



Federal Member for Indi
Cathy McGowan AO MP

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Independent Member for Indi, Cathy McGowan AO, welcomes the contest for the next Federal election. The selection of candidates to run in the seat of Indi remains the business of parties and individuals.

“This is a decision taken by parties and individuals. My focus is on representing Indi and being an effective Member of Parliament for the people,” Ms McGowan said.

Ms McGowan has stuck to her 2013 promise to always put Indi first in all her electorate work. She continues to dedicate herself to the role with the professionalism voters expect.

“I am proud to be the representative for Indi and have the opportunity to act in the interests of people and communities. I take this position very seriously and view it as a privilege,” Ms McGowan said.

Fighting for greater infrastructure investment for Indi and regional Australia remains a priority. Ms McGowan will continue lobbying Government to create a plan to promote growth in regional centres. “There is much more to be done to get improved mobile phone coverage, faster internet, fairer higher education, better transport and trains running on time,” she said.

Ms McGowan’s inclusive approach is having a positive impact. Kitchen Table Conversations, the second Budget Impact Tour and Get in Cathy’s Ear Postcard campaign have created a strong platform to shape relevant policy for Indi. This approach is in line with the 2013 election commitment to listen.

“During my community visits, I constantly hear from residents that they want people before politics, and policy before personality,” she said. “The voice of communities matter and people need to be heard in Parliament. If you listen, people will talk about issues and give solutions. As a strong, effective Independent, I can decide how to vote and represent based on the views of constituents, and am not bound by city-based parties.”

Ms McGowan said communities and organisations were also relishing the chance to see how the parliamentary process works in Parliament House. She will continue to encourage residents to visit, to volunteer, and lobby and advocate directly with decision makers.

“Taking Indi to Canberra is having results. People are seeing how they can be part of the process and want to be involved to get solutions to problems,” Ms McGowan said.

“We’ve gone from 113 years of party representation in Indi to something new: independent, community representation. We’ve come a long way in the last two years and we’re just getting started.”