



Hollie
HUGHES

Your Candidate for Senate Preselection



THE HON. BILL HEFFERNAN

HOLLIE IS THE ONLY CANDIDATE THAT I HAVE EVER KNOWN THROUGHOUT MY LONG TIME IN THE LIBERAL PARTY THAT HAS WON A PRESELECTION, THE PREVIOUS SENATE PRESELECTION, WHERE SHE WAS SELECTED TO LEAD THE TICKET, AND STOOD ASIDE AT THE REQUEST OF THE THEN PRIME MINISTER.

SHE STEPPED ASIDE AND CONTINUED TO CAMPAIGN AND FUNDRAISE FROM POSITION 6 ON THE TICKET. AS FORMER STATE MINISTER TED PICKERING SAID TO ME IN MY FIRST PRESELECTION BALLOT AGAINST SENATOR JOHN TIERNEY, WHICH HE WON, "SON, TO RUN FOR THE SENATE, YOU HAVE TO HAVE SERVED YOUR TIME IN THE PARTY".

HOLLIE HAS WELL AND TRULY SERVED HER TIME...



About Hollie

Hollie Hughes is a long-time resident and community advocate for regional NSW having spent most of the past twenty years living in the country. Until recently, Hollie and her family have been living and working in Moree, in far North West NSW. Hollie understands first-hand the impact of drought, limited social and health services and the needs of our regional communities.

Hollie first moved to the country more than two decades ago to study at Charles Sturt University in Bathurst. Majoring in Broadcast Journalism and later completing a Masters of Politics and Public Policy from Macquarie University, Hollie embarked on a successful career in communications, Government affairs and consultancy. For the past two years she has worked as the Head of Government for Executive Search firm Salt & Shein.

Throughout her career, Hollie has worked to create better outcomes for her clients. With her husband, Stewart, together they ran Hughes Ag, with Hollie engaged directly with the challenges of droughts, floods and family life as well as running a small business. This year Hollie's family relocated to Sydney to be closer to family suffering from ill health.

Hollie and Stewart have three children – Millie (11), Fred (9) and Rupert (7) – who all attend Roseville Public School. In 2012, Fred was diagnosed with autism.

Since Fred's diagnosis, Hollie has been a passionate advocate to promote better awareness of disabilities. Her role as Founder and Chair of the Country Autism Network has equipped her with the determination to make a difference for battling families in regional communities across our nation.

Hollie is also a Non-Executive Director of StreetWork, an organisation that works with at-risk youth. Getting teenagers the support they need, be it accommodation, therapy for drug and alcohol addiction or removed from family violence, StreetWork provides one on one mentoring to get kids back to school or work and into safe environments, turning young lives around.

Hollie's political work has been a constant driving force in her leadership and advocacy roles. After joining the Liberal Party in 2002, Hollie has been an active and passionate advocate for the party. Hollie embraces the Party's values and membership and believes it is time for a strong regional advocate to deliver for the State and the nation.



Endorsements



HON JOSH FRYDENBERG MP

Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party - Treasurer

Hollie Hughes is a strong advocate for our values and has been a loyal Liberal Party servant for many years. Hollie has a breadth of experience and her disability advocacy, particularly for children with autism, is a credit to her and her family.

She is a passionate voice for rural and regional New South Wales and would be a valuable contributor to the Liberal Party room and the Australian Senate.

ALICE GLACHAN

You could not get a more fantastic candidate than Hollie! She has a depth of amazingly broad and real life experiences, having worked tirelessly for the Liberal Party for decades. I have the utmost admiration for Hollie for her dedication to the Party as well as respect for her ability to appreciate the reality, and understand the detail, of the daily lives of the people around her, with immense and genuine compassion. Hollie is never beaten and works to find solutions to all issues as they arise, never shying away from any form of adversity; tenacity is but one of her many virtues. Her appreciation for the finer detail as well as the bigger picture makes Hollie an excellent candidate for the Senate and look forward to her maiden speech with immense anticipation.

SENATOR THE HON ARTHUR SINODINOS AO

I have absolutely no doubt that Hollie will be asset to the Parliamentary team, taking the fight to Labor, and standing up for families all across NSW. Her policy advocacy has always included consideration of the challenges faced by those living outside the Sydney basin and she will always ensure that policy formulation considers the impacts on those living in rural Australia.

