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Dear Members of the Women Advisory Committee Selection Panel,

I am writing to express my interest in joining the Lithgow City Council's Women Advisory Committee.

I bring with me a wealth of experience in the fashion industry, spanning a 15-year career that involved close collaboration and interaction with numerous female business owners across Australia. In my marketing role at Globe International, I actively promoted female artists from diverse ethnic backgrounds and various body shapes, emphasising my commitment to inclusivity and representation.

Attending The Huddle in 2023, a female-focused convention and networking event in Orange, underscored my dedication to staying informed and engaged in discussions surrounding women's issues. This experience reflects my proactive approach to staying abreast of the challenges and opportunities that women face in our community.

Currently employed as an Events Officer (Sponsorship and Grants) at Bathurst Regional Council, my genuine passion for gender equality extends beyond professional endeavours. I am deeply committed to seeing more women in leadership roles, fostering female entrepreneurship, and promoting equality in parental care responsibilities at home.

Having been a resident of the Lithgow LGA since 2021, I possess an understanding of the local community's unique dynamics and challenges. Furthermore, my previous residences in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane provide me with a broad range of experiences and perspectives that will enrich the Committee's discussions and initiatives.

As a mother of a 19-month-old child, I understand the importance of being a role model for my child and wish to exemplify that mothers can maintain successful careers while having ambition. Returning to work from maternity leave, I have not only retained my ambition, but redirected it towards serving my local community and building a better future for my child.

My unique blend of professional experience, dedication to gender equality, and commitment to community service makes me an ideal candidate for the Women Advisory Committee. My perspective as a working mother, combined with my diverse geographical background, adds valuable insights to the committee's mission of advising the Council on issues facing women in the Lithgow Community.

I believe that my passion, experience, and commitment align seamlessly with the goals and responsibilities of the Women Advisory Committee. I am confident that my inclusion will contribute

significantly to the committee's efforts in advocating for women's issues, raising awareness, and promoting inclusivity in the local community.

Thank you for considering my nomination, I am certain that my contribution will be instrumental in furthering the committee's objectives.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Olive