

NZKGI Local election candidates survey 2022

Response 1

Respondent Details

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Introduction

Q1. General information:
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Q2. What Council are you standing for?
Kaipara District Council

Q3. What position/s are you standing for on the above council?
Otamatea Councillor

Questions

Q4. What drives you to run as a candidate in the local body elections? What do you hope to achieve? And how will you support the kiwifruit industry?
Opportunity to serve and make a contribution to the District

Q5. What is your view on the growth of kiwifruit in your region, in respect to urbanisation, protection of productive land and environmental pressures?
Ee should protect our productivity land buy we are challenged where soils are free draining by wind exposure so need to carefully select sites.

Q6. Given the decision to include the value of the SunGold licence in the rateable value of a property and therefore significantly increasing rates for many kiwifruit growers. Do you agree with this decision? How do you propose to ensure that rates are equitably calculated and applied?
Do not agree. We are hoping to establish an industry so should not increase the rates burden.

Q7. Being able to provide seasonal accommodation to house workers is essential when attracting staff to the regions. There is an increasing need for seasonal worker accommodation. How do you propose to support industry to provide seasonal accommodation?

orking on making affordable homes more available with lower costs of compliances.

Q8. Access to water for kiwifruit growers is becoming more critical. How would you promote balanced discussions with stakeholders regarding water supply and policy that reflects the significant value of the kiwifruit industry in your region?

Increase the supply to above sufficient and monetarily ration it.

Q9. Climate change is continuing to have an impact and steps to adapt to the changing environment are needed. What are your proposed policies to respond to climate change, and how will you support the industry to adapt?

We can do little against world forces but there I some confidence future technology will more effectively mitigate climate change.

Response 2

Respondent Details

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Introduction

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Q2. What Council are you standing for?
Kaipara District Council

Q3. What position/s are you standing for on the above council?
Mayor

Questions

Q4. What drives you to run as a candidate in the local body elections? What do you hope to achieve? And how will you support the kiwifruit industry?

1. Disparity in growth and lack of infrastructure; stunted growth in Dargaville, Ruawai, Maungaturoto and Kaiwaka, while [there has been] huge growth in Mangawhai. Mangawhai is growing in population, and its housing/commercial developments are happening to meet the needs of newcomers, causing pressure on infrastructure e.g. the wastewater treatment plant which may need upgrading, as well as wastewater disposal options. Mangawhai will need a high school for its growing population of young children who are currently travelling to Maungaturoto/Rodney on a daily basis.

Ruawai is facing a seize on its growth because of coastal growth challenges.

Over the next three years, Council will support the Ruawai community to set up a plan to respond to increasing coastal hazards like sea-level rise and flooding. Community is at the centre of this process, and a diversity of community values and knowledge will guide this work.

Dargaville is facing a shortage of housing which has stunted employment options for local businesses, as employees are not willing to come to the town if they don't have suitable places to live. The new housing developments require Dargaville's sewerage plant to be upgraded and options for wastewater disposal looked at.

We need to invest in harnessing drinking water by building dams and reservoirs, which can solve the problems for both Dargaville and Ruawai.

2. There is lack of transparency and accountability within Council's operations. There is excessive bureaucracy causing unnecessary hardships to ratepayers. Overstaffed Council is spending ratepayers' money on salaries/contractors, consultants and unviable projects. This should stop. Savings can be utilised to keep rates affordable, improve waste management services, etc. We need to balance rural and urban needs and ensure that rates, including water, are fair and equitable to all.

3. Roads; the poor quality of roads (highways or links) and their continuous maintenance, where more money is spent on traffic management than on materials, is a nightmare for all residents. It's a nationwide issue, so all councils should join hands to implore central government to bring roading to at least 1990's standards. Council should be responsible for footpaths and remedial work. All infrastructure bodies need to work alongside Council to make it happen.

We need to grow Kaipara responsibly by making open and inclusive decision-making and by listening to the needs of fellow citizens, as well as redeveloping Kaipara as a tourist destination and bustling district; where young and old will like to live, work, and have fun together.

