

Candidate Questionnaire and Answers

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COUNCIL	West Wimmera Shire Council 2024
WARD (if applicable)	West Wimmera Shire Council
CANDIDATE'S NAME (as on ballot paper)	HICKS, Richard William

What is your vision for the municipality of the above Council? (*maximum 50 words*)
 Prioritize road repairs and reconstruction Advocate for upgraded telecommunications; eliminate 'black-spots.' Develop and promote tourism and hospitality, supporting local providers and boosting our local economies. Support housing investment, benefiting schools and sporting clubs. Support for childcare, aged care, hospitals, medical facilities, recreational activities.

What expertise or attributes do you have which would help you in undertaking the role of Councillor?
Provide details (maximum 50 words)
 As a member of a farming family with more than 145 years of Wimmera residency, and with my extensive professional background in international agricultural and community development, combined with international project management experience and two degrees in agriculture, I believe this positions me to contribute effectively our Shire.

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? <small>Note: Registered political party has the same meaning as in Part 4 of the Electoral Act 2002. If yes, provide the name of the registered political party.</small>	No
Are you currently a Councillor?	Yes
If yes, what has been your attendance record at Council meetings during your current term of office? <small>Note: 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.</small>	>90%
What are your contact details (so that voters can contact you)? <i>Provide details</i> hicksrw2002@yahoo.com	

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