

Candidate Questionnaire and Answers

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COUNCIL	Hobsons Bay City Council 2024
WARD (if applicable)	Altona Meadows Ward
CANDIDATE'S NAME (as on ballot paper)	PHELAN, Matthew

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

My vision for Hobsons Bay is a transparent, accountable, and compassionate council that listens to residents, addresses the housing crisis, prevents displacement, and fosters connections between local culture, businesses, and public spaces. I aim to create a vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable community that balances growth with residents' well-being.

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

Provide details (maximum 50 words)

As a qualified social worker, I have strong problem-solving skills and experience addressing housing and inequality. My background in public art fuels my passion for fostering a creative, culturally rich community. These diverse experiences give me the insight and skills to be an effective and compassionate Councillor.

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: <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: <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> Email: matthew_p@australiainmail.com	

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