Additional Information

Hi, I'm Lilijana Nicholls. I have a strong background in youth advocacy, science communication and government, and I bring a new, youthful perspective to local issues. I'm running for Council because I believe in proactive, community-focused leadership. I want to ensure Cockburn continues to be a vibrant, connected City where every voice is heard. I'm running to listen, to act, and to help make Cockburn East Ward the best it can be.

My campaign pillars are:
A Stronger Future for Our Youth:
Prioritise the development of a Youth Action Plan
Create safe, accessible spaces for youth to engage in positive activities
Partner with schools and local businesses to showcase career opportunities
Involve young people in local decision-making

Improving Safety:
Implement Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design to improve public safety
Support community-led initiatives to prevent crime
Improve trust with Police and CoSafe
Increase the accessibility of the Crime Prevention Advisory Group

Sustainable Futures:
Plan for responsible development with a focus on environmental preservation
Support sustainable practices and increase green spaces
Improve local transport and pedestrian infrastructure to increase accessibility

Community Engagement and Inclusivity:
Increase methods for updating residents on Council actions and decisions
Improve awareness of Comment on Cockburn for community consultation
Foster a culture of community consultation and active participation

I sit on several councils and advisory groups, including: City of Cockburn Youth Advisory Collective; Ministerial Youth Advisory Council; Neighbourhood Watch Cockburn; and Cockburn, Melville, Fremantle Youth Forum.
I have a Masters in Forensic Science and am currently studying my PhD in environmental DNA at Murdoch University. I am Founder and Director of the not-for-profit The Australian STEM Project, providing hands-on learning and community workshops. A vote for me is a vote for a better future. Thank you.