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Election Announcement

ACT Greens MLA Deb Foskey announced today that she would not be standing for re-election at the October election.

“I have worked energetically as a part of the Greens, at a local, national and international level, for 15 years; and we have never been in a stronger position” Dr Foskey said today.

“Now, with the ACT Greens sitting on 21% of the Senate vote, and after four years as an MLA, it is time for me to move on.”

“There is no shortage of local and international work on communities and sustainability that I want to pursue and – as the death of my friend Val Plumwood reminded me – none of us know how long we have to do that work.”

“I am also very confident that the Greens team who I will introduce to the media next week has the strength and capacity to hold the next government to account and build on this term’s achievements.”

“I will leave this place in October knowing that as the only Greens MLA, after four years of majority Labor Government, I have been able to effect many changes for the better.”

“One of the highlights of my time has been working with the residents of the Narrabundah Long Stay Park to successfully stop their evictions from their homes.”

“The preparation of the ACT Government’s climate change strategy, its ‘affordable housing’ action plan, a review of ACT Government concessions and some improved protection of our grasslands and woodlands, all owe a lot to the work of my office.”

“I believe we have also put on the agenda the need for

- a transport system good enough to convince people not to use their cars,
- real public consultation which involves asking, listening and responding to community ideas and concerns,
- an ethical approach to Government investments, superannuation funds and procurement policies
- quality language teaching in our schools
- retrofitting all our buildings for water and energy efficiency.”

“I look forward to seeing these important issues pursued by the Greens who succeed me in the Assembly in October” Dr Foskey said.

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