Damon Harvey

Q1. Contact Details

Name Damon Harvey

What Council are you standing for?

Hastings District Council

What position(s) are you standing for on the above Council? Mayor

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

To ensure we have a prosperous district for all residents Support local businesses including the very important primary sector - agri, hort, viticulture etc

Q3. How will you support the kiwifruit industry?

Water - support water storage and water security Land - protection of fertile and productive land

Employment - training

Worker accomodation - ensure we have good capacity

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

HDC already supports seasonal working accommodation - especially large scale accommodation. This will continue.

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

Support our growers in global water consent applications based on the economic and social benefit to the community

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

Strongly support protecting horticultural land

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

We are investing over \$230 million in new roads, culverts and bridges impacted by the cyclone - most of this infrastructure is in the rural area

Ensure the timely delivery of these projects

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

I don't have clear policies at this stage apart from ensuring council is doing its share of minimising its impact. Solar, EV fleets etc