



Charlotte McCabe For Newcastle

I believe in the power of strong, connected communities working together to achieve positive change. I think a stronger democracy is the way to achieve social and environmental justice for all and that's why I want to step up and become a candidate.

Background:

Originally from Victoria, I first became involved in activism in the late 90s at Melbourne University with the Stop Voluntary Student Unionism and Jabiluka campaigns.

I became a primary school teacher because I believe a strong public education system is essential for giving everyone the opportunity to reach their full potential. I have worked in Victoria, the Northern Territory and New South Wales, which has allowed me to experience different state and territory governments and contribute to a wide range of community driven campaigns.

I studied Aboriginal language and culture and taught in Bi-lingual schools in Arnhem Land because I am deeply committed to the process of reconciliation. I am currently on the board for the Worimi Conservation Lands as an environmental representative.

I moved to Newcastle six years ago with my husband and have been focusing on raising our two daughters in a wonderfully connected community where we are blessed with the magnificent natural assets Newcastle has to offer. I immediately connected with my local residents group (Tighes Hill Community Group) and have been an office bearer and a spokesperson for coal terminal related issues. I'm committed to working for a safe climate and protecting our community from the health impacts of coal dust. I am currently working as a community organiser with The Wilderness Society.

My vision for the future.

Newcastle has a proud history of workers and community uniting together to demand change.

This is the foundation I wish to draw upon as we tackle the critical issues of affordable housing, public transport, renewable energy, protecting our marine life from offshore gas and our bushlands from increased land clearing. We need greater investment in our schools and health system and to undo the recent attacks on our right to protest.

We are fighting on so many fronts, but I see this as an opportunity to push for transformative social change to create a truly progressive and inclusive New South Wales.

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