THE HON PRU GOWARD MP

Minister for Family and Community Service; Social Housing;
Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
State Member for Goulburn

Hollie Hughes has always maintained strong community and family connections which make her the grounded and responsive woman we know so well, with strong networks and a range of lively interests. She is also a tireless advocate for what is right, and is not afraid to stand up whenever it is needed. Hollie rarely loses; through a combination of personality, excellent research and dogged persistence. She is exactly the type of woman that the Liberal Party must support if it is serious in wanting to see more women of merit represent New South Wales in the Federal Parliament.



Standing up for what's right

Hollie has a strong track record of fighting for and delivering on issues for families and businesses in regional communities. She is ready to take this to the national landscape as an effective, policy-driven Senate representative of the Morrison Government.

As the Chair of the Federal Rural & Regional Committee, Hollie works with colleagues across the country on a variety of drought mitigation issues and strategies. Writing to the former Prime Minister in mid-2018, Hollie asked the Government to look at the current drought as a crisis, but also urged them to continue to review and refine drought policy outside of crisis so our farmers and businesses can better prepare for difficult, dry periods. A strong agricultural and regional economy is critical to Australia's overall economic management and success.

Hollie's work to establish and now chair the Country Autism Network has played a vital role in connecting families affected by autism in regional communities, providing much-needed support around the nation, to which they would not otherwise have access locally.

When Fred was diagnosed with autism available services were limited; best-practice therapies were incredibly expensive and metropolitan-based.

The Country Autism Network works to address this shortfall. The charity focuses on advocacy for therapies and information for families in regional areas trying to navigate the maze of autism support services.

The Network is currently working towards a uniform information package to be given to families on diagnosis. The first stage of this project is due to be launched before the end of 2018 - a guideline to accessing the NDIS, how to prepare for your meeting and getting the most from your package.

As your Senate candidate for NSW, Hollie will use her deep understanding of Government policy and processes together with her effective community engagement to be your strong Liberal voice in Canberra.



Endorsements



DANIELLE BLAIN AM

Life Member, Liberal Party of WA;
Federal Vice President, Liberal Party of Australia 2007-2014;
State President, Liberal Party of WA 2003-2008
Chair, Leaders' Forum of WA 2005-2018
Chair, Empowering Women WA 2018

Hollie Hughes is an outstanding, loyal human being who, prior to the last election, when requested, took one for the team by unselfishly sacrificing her no.1 spot on the NSW Senate Ticket in favour of sitting Ministers and Members.

She picked herself up, dusted herself off & has continued to work unrelentingly for our great Party. I would strongly recommend that this highly experienced, capable woman is placed in a winnable position on your ticket in the upcoming NSW Senate Preselection.

ANGUS MACNEIL

Farrer FEC Chair

I have known Hollie Hughes for many years and have experienced her applying her passion for these rural issues. Since Senator Bill Heffernan retired we have not had such a rural advocate in NSW supporting us in the Senate. Hollie has played an important role on State Executive and as Liberal Party Vice President and I think it will be a great to the benefit of the Liberal Party and rural Liberals in particular if she can carry on this role in the Senate.

SENATOR THE HON. SIMON BIRMINGHAM

Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment

Hollie brings passion, insight and wisdom to her advocacy on issues of education, disability and regional affairs. She is someone who knows how to gather the evidence of problems, develop alternative policies and build the support for change - all important attributes in a Senator.

CHRIS MCDIVEN AM

Former State and Federal President of the Liberal Party

Hollie brings energy and enthusiasm to everything she does, and she is very much a person driven by accountability and delivering results. She is tenacious, determined and persistent - all ideal qualities in a Senator.

MARK COURE MP

Parliamentary Secretary for Transport and Infrastructure
State Member for Oatley

I have known Hollie for over 14 years, and during this time have been impressed with her significant campaign experience, and her naturally engaging leadership style has seen her manage teams of volunteers for both State and Federal campaigns. She has been a part of every single one of my campaigns, supporting me and many other marginal seat holders any way she could.

