

# Candidate Questionnaire and Answers

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<b>COUNCIL</b>	Manningham City Council 2024
<b>WARD</b> (if applicable)	Bolin Ward
<b>CANDIDATE'S NAME</b> (as on ballot paper)	MERKENICH, Mary Helen

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

A council that protects our green spaces and environment and advocates for climate change action, that fights for better public transport, for more housing choice and affordability, that efficiently manages its finances and keeps fees to a minimum, that supports residents' democratic rights and engages them in decision making.

What expertise or attributes do you have which would help you in undertaking the role of Councillor?

*Provide details (maximum 50 words)*

As a teacher I learnt patience, collaboration, conflict resolution and critical thinking skills. I am an excellent communicator, being able to explain things simply and a good listener. I am organised and friendly and emphatic, so that I can connect easily with people.

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? <b>Note:</b> <i>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.</i>	
What are your contact details (so that voters can contact you)? <i>Provide details</i> merkenich@optusnet.com.au	

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