (a) for misbehaviour; or
  - (b) for physical or mental incapacity, if the incapacity substantially affects the exercise of the Commissioner's functions.

However, a motion for such a resolution may only be debated after the Standing Committee on Administration and Procedure ('the Committee') has reported to the Assembly that it is satisfied that the Commissioner is unfit for the office or unable to fulfil the Commissioner's functions.

(4) The functions of the Commissioner are to:

- (a) investigate complaints about Members lodged via the Clerk to the Commissioner;
- (b) report to the Standing Committee on Administration and Procedure; and
- (4A) The Committee will inquire into and report on any report provided to it by the Commissioner pursuant to subparagraph 4(b) of this resolution.
- (5) Anyone may make a complaint to the Commissioner via the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly about a Member's compliance with the Members' Code of Conduct or the rules relating to the registration or declaration of interests. The Integrity Commissioner established pursuant to the <u>Integrity Commission Act 2018</u> may also refer matters to the Commissioner for Standards for consideration via the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly about matters the Integrity Commissioner considers should be referred. (Amended 22 August 2019)
- (6) If the Commissioner receives a complaint about a Member pursuant to paragraph (5) and the Commissioner believes on reasonable grounds that—
  - (a) there is sufficient evidence as to justify investigating the matter; and
  - (b) the complaint is not frivolous, vexatious or only for political advantage;

the Commissioner may investigate the matter and report to the Committee. If the Commissioner considers that the complaint is more properly the purview of the Integrity Commissioner, the Commissioner shall refer the matter to the Integrity Commissioner.

- (7) In exercising the functions of Commissioner the following must be observed:
  - (a) The Commissioner must not make a report to the Committee if the Member about whom the complaint was made has agreed that he or she has failed to register or declare an interest if
    - (i) in the Commissioner's opinion the interest involved is minor or the failure was inadvertent; and
    - (ii) the Member concerned has taken such action to rectify the failure as the Commissioner may have required within any procedure approved by the Committee for this purpose.
  - (b) The Commissioner must not make a report to the Committee unless the Commissioner has—

- (i) given a copy of the proposed report to the Member who is the subject of the complaint under investigation;
- (ii) the Member has had a reasonable time to provide comments on the proposed report; and
- (iii) the Commissioner has considered any comments provided by the Member.
- (c) If the Commissioner receives a complaint and the Commissioner believes on reasonable grounds that there is insufficient evidence to justify an investigation or that the complaint is frivolous, vexatious or only for political advantage, the Commissioner will inform the complainant that the matter will not be further investigated. The Commissioner will also inform (without revealing the complainant's identity or the nature of the complaint) both the committee and the Member the subject of the complaint that a complaint has been received but not further investigated. (Inserted 10 February 2022)
- (d) The Commissioner must report by 31 August each year to the Speaker on the exercise of the functions of the Commissioner.

#### Continuing resolution 5

# Code of conduct for all members of the Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory



This resolution provides for a code of conduct for Members of the Legislative Assembly.

#### Resolution agreed by the Assembly

# 25 August 2005 (amended 16 August 2006, 24 October 2013, 3 August 2017, 30 July 2019 and 30 March 2021)

The Members of the Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory acknowledge that, in a parliamentary democracy they cannot command, but must constantly strive to earn and maintain, the respect and support of those who have elected them to their positions of honour and privilege as Members.

In committing to this Code of Conduct, Members undertake, to the community and to one another, that they shall not act in a manner inconsistent with their duties and obligations as Members and that the following principles shall guide their conduct as Members in all matters:

- (1) Members should at all times act with integrity, honesty and diligence.
- (2) Members should act only in the interests of, and with respect for, the people of the Australian Capital Territory and in conformity with all laws applicable in the Territory.
- (3) Members should uphold the separation of powers and the rule of law
- (4) Members should always act in the public interest, make decisions and choices on merit, and not seek to gain financial or other benefit for themselves, their family or friends.
- (5) Members should be reasonably accessible to the people of the electorate they have been elected to serve, and should represent their interests conscientiously.
- (6) Members should be transparent in, and accountable for, their decisions and actions and should submit themselves to appropriate scrutiny.