Hollie is a committed Liberal, embracing the ethics and values of our Party. I have every confidence that she would be an energetic and effective member of the Federal team.



Party activities

Since 2005, Hollie has served on the State Executive of the NSW Division. First elected as an Urban Representative, and then moving to a Country Representative she has most recently served as Country Vice President from 2011 until this year.

Hollie has been actively involved in campaigns, working in the Campaign HQ of almost every campaign since 2003. Hollie played a key role in organising the Blue Bus, managing teams of volunteers to boost marginal seat campaigns.

Fundraising is key to electoral success and Hollie has contributed to those efforts in a variety of effective ways over the years. Hollie ran the Country Liberals and attracted funding for a Field Officer in the years leading up to the 2013 Federal election.

Boosting fundraising efforts in marginal seats, Hollie has driven major fundraising activities where local MPs and branch members were able to participate and take ownership of successful fundraising efforts.

Hollie Chairs the Federal Rural and Regional Committee and is a member of Federal Executive. A long-time delegate to Federal Council, Hollie has many strong relationships with members from across the country.

Hollie represents all that we stand for as Liberals. A strong and well-trodden track record of creating opportunity, standing up for those who need a hand, providing strong and experienced policy and economic leadership and creating a better quality of life for the people of NSW no matter where they live.



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THE HON NATASHA MACLAREN-JONES MLC

Government Whip in NSW Legislative Council

As a former State President, I am able to appreciate how extensively and deeply Hollie has involved herself over many years in Liberal Party branch and conference activities. I have always been impressed by her ability to balance her professional, political and family life. She also has an exceptional capacity to garner corporate support for the Liberal cause and to engage with the private sector, particularly in regional and country areas.

She gives full, frank and considered advice and is an effective voice for NSW. Hollie has proven herself to be a great asset to the Liberal team.

THE HON. DR PETER PHELPS MLC

Member, NSW Legislative Council

Having a voice from someone as passionate about the Party, her family and the issues facing rural NSW is critical within the Liberal Party... I have no doubt that she will continue to speak up for the interests of rural and regional members as a Senator.

THE HON. DAVID ELLIOTT MP

Minister for Counter Terrorism; Corrections; Veterans Affairs

State Member for Baulkham Hills

I have known Hollie for over ten years and in that time I have seen a passionate woman, dedicated to promoting Liberal values. She is someone who always puts the Party first and has worked tirelessly to ensure Liberal candidates across NSW are elected to Parliament.

Hollie, whilst a vocal advocate for Country Liberals, has managed volunteers and worked on the ground supporting candidates in must-win and must-hold seats.

Her engagement with people across the Party is genuine.

DAVID LANGFORD

Managing Director - Long Lake Research Group; Adjunct Professor- UTS Business School and father of James

Hollie Hughes became known to me owing to our mutual membership of the North Sydney branch of the Liberal Party of Australia in the early 2000s. Hollie was a committed and involved member of the branch during her period of membership.

Our paths diverged following our respective marriages and then reconnected when our similarly aged sons were diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. In the intervening period Hollie has displayed the most admirable commitment to her son Fred's early intervention program while also assisting others in regional Australia via her leadership of the Country Autism Network.

I highly recommend Hollie as a person of authenticity, empathy, diligence and loyalty. I believe that she would represent the best of the Liberal Party tradition in the Australian Senate.



Community involvement

Hollie is a strong believer in supporting local community groups and understands that their survival is based on volunteers being prepared to give their time and skills. Over the years Hollie has been in roles from President to Publicity for the local food & wine fair, the community preschool and the CWA.

Hollie understands the need for inclusion and education to help break the welfare and poverty cycle. Her previous engagement with the Moree Plains Gallery Art Inclusion program and her current work with StreetWork is a reflection of that commitment.



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MICHAEL TIYCE

Director, Tiyce Lawyers

Hollie Hughes is a tireless advocate for Liberal values and the broad church of the Liberal party, with demonstrated success as a fundraiser and campaigner in the private and community sectors. She understands that policy formulation must consider all Australians, not just those within the metropolitan areas, and knows only too well the struggles of those families with additional needs. I have no doubt she will make a significant contribution to the Australian Senate.

