## **Candidate Questionnaire and Answers**

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COUNCIL	Benalla Rural City Council 2024
WARD (if applicable)	Benalla Rural City Council
CANDIDATE'S NAME (as on ballot paper)	MERKEL, Jillian

What is your vision for the municipality of the above Council? *(maximum 50 words)* My vision for the municipality of Benalla is to foster community growth by enhancing education, supporting local businesses, and promoting sustainable development. By integrating real-life skills education, we can empower the youth, build resilient families, and create a future where everyone thrives together. Let's make Benalla better.

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

I bring extensive experience in business, insurance, and farming, with a deep understanding of financial management and risk mitigation. My global travel has broadened my perspective, enhancing my ability to address diverse community needs. These experiences enable me to make informed decisions and support local economic growth 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> bookings@ellagoose.com.au 0406435080	

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