



My name is Gary Webb, though many know me as Guido, I am seeking nomination as an MLA in the upcoming elections for the Stanley Constituency. In 1984 at the age of 16 I joined the Army, as a Royal Engineer and first arrived in the Islands in 1987, serving a further five voluntary tours in Stanley with EOD. After eleven years of service, I moved to the Islands, worked briefly on North Camp Road, and then spent twenty-two years as a Police Officer serving the community. For the past eight years I have worked for FIMCo where I maintain a commitment to integrity and hard work. I'm independent-minded, not afraid to speak up or make tough decisions, and believe in doing things properly.

Three Major issues will feature in this term –

1. **Telecoms** – With Sure's Telecoms Licence expiring, the goal is to increase competition. Sure, are welcome to bid for renewal but must agree to the conditions of lower prices, end of the £1m government subsidy and exclusivity. Any new provider must keep the current staff.
2. **Salmon Farming** – Extensive literature exists on this topic, and interpretation varies depending on perspective. In my opinion from material available to me I oppose open sea salmon farming but support land-based tank farming in Camp.
3. **Oil** – The arrival of the oil industry is expected to bring wealth, jobs, and opportunities. Strong leadership is needed to maintain control

**Current Major Projects:** Power and Port construction projects must remain within the approved project budget; any overruns will be the responsibility of the Tenderer. It is time to hold Companies to account and not rely on a blank cheque.

- **Tourism and Environment** – Our landscapes and wildlife attract global tourists. Maintaining competitive prices and protecting the environment are vital for present and future visitors. Prioritising green energy is necessary, as recent projects have fallen short. Preserving our Country benefits Future Generations.
- **Industry / Export markets** - The fishing industry continues to deliver high-quality products to northern destinations while we remain attentive to maintaining sustainable stock levels. Local farmers contribute to the wool industry, and FIMCo participates in meat production. These three industries generate revenue for the Islands and offer employment opportunities for residents. Support for private sector businesses is necessary for growth and for new businesses to create a competitive market for consumers. Less talk and more action with an active investigation into reintroducing the shipping link with Chile.
- **HR and Education** – Our education system has delivered magnificent results and should be supported. Increased investment in apprenticeships and skilled trades—such as bricklaying, carpentry, and electrical work—is needed. It is essential to ensure that College and University students have access to guaranteed employment upon completion of their studies, should they wish to return. Immediate job opportunities—not one's available years after graduation—are crucial. Historically, practical experience was gained directly in the workplace, and local knowledge often proved more valuable than external expertise. This tradition remains a significant aspect of life in the Falklands.

Through strategic planning and effective mentoring of the younger generation, we can secure a future in which they play an integral role.

- **Immigration Oversight and Compliance** - Our immigration controls have historically been robust; however, recent workforce reductions have compromised our ability to maintain effective oversight. The current open-door policy for filling workforce gaps must be reconsidered. To uphold our standards and ensure regulatory compliance, I recommend the following actions:
  - i. **Suspend the open-door policy** to prevent unchecked entry and ensure strategic workforce planning.
  - ii. **Implement closer monitoring mechanisms** to reinforce immigration standards and prevent lapses.
  - iii. **Introduce regular audits** to assess compliance with immigration protocols and maintain appropriate staffing levels.

These measures will help restore integrity to our immigration processes and align our practices with organizational and legal expectations.

- **Workforce** – A prompt and comprehensive wage review will be undertaken at the earliest opportunity to address pay disparities and optimise Local Resident Staff, reducing reliance on costly contract workers. This will allow Funds saved from gratuities, flights, and further education being redirected to support the local workforce.
- **Housing** – The current land bidding process is deemed unfair. Fixed prices for different land sizes and priority given to first time buyers. Options for long-term tenants to buy FIG houses should be encouraged. By dealing with the workforce and immigration, this will free up Houses for those on the List.
- **Utility Bills** - Starlink is now available, the Individual Licence fee will be reviewed to allow for potential early reduction. The Community Service Charge has increased recently, while electricity costs have stayed high for quite some time; both of these charges will be planned for future review. A detailed assessment comparing the Living Wage and Minimum Wage will also take place, aiming to reduce the current gap. There will be no hidden or new taxes such as those on inheritance or capital gains. You will keep the money you earn.
- **Old Age Pensions** - Pensions provide support for all, whatever your age. At 65, after years of service, you deserve dignity and financial stability. The qualifying age will not increase—enjoy your pension, you've earned it.
- **Sovereignty** - The Falkland Islands have prospered despite ongoing economic pressure from the Argentine Government. We must remain vigilant, uphold our right to self-determination, and continue exposing Argentina's aggressive actions to the world.

My personal qualities suit me for the role of MLA. If elected, I will serve openly and work with others to achieve positive results. The next Legislative Assembly must be confident and forward-thinking. Vote for me to help shape our Islands' future and ensure resources are invested wisely.



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