I'll look at options wherein Kiwifruit can be successfully grown in the Kaipara region and will look at promoting such ventures through help of NRC as well.

Q5. What is your view on the growth of kiwifruit in your region, in respect to urbanisation, protection of productive land and environmental pressures?

Presently, there is no perceptible growth of Kiwifruit in Kaipara region, There is much urbanisation but there is room for growth in the coastal region.

Q6. Given the decision to include the value of the SunGold licence in the rateable value of a property and therefore significantly increasing rates for many kiwifruit growers. Do you agree with this decision? How do you propose to ensure that rates are equitably calculated and applied?

I don't have enough information available to comment on this at the moment.

Q7. Being able to provide seasonal accommodation to house workers is essential when attracting staff to the regions. There is an increasing need for seasonal worker accommodation. How do you propose to support industry to provide seasonal accommodation?

Temporary accommodation is currently available to seasonal workers provided by the employers. I would like council to make it more employer friendly process.

Q8. Access to water for kiwifruit growers is becoming more critical. How would you promote balanced discussions with stakeholders regarding water supply and policy that reflects the significant value of the kiwifruit industry in your region?

I will look at all possible options and am sure the stakeholders will come to party as it will be for mutual advantage and progress

Q9. Climate change is continuing to have an impact and steps to adapt to the changing environment are needed. What are your proposed policies to respond to climate change, and how will you support the industry to adapt?

The Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) and climate change policies are incentivising large areas of farmland into pines, having detrimental impacts on rural communities. They are a significant cost burden on the world's most emissions-efficient farmers. The unworkable elements of climate change policy and the ETS are delivering perverse outcomes and must be fixed. The Agricultural Emissions Tax, either through He Waka Eke Noa or the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS), is ill considered and would result in worse outcomes for global emissions, the environment, our economy, and our country. If the goal is global emissions reductions and better environmental outcomes, there is no place for an emissions tax on New Zealand agriculture. I support emissions being addressed through on farm actions in an integrated manner.

Response 3

Respondent Details

Information	
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Introduction

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Q2. What Council are you standing for?
Kaipara District Council

Q3. What position/s are you standing for on the above council?
district councillor

Questions

Q4. What drives you to run as a candidate in the local body elections? What do you hope to achieve? And how will you support the kiwifruit industry?
<p>we are confronted by an avalanche of changes - 3 waters reforms, RMA reforms and the review of the Future for Local Government at the same time as our district plan review is underway and we have to appoint a new CE. We will be losing our current mayor, deputy mayor and a couple of very experienced capable councillors so it is important that someone with my experience is on hand to help negotiate our way through. At the conclusion of all these changes I fully expect our council to be a viable entity, and that is ok if that is in the best interests of the people of the district. My objective is to get the best deal possible for those same people.</p> <p>I have nothing specific to offer the kiwifruit industry. Plantings are very few and far between in our district. There is limited land that is suitable for growing such crops. Water can be an issue, and an irrigation project is underway to service an area which would probably be of suitable contour and soil type, in the western part of our district. Our council endorses this, but is not a financial partner in the scheme at this time. Another issue can be dust from unsealed roads. Fewer than half our roads are sealed, and the most likely areas for seal extension will be arising from subdivision, which wouldn't necessarily be compatible with commercial growing operations.</p>

Q5. What is your view on the growth of kiwifruit in your region, in respect to urbanisation, protection of productive land and environmental pressures?
<p>It would be great if we did get to host a viable kiwifruit industry in our district, with all the downstream benefits of diversifying our rural economy and creating employment opportunities.</p> <p>The NPS on versatile soils has just been released; the draft district plan currently in circulation, has anticipated this.</p> <p>The land care group I formed some years ago has the motto: "Productive land alongside a healthy harbour". This is a reference to the largest harbour in the southern hemisphere, just saying. in my opinion it does not have to be an either/or equation; we can have successful rural industries as well as positive environmental outcomes.</p>

Q6. Given the decision to include the value of the SunGold licence in the rateable value of a property and therefore significantly increasing rates for many kiwifruit growers. Do you agree with this decision? How do you propose to ensure that rates are equitably calculated and applied?

