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**Australian Education Union
Northern Territory Branch**

**CANDIDATE
STATEMENTS**

**Scheduled Election –
E2025/56**

For the election of:

Executive Councillor – Central (1)

Statements submitted by candidates in accordance
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Taylah Grillo
Returning Officer
Melbourne

BYRNE, Joshua

EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR

I want to bring a young, passionate voice to the challenges we face as educators in the Central Region and across the NT. I am deeply committed to protecting and advancing workers' rights, with several years of experience in political and issue-based activism and advocacy. Our work and lives as educators are shaped by numerous challenges, and meeting them requires a union that is steadfast and uncompromising in its fight.

I also believe the AEU NT can, and should, take a stronger stance on issues beyond the classroom. The realities we face daily - working with some of the most disadvantaged young people and families in the developed world - demand that we tackle broader systemic problems head-on. These include addressing housing shortages and overcrowding for our young people, securing greater funding for victims of domestic violence, supporting evidence-based responses to youth crime, and pushing for a real and tangible response to the catastrophic effects of climate change - effects for which our young people will be among the first and hardest hit.

In solidarity,

Joshua Byrne

GUEST, Kenneth

EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR

No candidate statement provided by submission deadline.

FURNISS, Gillian

EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR

I have been on the AEUNT executive board for two full terms; representing the Alice Springs Central Region. I supported the end of the wage freeze for all teachers and just recently the very successful EBA for teaching staff with the bonuses allocated to Alice Springs and Katherine regions. This has helped us to retain teachers in our schools. The General Agreement for 2025 is still progressing. I enjoy representing our region and supporting the members in the Central region. The conference in 2026 is being held in Alice Springs and this will be fabulous recognition for the town. Please vote as this is what helps a democracy to achieve the best for the members.