

If there was ever a time that the City of Greater Geraldton, including Mullewa, Walkaway and points in-between had to prepare for the future population growth of 20-30000, it is now. Having been a Councillor when we went through the major projects we now all enjoy, I have the experience and determination to help bring all of government, business and community together to forward plan so locals are not left behind and there is a clear future for our children and grandchildren.

Homelessness and housing, community safety, affordable living, education/training, pristine environments, climate change, small and large businesses, sport and leisure, infrastructure are factors that must influence how development occurs in the gem of WA, our local government communities. Our Council needs to embrace this.

As a Geraldton local, I can't make this the best place for my grandchildren to thrive in, unless it is the best place for all to thrive in.

As the Operations Manager of a locally owned not-for-profit, I'm deeply concerned about homelessness and the financial viability of locals keeping a roof over their heads. Future development is necessary, but not at the expense of people that are living here and now.

I welcome diversification of industry, but not in ways that negatively impact on the environment. The environment is a major attraction of living here and it is a legacy that we must give good stewardship for future generations.

Mullewa and our smaller communities cannot be treated as poor cousins, as future development will significantly impact on them and these communities deserve opportunities to flourish in ways that are community led.

Yes, we must be open minded about the future, but not so open minded that our brains fall out. This is the time to get as many ducks lined up rows that enables prosperity and I'm passionate about being a part of a team that recognises and works passionately for community outcomes. I am sincerely grateful for your support and vote