## **Candidate Questionnaire and Answers**

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COUNCIL	Merri-bek City Council 2024
WARD (if applicable)	Brunswick West Ward
CANDIDATE'S NAME (as on ballot paper)	DE COURCY-BROWNE, Kathleen

What is your vision for the municipality of the above Council? *(maximum 50 words)* My vision for Merri-bek is to embrace "Back to Basics" prioritising financial responsibility, community empowerment, and growth. By fostering thriving businesses, diverse housing options, and strong community connections through innovation and communication, Merri-bek will remain a vibrant and inclusive home.

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

As a 20-year housing and community development professional, I bring expertise in policy creation, stakeholder engagement, budget management, and a deep commitment to inclusivity. My experience as a founder of multiple organizations, volunteer, and dedicated Merri-bek resident equips me to serve our community effectively.

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? <b>Note:</b> <i>Registered political party has the same meaning as in Part 4 of the Electoral Act 2002.</i> 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? 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.	
What are your contact details (so that voters can contact you)? <i>Provide details</i> email - hello@kathleenbrowne.au mobile - 0481967090 website - www	r.kathleenbrowne.au

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