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Candidate for South Australia

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Previous terms served on Council: 2

Like many, I care about the future of our living world in all its fragile complexity. When the path ahead is dangerous and dark, I find the ACF is a magnifying lens, inspiring many to stand up and speak out as champions for nature. I believe my personal gifts in connecting people of science and faith and the land can be best used through a close partnership with a strategic savvy organisation like the ACF.

What I will bring to Council

As an ex-Federal Government agricultural scientist and Parkcare coordinator, I bring practical & policy experience to Council. As a community advocate for sustainability & meaningful climate action for over two decades, I bring campaign experience and a grassroots network across many parts of Australia. I make a genuine effort to balance good communication with being a good listener, striving to understand and be strategic in building partnerships that can change our current devastating ecological trajectory.

Advocacy and community engagement

I'm connected at the State level with Conservation SA & a wide array of community groups working on climate change, environment, conservation & regenerative landcare/agriculture. I've advocated for practical projects to encourage rapid transition to a safe climate, including Clean Energy for Eternity, the Repower Port Augusta and 100% Renewable Campaigns.

I'm outspoken against the nuclear fuel cycle in all forms, and do my best to respect and support First Nations. I'm part of the Oceania Ecosystem Services Network.

Governance interest and experience

I've had considerable experience in governance, with responsible roles in Federal Government as well as various community and Not-for-Profit groups, eg Vice President of Conservation SA for 5 years, and President of Multifaith SA for 4 years. My interest is in maintaining due processes that provide clear vision and purpose, while encouraging new pathways for community participation that can build influence and achieve greater protection for Nature. I believe this needs to include Law and First Lore.

My ideas for climate and nature solutions

Action at personal, community and political level is crucial. We can change our lifestyles as part of the solution, but we must also redirect our governments away from narrow self-interest if we are to protect people and planet and reverse our climate catastrophe.

Australia can reach net zero by 2050 – SA is already well on the way to net 100% renewable by 2030! We can create hope for future generations by working on nature-based solutions.

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