- (7) Members should make only proper use of those public resources to which they have access and should do so in a manner designed to make effective and efficient use of those resources.
- (8) Members should respect the dignity and privacy of individuals, and not disclose confidential information to which they have official access other than with consent or as required by law.
- (9) Members should treat each other with courtesy and propriety, observe proper standards of parliamentary conduct, and observe respect for differences and fairness in their political dealings.
- (10) Members should promote and support these principles by leadership and example, in order to maintain and support public trust and confidence in the integrity of the Assembly and the conduct by its Members of public business.

Consistent with the above principles, Members further undertake that they should:

- (11) Treat all people with courtesy, and respect the diversity of their backgrounds, experiences and views.
- (12) Actively seek to avoid or prevent any conflict of interest, or the perception of such a conflict, arising between their duties as a Member and their personal affairs and interests, take all reasonable steps to resolve any such conflict or perception of a conflict that does arise, and:
  - (a) comply with section 15 of the Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988 (Cth);
  - (b) declare their private interests and those of their immediate family and ensure that their declaration is kept up to date, as required by Continuing Resolution 6 (as amended or replaced from time to time); and
  - (c) disclose at a time and in a manner appropriate to the circumstances any financial or non-financial interest that they may hold, or which they may be reasonably perceived to hold (other than as a member of the public or of a broad class of persons) and any friendship, relationship or other circumstance which a reasonable observer, informed of that matter, might perceive as giving rise to a conflict of interest with the performance of the Member's duty as a Member.
- (13) Ensure that outside occupational or other pursuits do not unreasonably impact on their duties as a Member.

- (14) Not solicit to undertake, or undertake, any activity as a Member in return for the provision, promise or expectation of any improper benefit to the Member or to another person, and not accept any inappropriate benefit in connection with their activity as a Member.
- (15) Take care to consider the rights and reputations of others before making use of their unique protection of parliamentary privilege consistent with the resolution of the Assembly 'Exercise of freedom of speech' agreed to on 4 May 1995 (as amended or replaced from time to time).
- (16) Not use information received by them as a Member that is not in the public domain in breach of any obligation of confidence applicable to their receipt of that information unless required by law, or improperly for the private benefit of themselves or another person.
- (17) In their capacity as an employer on behalf of the Territory under the *Legislative* Assembly (Members' Staff) Act 1989:
  - (a) familiarise themselves and comply with the terms and conditions on which their personal staff are engaged and with all applicable policies and practices (including those related to occupational health and safety, discrimination, harassment and bullying, equal employment opportunity and use of information technology);
  - (b) not employ a family member as defined in that Act;
  - (c) take all reasonable steps to ensure that, as far as practicable, their personal staff are mindful of the Member's commitment to this Code of Conduct, and assist the Member to comply with this Code of Conduct; and
  - (d) not seek to require or encourage their personal staff to engage in any conduct that may amount to a breach of any code of conduct applicable to those staff from time to time.
- (18) In all their dealings with staff of the Assembly, staff of other Members and members of the ACT Public Sector:
  - (a) extend professional courtesy and respect;
  - (b) act consistently with accepted workplace conduct standards; and
  - (c) recognise the unique position of impartiality and the obligations of public sector officials, including members of the ACT Public Service .

- (19) Only make a complaint about the compliance of another Member with this Code of Conduct where they believe there are reasonable grounds to suspect non-compliance and not make any such complaint that is frivolous or vexatious or only for political advantage.
- (20) Cooperate fully with any official inquiry that may be commenced in connection with their compliance with this Code of Conduct, or that of another Member.
- (21) Within the first six months after an election for the Assembly, the Assembly shall reaffirm its commitment to the principles, obligations and aspirations of the code.
- (22) Where a member who had not voted on the most recent reaffirmation required under clause (21) is elected to the Assembly, that member shall, before he or she makes an inaugural speech or otherwise participates in parliamentary processes, affirm that he or she will abide by the code.
- (23) At the end of each Assembly the Code of Conduct shall be reviewed by a suitably qualified person, appointed by the Speaker, in consultation with the Standing Committee on Administration and Procedure.

