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When I was 8 I learnt about this little thing called the Greenhouse Effect. I was so worried that I explained it to everyone. The adults just thought it was cute and were unconcerned - this frustrated me. Since then I have studied in the environmental space and worked for oil and gas to see how much I could influence for change. Eventually I moved into consulting, where I still feel like I explain things to adults who just don't understand. I think it is now time to contribute in a way that I can have greater impact for change.

### **What I will bring to Council**

I am an Environmental Engineer who has spent the past 10 years as a consultant - helping businesses to meet international standards for environmental management and to manage environmental risks. This role has highlighted the change in business risk tolerance towards stakeholders (like shareholders and the community). The social licence to operate and shareholder concerns, mixed with the communication power of social media, has given greater power to individuals to influence for change within large organisations. I am passionate about seeing this change and ensuring we balance economic and environmental risks for inter-generational equity.

### **Advocacy and community engagement**

Pre-COVID I was living in Melbourne where I had involvement with administrative work for the Animal Justice Party and Engineers Without Borders. I also got very sore feet walking kilometres in the warehouse at FoodBank, where I helped to pack pallets for delivery to food charities across the state.

### **Governance interest and experience**

My work as a compliance auditor begins with understanding the governance and risk frameworks which underpin the business or organisation that I am assessing. Through this work I have had exposure to a huge range of different structures and audited both the inputs and outputs of Boards and Committees. I enjoy adding value to these structures through determining opportunities for improvement, based on what I have seen across the huge variety of businesses and industries I have audited.

### **My ideas for climate and nature solutions**

I believe that Australia should be a green leader for the world. We are fortunate to have so much clean air, so many uncrowded places and such incredible wilderness. We need stronger environmental laws to protect our wild places and the life within them. In addition, we need a shift away from our dependence on mining to renewable technology solutions. We have amazing human capability and the resources - we should be aiming to be world leaders in this space.