

Cathy Rojas – Candidate Statement

Cathy Rojas, Policy, Compliance and Governance Officer in the Faculty of Law. I previously worked in research administration at Monash University for over 9 years and then in projects and curriculum and quality assurance at Swinburne University of Technology for almost 11 years. I served as the staff elected representative on University Council at Swinburne University from July 2016 to June 2019.

I have held elected positions within the NTEU for over 10 years. I am currently a member of the Monash Branch Committee, an elected member of the NTEU National Executive since October 2016 and the current National Vice President for General & Professional Staff. These positions have provided me with a broad perspective and insight into the major issues affecting tertiary institutions across the country.

The key strength I bring to Council is my experience and networks which ensures staff have a strong, independent voice reflecting their concerns and interests. My contribution will focus on the following key areas: managing risk and due diligence, especially concerning occupational health and wellbeing; investing in the core business of education and research; and re-balancing operational and academic governance so that academic autonomy and freedoms are upheld and duly respected.

I believe quality public education and research is an investment in our future and for the benefit of all Australians. We are part of a learning community and our voices must be considered at all levels of decision making. Please embrace this opportunity to have your say and lodge your vote!