Dear Candidate, (as addressed by email).

Thank you for nominating for Moira Council Elections. You have added to the ‘voter’s choice’ for a representative.

There is sparse information available on candidates at present; not even where they live where the only point of contact is an email address; not good! One candidate does not even have that, so we could conclude he has ‘no fixed place of abode’. Again, not encouraging!
I also note some candidates already have a ‘track record’ but I am treating all candidates on a ‘level playing field’.

 I believe it is necessary to know something about who will represent me on council; something more than the brief handouts accompanying nomination which are little more than promises that will never be fulfilled or flowery reports of community service.

 Ratepayers and Residents are compelled to vote by law so it is not unreasonable to expect some detailed information on the candidates, something of a personal nature. For example, are you regarded by your neighbours as a person of good character? Have you cheated on your spouse—a person who cheats is more likely to cheat on those represented—it can be seen ‘as the nature of the beast’.

 I am not requesting intimate personal details but looking for someone ‘whose word is their bond’. If I am not satisfied, then I will not ‘vote for the lesser of the evils on offer’ (this does not mean I regard you as being evil) but will rather vote informal to satisfy my conscience and the law.

 Being an elected representative for Local Government is a far more responsible calling compared to voluntary community service, with heavy financial penalties for transgressors.

Therefore, I have some questions for you to answer with a simple YES or NO.

1. Moira Shire is an undivided electorate—Does this aid democratic representation? YES or NO

2. Do you support Moira Shire engaging in ‘sister city’ relationships? YES or NO

3. Do you know the difference between ‘Policy’ and ‘Administration’? YES or NO

4. Should the demands of Administration be curbed to ease financial stress on ratepayers?

YES / NO

5. Are you familiar with United Nations Program for Agenda 21/2030? YES / NO

6. Do you support Moira Shire declaring a ‘climate emergency’ in the same way as the City of Greater Shepparton? YES or NO

I look forward to your early response before I cast my vote.

Best wishes for your electioneering campaign.