Candidate Questionnaire and Answers

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COUNCIL	Mornington Peninsula Shire Council 2024	
WARD (if applicable)	Briars Ward	
CANDIDATE'S NAME (as on ballot paper)	O'CONNOR, Despi	

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

Through authentic community collaboration I envisage a peninsula that values, protects and promotes a sustainable future for all to enjoy the fullness of life.

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

Four years as a local councillor and former Mayor, a teacher for almost 15 years and and a role as an officer in local government provides me with key skills such as leadership and advocacy, communication and collaboration, problem solving and planning and commitment to community.

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?	Yes
If yes, what has been your attendance record at Council meetings during your current term of office?	75 – 90%
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* Email - despi4briars@gmail.com Phone 0429 049 133

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