

# Candidate Questionnaire and Answers

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<b>COUNCIL</b>	Darebin City Council 2024
<b>WARD</b> (if applicable)	South East Ward
<b>CANDIDATE'S NAME</b> (as on ballot paper)	THEWLIS, Melanie

What is your vision for the municipality of the above Council? (*maximum 50 words*)  
 My vision for Darebin is a caring, inclusive and sustainable community with high quality services, thriving sports, arts and local business, abundant and affordable housing, climate safe transport, and healthy parks, bushland and creeks.

What expertise or attributes do you have which would help you in undertaking the role of Councillor?  
*Provide details (maximum 50 words)*  
 As a software engineer in City of Melbourne's data team, I have strong insight into evidence informed local government. I'm connected to the community as a parent and kinder volunteer. My diverse experiences as business owner, artist, writer and activist have given me empathy and collaborative problem solving skills.

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><b>Note:</b> 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>	Yes
Are you currently a Councillor?	No
If yes, what has been your attendance record at Council meetings during your current term of office? <small><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.</small>	
What are your contact details (so that voters can contact you)? <i>Provide details</i> Phone: 0477 813 606 Email: melanie.thewlis@vic.greens.org.au Instagram: @melanie.thewlis.greens Facebook: @melanie.thewlis.greens TikTok: @melanie.thewlis.greens	

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