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## Recommendations

#### **Recommendation 1**

The Standing Committee on Administration and Procedure recommends that no further action be taken against Mr Davis for a breach of the Code on Conduct.

### **Recommendation 2**

The Standing Committee on Administration and Procedure recommends that, should Members be uncertain as to whether an item of correspondence or interaction on social media is in line with the Code of Conduct, the advice of the Ethics and Integrity Advisor should be sought.

# 1. Introduction

- 1.1. On 3 May 2022, Ms Nicole Lawder MLA, having sought the leave of the Assembly, moved a motion in which she proposed that Mr Davis, MLA had, through the distribution of a flyer to constituents in Brindabella, breached the Code of Conduct for Members by including his Assembly contact details. A copy of the flyer was tabled during the debate.
- 1.2. The Speaker wrote to the Commissioner on 4 May 2022 with the terms of the resolution and the flyer.
- 1.3. Additionally, Mr Davis wrote to the Commissioner separately on 3 May 2022 raising the matter with Commissioner and committing to any investigation the Commissioner considered appropriate.
- 1.4. The Commissioner conducted an investigation into the matter and provided his report to the Standing Committee on Administration and Procedure on Monday 9 May 2022.
- 1.5. A copy of the Commissioner's report is attached at Appendix A.

# 2. Conduct of the Commissioner's inquiry

- 2.1. The Commissioner's investigation was conducted in accordance with the protocols adopted by the Standing Committee on Administration and Procedure on 24 March 2015 (revised August 2017, August 2019 and February 2022).
- 2.2. A resolution passed by the Assembly on 3 May 2022 referred the matter to the Commissioner in the following terms:

That this Assembly:

- (1) notes:
  - (a) Mr Davis has circulated a letter in the electorate regarding the Greens Federal election candidates;
  - (b) that this letter uses Mr Davis' ACT Legislative Assembly contact details;
  - (c) a letter to MLAs from the Clerk of the Assembly was circulated on 11 April 2022 regarding use of Assembly resources for federal campaigning; and
  - (d) that using his Assembly contact details as part of federal electioneering is in breach of the Members' code of conduct; and
- (2) calls on this Assembly to refer Mr Davis' actions to the Commissioner for Standards.
- 2.3. The Commissioner, having received the correspondence from Mr Davis directly on 3 May 2022, replied to him that the terms of appointment of the Commissioner did not allow the investigation of self-referred matters. He indicated that he was expecting correspondence from the Speaker.

- 2.4. On 4 May 2022 in response to the resolution forwarded by the Speaker, the Commissioner again wrote to Mr Davis posing a number of questions and inviting additional comments. In addition, on request, the Clerk provided the Commissioner with a copy of the advice provide to all Members regarding the use of Assembly resources and the Speaker had provided an extract of a flyer she had received earlier in the year which was relevant to the matter under discussion.
- 2.5. On 6 May 2022 Mr Davis provided a response to the Commissioner together with a copy of the flyer.
- 2.6. A copy of the Commissioner's report was provided to Mr Davis, as required. Mr Davis requested that a reference to his (Mr Davis') undertaking to the Assembly be made.

