



ALANDRA TASIRE FOR THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

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I am the Greens candidate for the Blue Mountains and I am really excited about representing the Greens in the March 2015 state election.

I grew up in the suburbs of Western Sydney, with my working career beginning whilst still at school in my parents business, taking on all the roles from factory hand to office manager during my time there. I then chose to explore the world where I got an experience of our greater global environment and the injustices of our social political past.



I first moved to the Blue Mountains in 1996, where I studied Outdoor Guiding at the Wentworth Falls TAFE and settled into Katoomba - my permanent home. I became an outdoor guide in the mountains, working for National Parks as a Discovery Ranger and as a canyon guide for a private company whilst I began studies at the University of Sydney in Australian Archaeology.

Upon completion of my degree I travelled overseas volunteering on archaeology sites in South Africa, Israel and North America. These travels led me to three different continents, meeting a diverse range of people and experiencing some of the most amazing landscapes I could ever have imagined. I returned inspired to the Blue Mountains to continue my studies in archaeology and focused on the rock art in the Sydney basin. I am now working as a consultant archaeologist.

Inspired by the strength and passion of the Greens, I became a member in 2009 with the aim of challenging and changing the environmentally destructive policies of the major parties. The Greens have a long history as activists – we know that the actions needed inside parliament are only as powerful as the support they have in the community and on the street.

I am inspired by the Greens in our State Parliament, such as John Kaye, and know that we can bring many things to the election that the major parties cannot. Transparency, integrity, and truly representative governance are the Greens guiding principles.

This election is an opportunity to run a strong campaign around local issues – to address coal seam gas and coal mining in our world heritage area, focus on renewable energy and the employment opportunities it will bring, increase funding for education, and stop the crazy cuts to TAFE across NSW. Moreover, address transport, our ageing population, housing, and childcare shortages which are other outstanding issues which we will be focusing on in our community.

As the Greens candidate I am committed to developing a sustainable World Heritage Blue Mountains.