

Ron Scott

Q1. Contact Details

Name	Ron Scott
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?

Four key challenges over and above BaU: 1. Low rate rises (BoP RC had lowest rate rises in the country this year), 2. Improved Public Transport; 3. Air quality improvement at the Mount Air Shed; 4. Civil defence readiness

Q3. How will you support the kiwifruit industry?

Address onerous requirements when seeking and renewing water take consents, in particular

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

The Regional Council input in this area is minimal.

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

The regulations around fresh water are in a state of flux while new legislation and NPS rules bed in. The current approach is to ensure freshwater takes are appropriately consented. Currently it is our belief that there is more than sufficient water for major users such as kiwifruit growers. We also keep a watching brief on ensuring minimal pollutants are introduced into the catchments.

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

This is a concern. The central government is keen to plan for housing growth out for 30 years. While the RC is a part of SmartGrowth it is the District and City Councils which make these decisions.

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

Not a Regional Council role.

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

The key climate impact is any increase in severe weather events. The key role for Regional Council is encouraging appropriate development of land i.e. avoiding flood prone land for example.