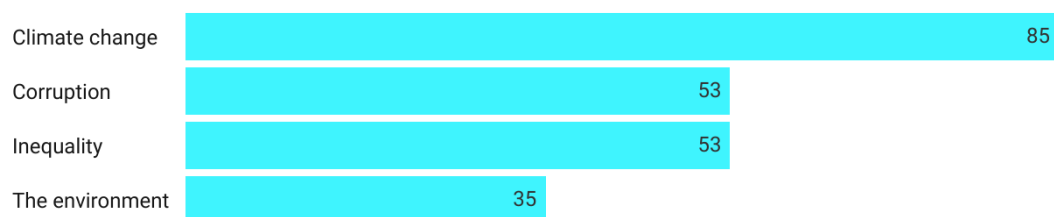


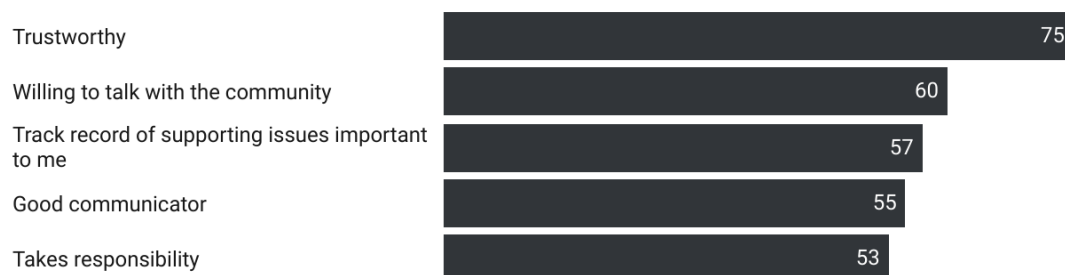
Over the last few months, proACT has listened to over 200 people from all over Canberra at 10 ACTive conversation and other proACT events. Between 8 September and 16 September, proACT conducted a survey to better understand the issues that the community are concerned about and the types of qualities and characteristics that they are looking for in a candidate. Below summarises the main findings from that survey.

Top 4 issues of concern



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Quality and characteristics looking for in a candidate



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Survey results also resulted in refinement of the principles that guide the way proACT (and any potential candidates) act. The **revised values and principles** are:

1. Participation and representation

Community engagement is at the heart of who we are and the politics we want. We encourage everyone to be engaged and all voices to be heard in the political processes – and provide a way for that to happen.

2. Integrity

Being respectful, honest and acting with integrity every step of the way.

3. Evidence-based

Being informed, valuing expertise and acting on it - making decisions based on what is in the best interest of the community rather than party politics.

4. Accountability

A lack of transparency and accountability is eroding politics at an alarming rate. Now is the time to say enough is enough.

proACT will continue to undertake ACTIVE conversations and hold other events in the coming months to encourage community engagement in politics and with a view to identifying people who are interested in running as an independent candidate for the Senate in the next federal election. We will continue to have confidential discussions with anyone considering running. Based on discussions to date with the ACT community and the results of this survey the type of person most likely to resonate will:

- Recognise the need for urgent action on climate change as the most significant issue that concerns people
- Have a track record of publicly advocating for action on climate change and other social justice issues
- Be actively involved in the community and comfortable and willing to spend significant time listening to the community
- Be trustworthy, act with the highest levels of integrity and take responsibility for their decisions and actions
- Be a good communicator – both with the community and in public forums

These, combined with criteria around eligibility to stand, will inform the process of identifying any candidate that proACT may endorse and support. The aim is to identify someone by late 2021.