Candidate Questionnaire and Answers

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COUNCIL	Golden Plains Shire Council 2024
WARD (if applicable)	Golden Plains Shire Council
CANDIDATE'S NAME (as on ballot paper)	PHELAN, Des

What is your vision for the municipality of the above Council? *(maximum 50 words)*My vision is for a fairer, more inclusive Golden Plains Shire, where all communities, particularly in the north, have equal representation. I aim to prioritise strategic growth, improved infrastructure, and a fair rating scheme that ensures sustainable development while addressing the unique needs of our diverse residents.

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

With over 30 years as a councillor and multiple terms as Mayor, I bring extensive experience, a deep understanding of local issues, and strong community connections. My lifelong residency in the northern Shire equips me to advocate effectively for fair representation, improved infrastructure, and practical, community-focused policies.

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.	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)? Provide details	

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