

Les Thomas

Q1. Contact Details

Name	Les Thomas
What Council are you standing for?	Auckland Region
What position(s) are you standing for on the above Council?	Franklin

Q2. What drives you to run as a candidate in the local body elections? What do you hope to achieve?

Lower Costs, including Rates, by Cutting Wastage, Total Advocacy for All of Franklin, and the Entire Region.

Q3. How will you support the kiwifruit industry?

If there is any Decision to be made between Rural Interests, and things like Urban Sprawl, or anything that makes it Awkward fir Farmers of all genres, then I'll go into Battle for the Farmers.

Q4. What will you do to support the development of seasonal worker housing, especially in rural areas?

Seasonal Workers need Advocacy of many types, I would back them, and Their Bosses as much as My Role on Council would Allow.

Q5. How will you ensure kiwifruit growers have reliable access to water, and how will you balance competi ng demands?

Issuing of Quotas for Water is a very involved Subject, I would like to see better Delivery of Irragation Targets.

Q6. What is your stance on protecting productive horticultural land from urban sprawl and subdivision?

Urban Sprawl is a Definite Threat to All Types of Farming, I have Watched it, in Horror all My Life, a BIG Part of the Reason I want to get on Council is to add some Logic, and Pull the Hand-Brake on it .

Q7. How will you improve rural road infrastructure to support the movement of produce?

All Infrastructure seems to be added on as an After-thought, which I think is not good enough. All Changes should be thought out from the Ground up. Indeed Franklins Roads etc have been behind the 8-Ball for Decades

Q8. What policies will you support to help growers adapt to climate change impacts?

Interesting Question, but Flooding Planning should be also done from the Ground Up, or, in this Case the Ocean up.

