

## Profile (as it will appear in the election materials)



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Thank you for considering my nomination.

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## Candidate Details



Ballot paper name	<b>WILCOX, Paul</b>
Candidate name	<b>Paul WILCOX</b>
District	<b>Shire of Coolgardie</b>
Nominating for	<b>Councillor for Shire of Coolgardie</b>
Election type	<b>Ordinary</b>
Enrolment status	<b>WILCOX, Paul is eligible to stand for election as a resident of the Shire of Coolgardie.</b>

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### **Additional Information**

I have lived in Kambalda East for close to five years and believe I have developed a good understanding the challenges our community faces and the opportunities we have ahead. Our Shire needs stronger oversight and smarter planning to achieve long term financial recovery.

A vote for me is a vote for big picture thinking, balanced with a clear focus on following Local Government Acts and Regulations. I am committed to working side by side with my fellow Councillors and the electors of the Shire of Coolgardie to deliver real outcomes that benefit everyone.

I also believe the community deserves more clarity around the circumstances that led to the Shire's significant financial issues and the resulting State Government intervention. While some matters may be sensitive, I will advocate for open discussion about what can be shared so that we begin to rebuild trust between the Shire and the people it serves.

Any changes to the Shire boundaries should only happen following extensive consultation with ratepayers, and the best practice principles outlined in the WA State Government guidelines for boundary adjustments should be followed closely. This includes giving ratepayers the opportunity to request a poll to put the proposal to a vote.

In any proposal put forward, the community needs to be given detailed information around how local services and organisations reliant on Shire funding might be affected to ensure that any changes do not adversely affect livelihoods and a transition can be planned. We are also electors for the WA State Government, so ensuring that there is community buy in around the proposal is also in the best interests of the current local member.

Our region is unique and a special place to live, and it is our responsibility to preserve it for future generations. I will bring a collaborative approach, practical experience, and a strong voice to Council to ensure decisions are made openly, responsibly, and with the interests of the community at heart.