

# Candidate Questionnaire and Answers

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| <b>COUNCIL</b>                               | Whittlesea City Council By-election 2025 |
| <b>WARD</b> (if applicable)                  | Lalor Ward                               |
| <b>CANDIDATE'S NAME</b> (as on ballot paper) | McNAUGHT, Ellen                          |

What is your vision for the municipality of the above Council? (*maximum 50 words*)

My vision is a thriving, sustainable municipality where everyone feels safe and connected. I see vibrant community spaces, innovative local businesses and services that meet our diverse needs. We'll prioritise environmental initiatives, affordability, enhance active transport and foster inclusive decision-making.

What expertise or attributes do you have which would help you in undertaking the role of Councillor?

*Provide details (maximum 50 words)*

Holding senior leadership roles in the for-purpose sector, I bring strong governance and collaborative leadership skills. My background in mental health and volunteering demonstrates my community focus. Having completed a PhD, I offer analytical thinking and policy expertise. My independent stance ensures decisions based on community needs, not party politics.

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| Have you read the current Council Plan for the council named above?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Yes |
| Have you read the current Councillor Code of Conduct for the council named above?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Yes |
| Are you endorsed by a registered political party?<br><b>Note:</b> Registered political party has the same meaning as in Part 4 of the Electoral Act 2002.<br>If yes, provide the name of the registered political party.                                                                                                                | No  |
| Are you currently a Councillor?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | No  |
| If yes, what has been your attendance record at Council meetings during your current term of office?<br><b>Note:</b> Council meetings means Council meetings referred to in section 61 of the Local Government Act 2020 but does not include meetings held for which a Councillor has been granted leave from attending by the Council. |     |
| What are your contact details (so that voters can contact you)? <i>Provide details</i><br>ellen.for.lalor@gmail.com p. 0492 641 904                                                                                                                                                                                                     |     |

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