RESPONSES FROM SHIMA IBUKI,
Candidate for Hawthorn

BOROONDARA COMMUNITY GROUP – CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

Boroondara Community Group (BCG) is a grassroots politically independent resident advocacy group established in response to the planning changes affecting housing and development in Boroondara that have occurred since the Housing Statement was released in September 2023.

BCG supports housing growth in Boroondara including a greater diversity of homes, homes that are affordable, homes that are well planned, climate resilient, retain the amenity, tree canopy, local character, heritage and liveability that define our neighbourhoods, and are matched by necessary infrastructure upgrades.

BCG is inviting all candidates in the electorates of Ashwood, Hawthorn and Kew to respond to the attached questions.

BCG intends to use the responses to prepare candidate scorecards to help residents understand and compare candidates' positions.

IF ELECTED, WILL YOU VOTE IN A PARTY ROOM (IF RELEVANT) AND IN PARLIAMENT:

1. To repeal the Activity Centre Program including Amendment VC257?

Yes..... No...X....

2. To repeal the three (3) fast-track Development Facilitation Programs, which bypass councils & communities.

Yes...X.... No.....

3. To repeal the Town House & Low Rise (VC267) and Mid-Rise (VC300) codes and reinstate ResCode, pending a review of applicable building standards.

Yes...X.... No.....

4. To restore democratic planning with the right to seek independent review of planning applications at VCAT.

Yes...X.... No.....

5. To restart with Council-led planning for the provision of housing growth and diversity.

Yes...X.... No.....

Please return by 12pm, Monday 19 October 2026
Email: borocogroup@gmail.com

We appreciate your participation and look forward to receiving your responses.