

Additional Information

Councils are the only level of government increasing taxes every year. Rates increases need to remain affordable, services should be efficient and serve the needs of residents. Ive owned 4 businesses; I know and understand finances well. Since moving to Dawesville, Ive already contacted local councillors about ways to improve the councils budget, and as an elected councillor, I will continue to advocate for accountability of spending, and sensible rate rises. Ive worked in local government in 3 states, delivering economic development with a specific emphasis on employment for residents. I understand the complexity of local government, and Ive already contacted local councillors about ways to improve economic development and local jobs. Tourism will always remain an important part of Mandurahs economy, but greater focus on other industries is needed to increase local jobs. Our rates need to deliver as much for local residents as they do to attract tourism. Infrastructure, including roads, footpaths, parks, toilets, etc. need to be maintained to a high standard, not only in tourism locations, but around the region. The region is predicted to grow by 30,000 people in the next decade, a 30% increase. When it comes to development, we need to assure those people can live in affordable housing, without further encroaching on our nature. As a local surfer I also care about maintaining and guiding our interaction with the ocean and waterways. As councillors, through consultation with residents, we need to think beyond the norm to make the City of Mandurah a place that on the one hand is ready for growth, whilst maintaining its natural environment. Thank you for considering me as your local government representative.