

Ken Shirley

Q1. Contact Details

Name	Ken Shirley
What Council are you standing for?	BOP Regional Council
What position(s) are you standing for on the above Council?	Chairman

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

The local government model is broken and I support a major review of function, form and funding.

Q3. How will you support the kiwifruit industry?

As a former Agricultural Minister of the Crown and berry-fruit grower I understand the horticulture industry and the primary production sector

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

Appropriate spacial planning to enable the required accommodation.

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

Resource consenting takes too long and costs too much. In circumstances where there is an abundant resource, allocations should be greatly streamlined.
In situations of scarce resource water harvesting and storage should be encouraged and facilitated.
Water use efficiency is also important.

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

Appropriate land use zoning is important but individual landowners should be free to choose how to utilise their own land within a particular zone

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

As the former CEO of the Road Transport Forum I am very familiar with the importance of freight and connectivity.

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

Flood protection and drainage schemes where appropriate. Growers should avoid planting high value horticultural crops in flood prone localities