To win in government in Victoria, we need to win seats in the Western Suburbs. That means turning generational Labor voters into genuine, active Liberal Party supporters.

And with only 4 months before the state election, we need an experienced candidate who is already in the field, we also need a candidate with community connections, proven electability, solid backing and a clear vision to make the long term changes necessary to win seats in the west.

We need a candidate who is A credible, known, LOCAL- both inside and outside the Party.

I've been working hard across the Western Metro region to promote Liberal values for over a decade first as a parent and teacher,

then as a candidate and finally as a local government councillor

and not so that I could stand here today in this preselection,

but because I care about my community and I want a better future for my children.

The community in the West already know and trust me.

who runs 'Stop the Tip'- knows that I didn't just get involved to win votesshe knows I'm genuinely outraged that our children are breathing in smoke and fumes because Labor refuses to make the EPA do its job properly.

who runs STOP AUSNET TOWERS knows I didn't get involved

just to grandstand as a Councillor on the steps of parliament, but because my family home is in one of the suburbs that Labor are defacing with electricity towers taller than the MCG.

There's **manual** from the Samoa Community Advisory Council, **manual** from the interfaith network, **manual** from the 'No Toxic Soil' in Sunbury group, multiple parent groups throughout the western suburbs and more.

We need someone with campaign experience.

I've been a candidate for the Liberal Party twice,

and in the West, the first two questions voters ask candidates are essentially

"are you a genuine local?" and "do you really understand us?".

When I was a candidate in St Albans, my first ever conversation with a voter started with him scoffing at me and saying

'yeah, yeah I bet you never worked a real job in your life. I bet you don't even live here'.

I answered, "I'm a high school teacher, I live up the road, and I'm the first person in my family to vote Liberal..."

He dropped his guard immediately and started asking me questions about why I'd changed sides.

He had his son with him, so I told him about all the problems with the education system and why the Liberal plan was better. And that started other conversations

with others in line and I saw that they really had no idea what we stand for or what our policies are.

I won many voters over, because they saw me as one of their own.

That pattern has repeated itself, in every election- including when I was the # 3 Upper House candidate in 2018, in voting lines, at shopping centres and community festivals across all 11 seats.

The values of the western suburbs are Liberal Party values! Family, small business, law and order, and less government interference.

It's in their best interests to vote for us, but it's our job to prove it to them.

I can speak from personal experience about union corruption

and about the culture of sexism and bullying in the Labor Party.

I can speak as a teacher about what's really going on in schools under Labor.

I can speak as a Councillor about how Labor are conning voters in Tarneit,

Sydenham and Kororoit about the Melton Hospital.

We need someone with proven electability.

In 2020, I ran in the Local Council elections on a traditional Liberal platform of family values and fiscal responsibility.

I was elected with over 21% of first preference votes,

almost twice the amount of our next most successful Liberal Candidate in the West. If that vote were replicated in this state election, it would be enough to elect me and help us get our 2nd candidate up too.

As a Councillor I've learned exactly how Labor and the Greens abuse legislation and taxes to promote their ideologies and cover up for their empty election promises.

I've seen how their candidates ingratiate themselves into community groups and use their platform to spread lies about us.

Part of my vision is to get Liberals onto every local government council in the Western Metro region. We got 6 Liberals up this time, and we know how its done. As Councillors, Liberals can get valuable experience, serve the community, raise their profiles then springboard to the 2026 state election and beyond.

We also need a candidate who can attract funding.

My work in the media and on council has attracted

proven, long term financial backers who are already known to many in the Liberal Party.

To date they have raised almost 1.5 million dollars for the Party. Allow me to read you a portion of their letter

"I would like to make a commitment to you, **second** that <u>only</u> on the basis of you being pre-selected, to support you and the Liberal Party with the following campaign support:

- We will donate a minimum of \$100,000 to the State Secretariat to set up and resource a 'Field Campaign Office' in the West.
- We will arrange for fliers to be printed at cost for every Western Metro seat, and a full letterbox drop for 6 target seats,
 - o Sunbury
 - Niddrie
 - Werribee
 - Point Cook
 - o Tarneit
 - o Sydenham

On top of this we would like to support you longer term in your role, to help re-build the party's support and outreach in the west. In addition to general fundraising support, I will connect you to my local donors, one of whom is in the Printing industry. They are willing to negotiate a very cost-effective deal for printing brochures, leaflets etc for continuous mailouts each year to keep the Liberal brand front and centre in the west." And that's just for starters.

You have in your hands the power to determine

the next Liberal Party Member for the Western Metropolitan Region.

We need a candidate with proven campaign experience, proven campaign success and proven campaign backing...

and ladies and gentlemen I bring all 3.