

Nyze Manuel

Q1. Contact Details

Name	Nyze Manuel
What Council are you standing for?	Northland regional council
What position(s) are you standing for on the above Council?	Bay of islands Whangaroa General seat

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

My biggest drive to run for NRC is to ensure that our environment is balanced so we can ensure a healthy tomorrow for our mokopuna.

NRCs role in Waterways and Marine space is vital.

What drives me to run as a candidate in the local body elections is my commitment to ensuring our communities have a real say in shaping their future. I believe local government decisions should reflect the voices of the people who live and work here, not just distant priorities. I want to see fair investment in infrastructure, real support for our growers and workers, protection of our natural environment, and opportunities for young people to thrive locally. My hope is to bring practical, solutions-focused leadership—working with iwi, growers, families, and community groups—to achieve resilient communities, a strong local economy, and a healthy environment that sustains future generations.

Q3. How will you support the kiwifruit industry?

The Kiwifruit industry has been longstanding in Kerikeri and I would love to ensure that this industry is kept here and grows even bigger.

I would support this industry by advocating for employment and to help where I can to pull down some of the barriers that NRC may have within process. I would promote any employment and development plans and would also like to see this industry as part of the long term plan.

I'll support the kiwifruit industry by backing water security, biosecurity protections, and fair access to seasonal labour—so growers can stay productive, resilient, and competitive.

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

I would love to sit down and understand the entire scale of this question as we all know that housing is a massive concern, if there are plans being developed I would love to attend those meetings and would also like to bring along the local iwi so this could be done in collaboration and help each other. I would support streamline housing for growers and fit for purpose accommodation on or near orchards.

Seasonal workers are essential to our horticulture sector, particularly in rural Northland, and providing secure, affordable housing close to workplaces benefits both the workers and the growers. Supporting this development also eases pressure on local rental markets and strengthens rural communities.

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

Ensuring that the source is sustainable would be my first thing to do, if its irrigated waters than ensuring that the bore reports have been done and if not why not? These reports should be held by operations.

From that point id then be looking at where and if there is another source that could be accessible then work through the resorce consenting process with the applicant.

I'll back smarter water storage, fair allocation, and efficient use—so kiwifruit growers have reliable access while balancing the needs of households, the environment, and other industries.

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

We need to ensure productive land isn't swallowed by the urban sprawl and subdivision or it will cause great loss in jobs and revenue to Northland.
Once it's gone it's never coming back.

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

I'm currently apart of a lot of flood mitigation projects happening and coastal erosion. Helping to design and execute flood mitigation is critical in Northland as it not only brings us to a halt it has a huge impact on all crops and horticulture. So redirecting waterways, stop banks and clear flow channels are crucial.
I will advocate for targeted investment in rural road infrastructure, ensuring that key produce routes are well-maintained and upgraded to handle heavy transport. This means fixing potholes and slips quickly, strengthening bridges for freight loads, and future-proofing roads against flooding and erosion. I'll also work with councils, Waka Kotahi, and local growers to prioritise the routes most vital to our horticulture and farming economy. Better roads mean lower transport costs, safer communities, and more reliable access to markets for our growers.

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

I'll back policies that give our growers real tools to adapt—like secure water systems, soil health programs, climate-smart research, and financial support—so they can stay productive and resilient in a changing climate.