

UBC Advocate for Your Bushland this Federal Election 2022

Here's a taste of what candidates have told our member groups.

CURTIN ELECTORATE: Independent candidate Kate Chaney

- **Appreciation of local bushland and groups:** Kate has visited many of the local Friends groups in the election and is learning about their work. Kate sees the value and would like to support them.
- **Stronger national laws protecting nature:** She supports stronger national environmental laws though she is not too sure on how to go about it as it is a difficult issue. She may support an independent EPA, but needs to learn more about the issue first.
- **Enforcing bans on clearing:** Kate could not commit to supporting an enforced ban on destroying habitat of threatened species. She said consideration of other issues and trying to strike a balance are also important. She felt the need for careful consideration of trade-offs with respect to mining and the move to renewable energy.
- **Action on climate change:** Kate is committed to a reduction in 50% of emissions by 2030. She believes climate change issues should also be framed in economic terms to show the impact on the economy. Decarbonisation of the economy will be a balancing act. A Climate Change Commission could help towards better action on climate change and to help depoliticize the issue. A sector-by-sector approach (energy, transport, etc.) could also be useful. She supports a review of existing future fossil fuels subsidies and possibly dropping them altogether. However, some subsidies, like those in the agricultural sector, may have to be transitioned out carefully. At a local level she would like to develop a pathway to zero emissions in Curtin.