



Kate Chaney MP

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR CURTIN

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Kate Chaney to seek re-election in Curtin

Kate Chaney MP, Federal Independent Member for Curtin, has confirmed she will run again at the next federal election, but emphasised that her re-election campaign does not start now.

Ms Chaney, who was elected to Federal Parliament in 2022, made the announcement today so she can continue representing the Curtin community without distraction.

“I’m being asked frequently by Curtin residents and local leaders, as well as local and national media, if I will stand for re-election. And I can say, ‘Yes, I will run again.’

“With so much media attention on the pre-selection processes of the major parties, constituents want to know if they will again have the choice to be represented by a community independent – and I can guarantee they will.

“But as we’re just over halfway through the term, I intend to remain focused on representing Curtin, rather than campaigning. I’m pretty sure people living in Curtin would prefer I keep working hard for them.”

Ms Chaney was elected to do politics differently, on a platform of climate action, political integrity, compassionate inclusion, and economic reform, and said she has made good on that commitment, so far.

“People tell me that they voted for me in 2022 because they wanted a representative who would be truly independent and courageous on the big issues, and that they were disillusioned with the lack of integrity and long-term thinking in Canberra.

“Since the election, working collaboratively with a constructive crossbench, I have been instrumental in achieving shifts in government policy and legislation, as well as initiating national discussion on issues the major parties seek to avoid, such as tax reform, donation transparency, vehicle emissions standards, and gambling reform.

“The Liberal Party lost Curtin – and similar seats – at the last election because our values weren’t being represented. And from what I’ve witnessed in my first two years, the party hasn’t changed under Peter Dutton’s leadership. In fact, it’s become more divisive and polarised, driven by fear and anger and devoid of genuine policy ideas or constructive engagement. Peter Dutton’s Liberal Party does not represent the values of Curtin.

“I am seeking re-election for Curtin because there is more work to be done on re-establishing integrity in government, decarbonising our economy so we leave our children a world worth inheriting and the deep thinking to reform the tax system so we can afford the supports we need.

“We must ensure our parliament has sensible centre voices to hold both sides to account and to protect our fragile democracy.

“I believe the electorate of Curtin, where I was born and grew up, where I was educated from primary school to university, where I’ve raised my children, and I still call home, deserves a local MP who genuinely knows this

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community. An MP who is committed to listening, developing policies in consultation with this community, and representing our values, both locally and in Canberra.

“But don’t just listen to what I’m saying – judge me by what I am delivering. In fact, keep me accountable, join me at our next Community Catch-Up or Canberra Debrief and make sure your voice is heard in our democracy.”

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