

Kat Macmillan

Q1. Contact Details

Name	Kat Macmillan
What Council are you standing for?	BOPRC
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?

I am currently a councillor at BOPRC. I am standing for re-election as I continue to be passionate about making good decisions around our natural resources and around sustainable development.

Q3. How will you support the kiwifruit industry?

Kiwifruit is a vital part of the economy particularly in the BOP. I do not work directly in the industry myself so have no conflict. I am supportive of growth of the Kiwifruit industry and particularly passionate about the work that's being done to make the industry more sustainable with circular economy and recycling initiatives (eg Trevalyans) and biodiversity enhancement. (Eg Bay Gold wetland).

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

Not sure what I can do in this space as a regional councillor. I will continue to advocate for warm, dry housing for everyone.

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

Need to work within the framework of the RMA.

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

We need to protect our highly productive land from urban sprawl.

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

Can advocate for this on the Regional Transport committee. Coastal shipping may also be a solution for the Eastern Bay of Plenty.

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

Incentives for Treatment wetlands, riparian planting, retirement of steep marginal land.
biosecurity, land use change from Dairy to Kiwifruit.