

Tyler Bamber

Q1. Contact Details

Name	Tyler Bamber
What Council are you standing for?	FNDC
What position(s) are you standing for on the above Council?	Councillor, Community Board

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

I've long had an interest in local government and as a local business owner for 12yrs and community board member for the past 3yrs, I've increasingly found myself at odds with the decisions made by our council. I believe I have skills that will help us plan better for the future and truly represent the voice of the community.

Q3. How will you support the kiwifruit industry?

Honestly, I'm unsure of the challenges and successes the kiwifruit industry has when dealing with councils. I think the best thing I can do is get in front of prominent members of the industry and hear about what your needs are before I can make any commitment to support those needs.

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

As above - I'm not sure what the challenges are with seasonal housing. Happy to talk this through though.

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

Kerikeri is the horticulture centre because of irrigation water. The Far North is seeing major development in the improvement of water availability. I will continue to support this development to unlock our productive soils in the north to create industry and employment.

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

I believe in doing that. I think urban sprawl creates greater issues and costs for council, so I would stand for more densification in our urban areas.

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

I believe in a cost benefit decisions when it comes to roading - we are limited in what we can achieve with our huge roading network and lower population paying for the roads. I think our best move is to promote a greater quality control program to ensure we are getting the best bang for our buck and any money spent is done so with a long future in mind

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

While I think there is a place for local government to play a part in better, more risk averse approach to district planning with a climate change lens on. I think taking the lead in supporting an industry like kiwifruit to become resilient to climate change comes more from central government and the industry itself. Although it's worth noting, horticulture plays a massive part in the local economy for us and our council should be supporting its growth and resilience where practical