

# I WANT TO BE YOUR MAYOR



Dear Fellow Resident

My name is Moira Were (rhymes with here).

I live in Sellicks Beach and have lived in the Onkaparinga area for over 30 years.

I am writing this letter to introduce myself and to ask you to vote for me as Mayor of Onkaparinga.

I have worked from the kitchen table as a social worker, to the cabinet table as a Chief of Staff for a Minister in government. I have been a CEO of Volunteering SA and the global director of an international community engagement professional association (IAP2).

I have volunteered and led community organisations including the Southern Domestic Violence Service, Social Impact Investment Network of South Australia. I have a long interest and governance of companies, associations and co-operatives.

I received an AM (Order of Australia) in 2019 for my voluntary contribution to social welfare and community development.

Here is my 10 point plan for a better City of Onkaparinga:

1. Listen to all voices, not just the loudest ones.
2. Ensure councillors have all the facts they need to make the best decisions.
3. Encourage respectful and different points of view so we make quality decisions.
4. Apply good judgement to financial decisions so we don't leave an unnecessary legacy of debt to future generations.
5. Facilitate greater community participation in decision-making.
6. Appoint a CEO that will reflect the values of our community, so we get talked about for all the right reasons.
7. Invite First Nations participation in decisions about ecological and economic management.
8. Bring more transparency & accountability including supporting Council meetings to be live streamed.
9. Investigate more opportunities to work with our neighbouring councils in matters of water and waste management.
10. Promote and accelerate our climate change response in line with the urgency of the challenges.

From October 14<sup>th</sup> ballot papers will start being delivered by Australia Post. They will arrive in your letter box and there will be two ballots in there – one for Mayor and one for your ward councillors.

You will be choosing 1 mayor and 2 ward councillors.

I am asking you to give me your vote for Mayor.

Thank you for your consideration, and please don't hesitate to give me a call or drop me a note.

Regards

**Moira Were**

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