

Candidate:	Dr Joe Garra
Party:	Independent
Electorate and House	Point Cook, Legislative Assembly

Final Text approved by Candidate:

Hi, my name is Dr Joe Garra. I am an independent candidate, so I don't belong to a party.

I want to be elected to the Legislative Assembly, also called the Lower House of Parliament. I am in the district called Point Cook.

Point cook includes Altona Meadows, Seabrook, and Werribee South, which is where I live.

I have lived and worked in the Western Suburbs of Melbourne my whole life. I have been a doctor working in Wyndham since 1988. I have cared for a lot of people in this time and I have been involved in my community in many ways. I have worked with older people and younger people. And I have helped a lot of mums give birth to their babies.

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If I am elected, there are four areas I want to focus on.

The first is Health. I want the Mercy Hospital in Werribee to be bigger so that it can help more people. We need more places to play sport inside. We need a place to swim and exercise that can be accessed by everyone.

The second area is education. We need more public schools near our homes. Students at school should be able to walk or ride their bikes and scooters to school. We also need more places for TAFE and University students to study without having to travel far away.

The third is transport. I want to make it easier for people to use the bus or the train.

The fourth is local jobs. I want to make sure a new area called the East Werribee precinct gets built. This will be a place to help people in the west get jobs, learn, and access the community.

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I think it is important for you to vote for independent candidates like me. As an independent, I do not belong to a party. This means that I do not have to do what a big party tells me to do. I am free to fight for what the people of Point Cook and the western suburbs need. By voting for an independent, we can work to make the government think more about the west when it makes decisions.