# 3. The Commissioner's findings

- 3.1. The Commissioner found that the only provision in the Code of Conduct that was relevant to the current matter is found at paragraph (7):
  - (7) Members should make only proper use of those public resources to which they have access and should do so in a manner designed to make effective and efficient use of those resources.
- 3.2. The Clerk had provided advice to all Members on 11 April 2022 in the following terms:
  - Publicly funded entitlements and resources, including staffing resources, are provided to assist members in performing their parliamentary and constituent related duties. Use of these publicly funded entitlements and resources in connection with election and political campaigning would amount to improper use.
- 3.3. The Commissioner noted the explanation provided by Mr Davis that his correspondence with the electorate, was primarily, but was not limited to, his role as a Member for Brindabella and the inclusion of a promotion for Greens' candidates for the upcoming federal election, provided an opportunity for constituents to contact him on "local" matters.
- 3.4. The Commissioner determined that the provision of contact details to enable constituents to speak with a Member of the Assembly about issues of concern to ACT constituents would obviously not involve any breach of the obligations in paragraph (7) of the Code and was unable to be satisfied that they were not included in Mr Davis' letter for that purpose.
- 3.5. The Commissioner concluded:
  - "I am not satisfied that the inclusion of Mr Davis' contact details in either the letter that was the subject of the resolution or the flyer referred to me by the Speaker involved any breach of the obligations in paragraph (7) of the Code."

# 4. The Committee's consideration of the Commissioner's report and recommendations

- 4.1. The Committee, at its meeting on 11 May 2022 and in accordance with continuing resolution 5AA, considered the report of the Commissioner for Standards relating to the alleged inappropriate use of Assembly resources by Mr Davis.
- 4.2. The Committee agrees with the Commissioner's assessment. The Committee, in its discussion of the Commissioner's report, noted that the grey area between political and parliamentary duties and use of resources is not peculiar to the ACT and many other jurisdictions have grappled with the issue, some quite publicly.

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# Appendix A: Report of the Commissioner for Standards

#### REPORT INTO A MATTER CONCERNING MR JOHNATHAN DAVIS MLA

#### Background

 On 3 May 2022 Ms Nicole Lawder MLA moved a motion concerning Mr Johnathan Davis MLA. The motion was in the following terms:

That the Assembly

- (1) notes:
  - (a) Mr Davis has circulated a letter in the electorate regarding the Greens federal election candidates;
  - (b) that this letter uses Mr Davis' ACT Legislative Assembly contact details;
  - (c) a letter to MLAs from the Clerk of the Assembly was circulated on 11 April 2022 regarding use of Assembly resources for federal campaigning;
  - (d) that using his Assembly contact details as part of federal electioneering is in breach of the Member's code of conduct;
- (2) calls on this Assembly to:
  - (a) refer Mr Davis' actions to the Commissioner for Standards.
- 2. In addressing the Assembly in support of the motion, Ms Lawder explained that the issue she raised did not relate to either the terms of the letter or its circulation in the electorate, but rather to the inclusion of his Assembly telephone number and Assembly email address in a document issued in support of candidates in a federal election.
- 3. She said that the letter sent by the Clerk of the Assembly to Members on 11 April 2022 had warned that certain activities that might be undertaken during the federal election campaign would not be acceptable. The letter had specifically reminded Members of the the requirement contained in the *Code of conduct for all members of the Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory* (the Code) to make only proper use of the public resources of the Assembly.
- 4. Ms Lawder said that the letter that Mr Davis had sent to potential electors would have been likely to prompt telephone calls that would be answered by Mr Davis or a member of his staff whilst sitting in an Assembly office using Assembly equipment. She also argued that the use of his Assembly email address involved a misuse of government resources. Hence, she suggested, he appeared to have contravened the Code.
- 5. Mr Davis addressed the Assembly in response, stating that the letter had been produced and paid for by the ACT Greens Party and that it had been distributed by him and volunteers of that party. He said:

I have no shame, no guilt, nor embarrassment about the efforts that I have made to engage with my constituents, to use an opportunity in promoting the federal Greens election candidates to remind them that I serve in their name as a Greens member in this place, and

to extend to my constituents the opportunity to contact me if they have any local issue that they wish to discuss, as is my responsibility as a local member.

