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**CURTIN'S INDEPENDENT**



## Kate Chaney Biography

Kate Chaney is standing as the Independent candidate for the seat of Curtin in Western Australia at the upcoming Federal election in May 2022.

Kate lives in West Leederville with her husband Bill and three children. She has deep family connections in Curtin, attending school at John XXIII and later the University of Western Australia. Kate grew up in a family where service to community was highly valued through business, law, politics and education.

Kate joined national law firm Blake Dawson Waldron in Sydney in 1998 after graduating. In 2003 she completed an MBA and moved to the Boston Consulting Group as a strategic advisor in the aviation, financial services and non-profit sectors. Kate was GM Business Development at Westralia Airports Corporation then moved to Wesfarmers Limited in a range of roles.

As Aboriginal Affairs Manager, Kate developed and implemented Wesfarmers' first two Reconciliation Action Plans, then as GM Emerging Ventures, she established a new department investigating investment opportunities in high growth digital businesses. As Sustainability Manager she developed the Wesfarmers group-wide approach to social and environmental sustainability. After a short stint back at the Boston Consulting Group as a Principal, from 2017 to 2022 Kate was Director Innovation & Strategy at Anglicare WA, overseeing strategic planning and driving innovative approaches to positive social change. Kate has also held a range of Board roles.

For some time, Kate has been frustrated with the divisive culture of Federal politics and in particular the lack of sound, long-term decisions being made for Australia's future. Instead of complaining Kate decided she would step up to drive the change the people of Curtin are demanding.

Curtin has traditionally been considered a 'safe' seat, taken for granted by the Liberal Party which is out of step with the issues people in Curtin care about.

After listening to the voters in Curtin, from Mosman Park to Trigg, the message is clear - they want change and representation that aligns with their values and their aspirations for Australia. People in Curtin are energised and optimistic that finally it is time for the electorate of Curtin to count at the upcoming Federal election.

Kate authentically supports these important priorities:

- A commitment to real climate action with a clear decarbonisation policy framework that includes strong targets and aligned incentives. This is sound economic management and enables business to fully engage in the opportunities offered by the renewable sector.
- A commitment to end the destructive and short term culture of politics in Canberra and restore integrity and transparency as inherent hallmarks of decision making. A commitment to ensuring that workplaces across Australia, including Federal Parliament, are safe, respectful and inclusive for all.
- A commitment to future-proofing our economy; invest in education and innovation and create economic opportunities and jobs by investment in renewable energy and storage, clean energy, electric vehicles and energy efficiency.
- A commitment to building connected, diverse, and resilient communities that are genuinely inclusive. This includes support for the Uluru Statement from the Heart, more humane treatment of asylum seekers and the recognition that diversity is our strength.

Kate looks forward to hearing from everyone in Curtin; we encourage you to reach out and tell us the things that are important to you and the issues that are impacting you, your family, your business and your communities. [hello@katechaney.com.au](mailto:hello@katechaney.com.au)