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Having represented her local electorate for the Australian Greens in a federal election and coordinating the regional Amnesty International Australia local group, Shelly recognises the inherent power of First Laws and First Ways and works to create sites of solidarity through decolonial praxes that destabilise white supremacy while forging spaces for Indigenous self-determination and sovereignty.