

Nomination Submission Additional Information - 2000 Characters
By Ingrid van Dorssen

I have nominated to stand as your member of Council.

I would like to explain why.

I spent my childhood and most of my adult life in Fremantle, giving me the local insights to deal with those issues that affect us all, such as traffic, planning, and provision of amenities.

But importantly my experience as a professional planner gives me the technical capacity to also provide a strong voice in facing the major challenges that confront us right now:

- The as-yet unresolved Swan River Crossings project that threatens our riverside amenity and will bring traffic chaos to our neighbourhood streets.
- The Future of Fremantle project, an undertaking bigger than Melbourne's Docklands and Sydney's Darling Harbour, which will determine our city's and the region's economic and social future for generations to come.

Added to this is a transformation of Fremantle's local government with a reduction of wards from 6 to 4 and councillors from 12 to 10 this year and to 8 in 2025. The new skill set now demanded of councillors will need to combine a capacity for strong local representation with a function more akin to that of a board of directors

In meeting these challenges my commitment to you is to:

Represent: a councillor's primary function is to be in touch with and to reflect the diverse concerns and values of the community members who elect them.

Consult: consultation is the very essence of local government. Our community demands it and councils must insist on it at every stage of the development process.

Communicate: larger wards and fewer representatives demand effective means of communication. Precincts, local meetings and reliable electronic systems are essential tools in keeping the community involved.

Inform: communities must be made aware early of developments and issues that directly affect them if they are to participate in the decision-making process.

Fremantle has given me a great environment in which to raise a family. My aim is to preserve that and make it even better.