



Councillor **William Maslin**

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Maslin to seek Nationals' preselection

Gundagai Shire Councillor, William Maslin, today announced that he is seeking preselection to become the Nationals' candidate for Riverina at the upcoming federal election.

Cr Maslin is one of five nominees vying for the position which will be battled out at a preselection meeting of eligible Nationals' members on May 22.

"Winning preselection is going to be challenging with the quality of candidature that we have, but I believe I am up for it", Cr Maslin said.

"Being an elected representative, I am fully aware of the task at hand and it is with that experience I feel I can effect change and improve the lives of residents in the Riverina through strong representation.

"Infrastructure investment is the big item for the Riverina. The current health funding proposal has the Commonwealth as the dominant health funder. My priority would be to ensure there is guaranteed federal funding for hospital redevelopments in Wagga Wagga, Tumut and Gundagai.

"A reassessment of the Financial Assistance Grants from the Commonwealth to Local Government to make sure that Local Government is getting its fair share of tax revenue to be invested in road infrastructure, reducing the burden on ratepayers, but ensuring that our major industries, such as food, wine, timber and primary producers can get their product to market safely and efficiently, therefore protecting jobs and the local economy.

"Other issues are water and food security, employment and education opportunities for our youth and support for carers and aged persons", said Cr Maslin.

Cr Maslin in his early 20's, is the youngest of the five candidates seeking the Nationals' endorsement and representing the Federal Division of Riverina has always been his political ambition.

"On the question of my youth, I can say that the Parliament should be diverse and representative, and therefore my youthfulness will add to the diversity of the Parliament and the spectrum of representation.

"Most importantly, just because you live in Regional Australia, does not mean that you should be disadvantaged in any way, shape or form. A person living in the Riverina should be entitled to the same opportunities, support and assistance from Government as their metropolitan counterparts. If I am successful, I give you my commitment that the people of Riverina will be given a fair hearing and will not be forgotten in Canberra", Cr Maslin concluded.

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