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Sadly, Charlie passed away on the 19th of January 2005 while holidaying with his family in Samoa. See the press release [Greens mourn loss of Charlie Pahlman](#) for more information.

Candidate for Molonglo

I emigrated to Australia with my family when I was 10. After graduating from the University of Western Sydney with a degree in agriculture, I spent ten years in Thailand and Laos, working side by side with local communities to support appropriate economic and social development. During this time I formed a deep commitment to supporting local peoples in their struggles to protect and sustain their livelihoods, cultures and natural resources.

Rivers are a particular passion of mine, and during my time in South-East Asia I learned much about the importance of healthy watersheds and river systems, and how they are the life-line and arteries of our eco-systems. I also worked with local communities and non-government organisations to campaign against environmentally and socially destructive large-scale dams in the Mekong region.



I settled in Canberra in 1996 and currently live in Watson with my children. I have worked with a number of community organisations on social justice, Indigenous rights and environmental issues. In my work with the ACT Council of Social Service (ACTCOSS) I have deepened my interest in and

understanding of current social issues in the ACT, especially mental health, housing and disability services.

As a candidate for Molonglo, I bring substantial experience in advocating for a fairer world, and a commitment to working in partnership with people to build a better Canberra. I want to build on the work of the ACT Greens to foster a dynamic and equitable community. I believe that the small size, educated population and relative wealth of Canberra should allow us to do better in terms of social justice and environmental sustainability- if we can't get it right here, then where?

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