- 6. He reiterated this point, stating that, in taking the opportunity to speak about the Australian Greens' candidates for the federal election, he was also "making sure that his constituents know who I am, what I do and how to contact me so that I can best serve them and support them and advocate for their interests in this Assembly". He also said that he had sought advice in order to ensure that his correspondence with his electorate was in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct.
- Mr Davis also made an undertaking to refer the matter raised in Ms Lawder's motion to the Commissioner for Standards.
- 8. The motion was affirmed.
- Mr Davis duly wrote to me prior to the close of business that day, raising the matter with me and committing himself to engaging in any process I considered appropriate.
- 10. In reply, I indicated that the terms of my appointment did not seem to authorise me to investigate issues raised by the self-referral of a Member of the Assembly, but that I understand that the issue he had raised was likely to be referred to my by the Speaker. I told him that I would contact him again when I knew the nature of the complaint against him.
- 11. On 4 May, 2022 the Speaker referred the resolution to me.

#### The investigation

- 12. On 4 May 2022 I again wrote to Mr Davis and invited him to respond to the issue raised in the resolution, stating that, whilst he was free to make any comments and present any arguments that he wished, I would be grateful if he would provide a general explanation of what occurred and a copy of the circulated letter. I suggested that he address a number of questions and asked him to respond as soon as practicable and certainly within 14 days.
- 13. On the same evening I wrote to the Clerk of the Assembly to ask what advice, if any, he had given to Mr Davis and to request a copy of the letter he had sent to Members in April.
- 14. The Clerk responded immediately, providing a copy of the letter and informing me that Mr Davis had approached him for advice and asked whether it was appropriate for him to use party funds or his own funds to write to his constituents and outline the achievements of the Greens. The Clerk had advised him that he would need to comply with Federal Electoral law and that he would be wise to seek the advice of the Assembly's Ethics and Integrity Adviser. Subject to that advice, the Clerk saw no problem with what Mr Davis had proposed.
- 15. On 5 May 2022 I received a copy of what appeared to be one page of a flyer which the Speaker had received in her home letterbox earlier this year. The flyer had apparently been issued by Mr Davis and the Speaker suggested that a full copy might be obtained from Mr Davis

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- 16. I wrote to Mr Davis again later that day to ask if he could provide a full copy.
- 17. Mr Davis responded on 6 May 2022, providing a copy of the letter referred to in the resolution (a copy of which is annexed) and generally confirming the statements that he had made to the Assembly. He explained that, whilst 5,000 letters were printed and approximately 4,000 were distributed, no use was made of stationery, printing facilities or other resources of the Office of the Legislative Assembly (OLA). He added that he had been advised by his staff that no telephone calls or emails had been received in relation to his letter, the Greens' federal candidates or the federal election.
- 18. He also provided a link to the flyer: https://static1.squarespace.com/static/606bed68d96b9017f7f5baee/t/61e91e3a063cc673a9cf423d/1642679500285/CommunityNewsletterOne. A copy has been downloaded and is enclosed.
- 19. It may be noted that the flyer consists of four pages. The first three relate to ACT issues and to Mr Davis' role in the Assembly. The fourth has four sections headed respectively, "Friday Electorate Office", "Mobile Electorate Office", "Small Business Shoutout" and "Introducing your Federal Greens Candidates." He explained that all except the section on the fourth page relating to the Greens federal election candidates had been prepared by a staff member in his Assembly office, but that that section had been prepared by the same staff member working outside normal business hours in the ACT Greens office as a volunteer. He assured me that "every effort was made to ensure that the staff member spent no time preparing that part of the flyer while working as a paid staff member in my Legislative Assembly office." He also said that he had personally paid for the flyer's printing and distribution.
- 20. It may also be noted that, whilst his Assembly contact details appear on the first page with his personal email address, only the personal email address appears on the fourth page and that is in the section, "Small Business Shoutout", rather than the section relating to the Greens' federal candidates.
- 21. A copy of this report was provided to Mr Davis, as required by the Protocol, to enable him to make any comments he thought appropriate. In response, he asked me to include a reference to the undertaking he had made to the Assembly and I acceded to that request.

