

My name is Janet Powell. I ask for your vote to represent you as mayor. Community leaders have a duty to inform residents of big lifestyle changes set to be imposed.

Mayors installed by political parties are being ordered to make unpopular changes. This is happening all over the world. I'm not in a party, I'm an independent, grassroots community leader; ordering from on high won't work on me. I am strong, experienced in how local government works, and I pledge to you, if elected your mayor, ***you will have your say*** on how the council proceeds on any big changes. Two important issues are:

- (1) **NATIVE TITLE** Ratepayers will now bear the full cost of native title claims affecting 160,000,00 plus residents in the ***suburban*** Brisbane council of Redland due to the axing of federal government funding to respond to claims. Essentially, 3500 council-managed properties including parks, playgrounds, wetlands, and even the council chambers have been claimed. No one knows how it will end or which council is next.
- (2) **NET ZERO** Carbon pledges are being called in. Australia is committed to net zero, and councils are on their way to achieving it. All of us want a planet we can live on and clean air to breathe, but without your consent, Australian mayors are signing up to centralised schemes like C40 which has just pivoted to a polluter pays system. *You are the polluter, and you will pay.*

Two immediate actions I will take are: (1) I will fight for the re-instatement of federal funding should our council be subject to any native title claim protecting Belmont ratepayers from bearing the full cost. (2) I will share our exact commitments to net zero schemes in plain, easy to understand communication. I've been on your side for 20 years. It is up to you to decide exactly what you want to give up for the environment — not politicians and corporations. This is clearly not happening, and the will of the people is being ignored. When you receive your ballot, **ensure you tick the box JANET POWELL.**