



Media Statement

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A FRESH, INDEPENDENT VOICE FOR CURTIN IN CANBERRA

Kate Chaney will run as an Independent candidate for the seat of Curtin in the 2022 Federal election, to provide a genuine alternative to the dominant political parties.

Chaney is excited to offer Curtin voters a fresh voice in Canberra; a representative with diverse experience in strategy, law, innovation and sustainability, across the private sector and in community services.

Chaney said over the last decade she has become increasingly disillusioned with Australia's political system and our inability to make positive, long-term decisions for the future.

Rather than complain about the situation, Chaney said she has decided to step-up to help drive the change that many Australians are seeking, and to ensure a better future.

"When I was approached to run by the community group 'Curtin Independent' at the start of this year, I realised my frustrations - and hopes for a better future - were not unique to me but shared by many other voters in the electorate.

"My family taught me to value service to the community, which is why I have made the decision to run at this year's Federal election.

"I offer Curtin voters a balanced view – economically sensible and socially progressive,"

Chaney said like most people in Curtin, she cared about more than the next three-year electoral cycle.

"Good policy is much more important to me than party politics or progressing a political career.

“Our two-party system is broken. Our democracy is under threat, but I have hope for the future.

“There is currently a movement of grass-roots Independents that is gaining momentum nationally, has the potential to drive real change, and enable decisions to be made that represent the whole country.

“We need to do better on climate action. We need to do better on Federal Government integrity. I want to live in a democracy that makes me proud, and with leaders who take a long-term view.

Born, raised, and still living in Curtin, Chaney said the Curtin voters she knows are compassionate and want to live in a strong community.

“Curtin is my home, it’s where I grew up and still have deep family roots. I now live here with my husband and three children, who all attend schools in the electorate.

“Representing my community would be a great honour. I don’t claim to have all the answers, on all the issues, but I will listen to the people of Curtin, I will speak to the experts seeking a broad range of views, and I will *a/ways* act with the utmost integrity.

“Conversations that I’ve had so far with Curtin voters show there is growing momentum around the prospect of a real alternative. Excitement at the potential for change – genuine change – is building.”

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