

# ZAHRA MUSTAF

INDEPENDENT  
FOR JAGAJAGA



## Community advocate and experienced Businesswoman ready to battle for the JAGAJAGA Federal seat as an Independent:

Ivanhoe resident, and experienced businesswoman, Zahra Mustaf is running as an independent candidate for the seat of Jagajaga in the next federal election. Zahra has confidently stated, "My goal is to win the seat, with possible preferences from other parties and candidates". If elected, Zahra Mustaf's story would be one of the most remarkable of any Member of Parliament in Australia's history.

Zahra was born in Somalia, a country on the east coast of Africa, arriving in Australia at the age of 22. Having just arrived, and with no formal English education, life was initially difficult. Fortunately, this only served to motivate her. Relishing the challenge, she quickly acclimated to her new surroundings, graduated with a bachelor's Degree in Architecture, and began pursuing a career in building design. 18 years later, she is a full-fledged Australian citizen working in building design.

Having divorced her husband during this tumultuous period, Zahra expertly juggled her professional aspirations and personal life, raising two exceptional teenagers while running her own business. A truly remarkable feat!

In addition to running her successful building design business, she is a well-known community leader who is actively involved in various grass-roots organizations around her electorate. As a mother, Zahra is also a staunch advocate for children/adolescents with learning difficulties, access to mental health services, and equality of access to sports facilities.

Zahra is also a member of the Chaplaincy Committee at Kew High School, and a board member of the Somali Community in Victoria, further exhibiting her commitment to grassroots organizations. She is a strong voice for the integration of immigrants and refugees into mainstream society and works tirelessly in pursuit of it.

Zahra is running on four key issues. They are financial support for parents, financial support for small businesses and casual workers hardest hit by the impact of the COVID pandemic, Urgent and immediate climate change action (increased investment in renewable energy, as well as Implementation of comprehensive mental health programs in educational institutions. Increase funding in the education sector, NDIS, and health services.

Ensure the ICAC use their power to investigate misuse of public funds by governmental bodies. Royal Commission inquiry into the handling of the COVID-19 pandemic in Australia.

The big story in next year's election will be the rise of independent women taking seats off of the major parties. Zahra says, "I want Jagajaga to be a part of this change in the Australian political landscape!

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