

Adrian Gault

Q1. Contact Details

Name	Adrian Gault
What Council are you standing for?	Bay of Plenty Regional Council
What position(s) are you standing for on the above Council?	Councillor

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

Get the balance right between economic growth and good environmental stewardship. That the Council is enabling, efficient, effective and outcome focused

Q3. How will you support the kiwifruit industry?

As a kiwifruit grower myself I understand the issues facing growers. Recognizing the importance of the allocation of water, river flood protection schemes, biosecurity, and the impact of urbanization. Ensuring the industry has the ability to grow and add value to the economy.

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

My aim is to make the BOPRC more enabling, that is to assist those people who want to grow , assist them through the resource planning and consenting process

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

Water allocation will become more difficult to manage as growing demand for water increases. Regional Council needs to adjust its own settings and plans to ensure the rural sector, the industrial sector and urban areas have water. Water is key to the future development of the Bay of Plenty

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

There will always be pressure on land adjacent to urban areas for subdivision. Land use will always be under pressure by the productive/ return to owner.
District planning will provide the main determinate of where people will be able to subdivide for housing.

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

The condition of State highways in the Bay of Plenty needs to be addressed. 3 of the 4 state highways leading towards the port of Tauranga are in need of heavy maintenance. Not only are there time constraints issues but there is also potential damage to produce and to vehicles.
I would ensure we are lobbying LTNZ to get improvements to our state highways.
District councils also need to focus their attention on road as a core function.

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

Most primary industries have their own policies to help adapt to climate change. And I would support those. I also support science and evidence based policies rather than emotive arguments to climate change.

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

I'll back policies that give our growers real tools to adapt—like secure water systems, soil health programs, climate-smart research, and financial support—so they can stay productive and resilient in a changing climate.