#### The application of the Code

22. The only provision in the Code that seems relevant to the current complaint is that contained in paragraph (7) which states:

Members should make only proper use of those public resources to which they have access and should do so in a manner designed to make effective, efficient and economic use of those resources.

23. As the Clerk of the Assembly pointed out in the letter circulated in April:

Publicly funded entitlements and resources, including staffing resources, are provided to assist members in performing their parliamentary and constituent related duties. Use of

these publicly funded entitlements and resources in connection with election and political campaigning would amount to improper use.

- 24. It is not always possible to draw a sharp line of demarcation between political activities undertaken by Members and actions undertaken taken in the execution of their roles as Members of the Assembly. Opinions may sometimes differ as to the propriety of particular statements and in other jurisdictions there have been well-publicised controversies over the use of government funded advertisements said to be politically motivated. I have no wish to trespass upon the role of the ACT Ethics and Integrity Adviser by attempting to provide advice about how Members might resolve particular issues, though I agree with the Clerk's view that the types of activities mentioned in his letter would amount to improper use of a Member's entitlements or Assembly resources.
- 25. In the present case, as I have mentioned, Mr Davis has explained that, in writing to people in his electorate promoting the Greens candidates for the federal election, he used an opportunity to remind his constituents that he served in the Assembly as a member of the ACT Greens and to offer them the opportunity to contact him if they had any "local" issue that they wish to discuss. He has not, of course, claimed that this was his only, or even the primary, motivation for the sending the letters, but that is not the crucial issue. As mentioned earlier, the complaint raised by the resolution of the Assembly relates only to the inclusion of his Assembly contact details. His explanation for their inclusion is not inherently implausible and it is generally consistent with the statements in the opening paragraphs of his letter which refer to his role as Member of Brindabella, to his weekly electorate office and to various achievements of the ACT Government that he describes as "the Greenest government in the country."
- 26. The provision of contact details to enable constituents to speak with a Member of the Assembly about issues of concern to ACT constituents would obviously not involve any breach of the obligations in paragraph (7) of the Code and I am unable to be satisfied that they were not included in Mr Davis' letter for that purpose.
- 27. Similar considerations apply to their inclusion in the flyer.

#### Conclusion

- 28. I am not satisfied that the inclusion of Mr Davis' contact details in either the letter that was the subject of the resolution or the flyer referred to me by the Speaker involved any breach of the obligations in paragraph (7) of the Code.
- 29. I recommend that the complaint be dismissed.

Ken Crispin QC Commissioner for Standards

8 May 2022

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#### Annexure



G'day neighbour,

My name is Johnathan Davis and I'm your ACT Greens Member for your local electorate of Brindabella in the ACT Legislative Assembly. I'm also a local Greenway resident. You might have seen me hosting my weekly Electorate Office every Friday morning at Jindebah Café on Cowlishaw Street.

Here in the ACT, we have the Greenest government in the country. With Greens in Government we have powered the ACT with 100% renewable electricity, established the ACT's first dedicated Minister for Mental Health, secured the largest ever investment into public housing and implemented an integrity commission.

The Greens make Government better. The upcoming federal election is your opportunity to make federal politics better too. We need reform at every level, and with our Greens candidates Dr Tjanara Goreng Goreng and Kathryn Savery in Federal Parliament you can be assured the voice of the Canberra community will be heard.

I've gotten to know Tjanara Goreng Goreng and Kathryn Savery really well over the past year. Both Tjanara and Kathryn are strong, smart, capable women who are unafraid to speak truth to power and fight for a cleaner, greener, fairer country for us all.

Come down to the Tuggeranong Night Markets this Friday 6th May between 4pm and 7pm to meet Tjanara, Kathryn and I. We'd value the opportunity to hear your concerns, answer your questions and share our ambitions for

For more information about our candidates, visit greens.org.au/act.

Kind regards,



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