MARY-LOU JARVIS

Women's Council President

Having known Hollie for over 15 years I have no doubt that as our Liberal Senator for NSW she would not only work hard but be a loyal and strong voice for both the Liberal Party and country and regional NSW. Hollie has not just lived in Sydney but brings the benefit of having lived in country areas like Orange and Moree. She has a life experience and track record to be able to make a positive contribution to the Morrison team in the Senate representing NSW. I recall her past work to improve air transport infrastructure in country NSW and working on social issues such as autism. As a mother, wife of a farmer businesswoman and a proven and active Liberal campaigner Hollie would be a welcome addition to our team as we face what will be a challenging federal election environment in 2019. That she happens to be a woman is a bonus.

MARGO JOHNSTONE

Member - Rural & Regional Committee.

VP Policy - Gilmore; VP Development - Kiama; VP Development - Gerringong

State Council Delegate; Women's Council Delegate

I believe that the Liberal Party needs: Activists: people passionate about the needs of their community; Youth: people who can grow with the Party and bring in fresh ideas and attract like-minded people; Females: but not because they are female because they are excellent at their craft, the art of being a politician; People who can work across the whole Party.

You have all of this in Hollie Hughes; I commend her to the Liberal Party and the Australian Senate.



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DEAN SHACHAR

Director, NSW Young Liberal Movement

Having worked very closely with marginal seat MPs and candidates across New South Wales, I have no doubt that Hollie played a crucial role in several successful marginal seat campaigns. With a unique insight into the operation of many State and Federal campaigns, Hollie would make a significant contribution to the NSW Liberal Party and Federal Government.

VIVIAN HODGSON

Secretary Strathfield Women's Branch and Mother of Isabelle

Hollie's achievements speak for themselves. As a parent of a child with Autism I have seen firsthand the work that Hollie does as an Autism advocate. Hollie saw that there was a need for more support for children with autism in regional areas and with this in mind, formed the Country Autism Network. The charity is very active and is not just about raising funds to help families but is also active raising awareness in the community for all families who are raising children on the Autism Spectrum.

I know Hollie to be a woman of integrity; she's honest, hardworking and compassionate. She possesses excellent communication skills, is ethical and willing to take on any challenge.

CHANTELLE FORNARI-ORSMOND

Former President, Liberal Women's Council

Hollie has continuously demonstrated both her fierce commitment to our Party and her tireless support in managing campaign activities... As we strive to increase female parliamentary representation with quality candidates, I have complete confidence in Hollie who has the exemplary skills necessary to hold such a position.

BOB GEOGHEGAN

Hollie is a warrior and her character has been well and truly tested over many years in the political cauldron.

She rolls with the punches and always chooses what is best for the Liberal party. Two years ago she was preselected in the unbeatable No.1 senate position. She deserves great credit for passing that No.1 position to Connie for the overall good of the federal team. Since then her reputation for fairness and honour has grown in stature. She deserves to again be the No.1 for the senate team.





NYUNGGAÏ WARREN MUNDINE AO

Chairman & Managing Director
Nyungga Black Group Pty. Ltd.

The importance of education coupled with the ability to get a job is important for all Australians. Hollie has seen firsthand the challenges to achieving this when a child is growing up amidst welfare dependency, where 3 – 4 generations of a family have never held a job.

The Liberal Party needs someone who has lived experience of these issues, not just an academic opinion. I have no doubt Hollie will make a significant contribution to the Australia Senate.

JULIAN LEESER MP

Federal Member for Berowra

Over the years I have known her, Hollie has always been ready to stand up for the Liberal Party and its values, indefatigably working to get marginal seat candidates elected, often relocating away from her family to do so.

She has worked in CHQ in almost every campaign, a trusted member of the team, who will make an outstanding contribution to the nations Parliament and our Party well into the future.

THE HON SUSSAN LEY MP

Member for Farrer

Assistant Minister for Regional Development and Territories

Hollie has demonstrated her commitment to Liberal in the bush through her willingness to relocate to campaigns and work on the ground until the last vote is counted. She is someone who doesn't talk about what she could do; she gets in and does what needs to be done.



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