## **Candidate Questionnaire and Answers**

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COUNCIL	Ballarat City Council 2024
WARD (if applicable)	Central Ward
CANDIDATE'S NAME (as on ballot paper)	COATES, Belinda

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

I've worked hard for our community to create a greener and better connected city, supporting arts, culture, climate and biodiversity, innovation and small business. Community wellbeing, health, better planning, heritage and housing affordability as well as helping residents save money on energy and transport costs will be my priorities.

What expertise or attributes do you have which would help you in undertaking the role of Councillor? *Provide details (maximum 50 words)* 

As your Councillor for twelve years, I have a proven track record of delivering outcomes to our Ballarat community. I'm a social worker, sustainability leader/advocate with a community-first approach to being a councillor. I hold post graduate tertiary qualifications and I'm a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

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?  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.  Australian Greens	Yes
Are you currently a Councillor?	Yes
If yes, what has been your attendance record at Council meetings during your current term of office?  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.	>90%

What are your contact details (so that voters can contact you)? Provide details

Contact me on mobile 0400947688, email belinda.coates@vic.greens.org.au or find out more via http://greens.org.au/belinda-coates

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