

Glenn Dougal

Q1. Contact Details

Name	Glenn Dougal
What Council are you standing for?	Bay of plenty Regional Council
What position(s) are you standing for on the above Council?	Tauranga Ward

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

I'm standing for Bay of Plenty Regional Council to ensure decisions protect our environment, sustain livelihoods, and reflect our community values.

Q3. How will you support the kiwifruit industry?

I've been privileged to work alongside our region's rural backbone — dairy, kiwifruit, avocado, and forestry — helping them tell their stories and build resilience. I've also worked with Zespri, EastPack, Ballance, AFFCO, Avocado NZ, and HortNZ — supporting growers to balance productivity with environmental stewardship.

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

Having recruited seasonal workers for kiwifruit and red meat industries, I know their value to our region. I will advocate for better housing and transport solutions to ensure this essential workforce is supported.

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

Climate change, freshwater reforms, and land-use pressures present real challenges. I'll support science-led solutions and ensure policies are practical, balancing growers' needs with environmental sustainability so our region continues to thrive.

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

I strongly support protecting productive land. I've worked with HortNZ on campaigns like Taste the Yakka to highlight growers' importance and encouraged public submissions on the National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land.

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

I'll push for evidence-led investment in rural freight routes, packhouse corridors, and bridge strengthening. I'll advocate for co-funding with councils, government, and NZTA, while ensuring Port of Tauranga — owned 51% by our community — remains a world-class export gateway for Bay produce.

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

I'll back climate and freshwater policies tailored to growers — including catchment action plans (Kaituna, Rangitāiki) to protect water and soils. I'll also support NZKGI and Zespri's Adapting to Thrive in a Changing Climate plan: promoting hail-netting, shelterbelts, water-efficient irrigation, and frost protection to future-proof orchards.