I am not aware that it is something we have had to deal with in this district until now. I would be guided by recent court decisions in this regard.

Q7. Being able to provide seasonal accommodation to house workers is essential when attracting staff to the regions. There is an increasing need for seasonal worker accommodation. How do you propose to support industry to provide seasonal accommodation?

Refer to the draft district plan, available on the council website. The period for informal feedback has passed, but there will be the opportunity for formal input when the Proposed Plan is notified, around March next year.

Q8. Access to water for kiwifruit growers is becoming more critical. How would you promote balanced discussions with stakeholders regarding water supply and policy that reflects the significant value of the kiwifruit industry in your region?

refer back to Qu 4

Q9. Climate change is continuing to have an impact and steps to adapt to the changing environment are needed. What are your proposed policies to respond to climate change, and how will you support the industry to adapt?

One of the national papers recently reported Climate Change Minister Shaw as saying that the best adaptation tool remained reducing emissions fast to lessen predicted impacts. If the Minister is suggesting that we control our own weather and climate, I have to disagree. He cannot seriously believe that if, as a nation, we could achieve carbon neutrality we would then stop having more extreme weather events. As I look at the weather maps on TV at night I see our weather being generated predominantly from the North and West beyond our shores. The more tenuous connection is that if we do reduce our carbon emissions to net zero then we will be able to virtue-signal to overseas markets that we are environmentally responsible. This could be financially advantageous if we do it right.

Apart from adapting our built environment to make it more resilient it makes more sense to focus on reducing energy consumption and on reducing pollution in our own back yards – these are things we can influence and we can see direct results from. Reducing energy consumption should result in cost savings but would also mean changing habits. We should be looking at the climate adaptation issue through the lens of saving costs, and also opportunities to make better use of existing resources. It has been said that there's no such thing as waste, just things we haven't found a use for yet - even supporting your local op-shop will mean less waste.

To me, carbon credits work to license polluters to continue with their pollution so they don't have to modify their behaviour, or as Lawrence Yule has said: "[it masks] poor gross emissions reductions". I doubt we can achieve carbon neutrality by planting alone, but in the meantime those communities where large-scale planting takes place will shrivel up into former farming communities as the farms and their support businesses disappear. Mind you, there is always the \$100 Million Wilding Pine Eradication programme to provide alternative employment.

Response 4

Respondent Details

Information	
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Introduction

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Q2. What Council are you standing for?	
Kaipara District Council	

Q3. What position/s are you standing for on the above council?	
Mayor	

Questions

Q4. What drives you to run as a candidate in the local body elections? What do you hope to achieve? And how will you support the kiwifruit industry?	
A genuine desire to serve and grow community Currently there is major projects to encourage horticulture in the Kaipara	

Q5. What is your view on the growth of kiwifruit in your region, in respect to urbanisation, protection of productive land and environmental pressures?	
The Kaipara district has an abundance of available horticultural land suitable for Kiwifruit growers.	

Q6. Given the decision to include the value of the SunGold licence in the rateable value of a property and therefore significantly increasing rates for many kiwifruit growers. Do you agree with this decision? How do you propose to ensure that rates are equitably calculated and applied?	
No comment	

Q7. Being able to provide seasonal accommodation to house workers is essential when attracting staff to the regions. There is an increasing need for seasonal worker accommodation. How do you propose to support industry to provide seasonal accommodation?

We do provide already accomodation in the Kaipara cor seasonal workers

Q8. Access to water for kiwifruit growers is becoming more critical. How would you promote balanced discussions with stakeholders regarding water supply and policy that reflects the significant value of the kiwifruit industry in your region?

Construction is underway on 3 large irrigation water reservores in the area.

Q9. Climate change is continuing to have an impact and steps to adapt to the changing environment are needed. What are your proposed policies to respond to climate change, and how will you support the industry to adapt?

The Kaipara district has set policies to deal with climate change