

Dave Woods

Q1. Contact Details

Name	Dave Woods
What Council are you standing for?	Tasman District
What position(s) are you standing for on the above Council?	Councillor

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

Improved efficiency and prioritisation in the council expenditures. Keeping rates affordable for landowners, homeowners and business operators.

Q3. How will you support the kiwifruit industry?

I will be advocating for less red tape when dealing with the council. Greater transparency in discussions that concern agricultural / horticultural access to land and water.

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

Advocate for clarity and simplicity in the consenting process.

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

TDC has already made a very significant investment into the Waimea dam which is primarily purposed for irrigation. The benefits of this investment must be understood by all stakeholders. Understanding will determine the next steps in terms of TDC future direction and any irrigation shortfalls.

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

Tasman district is best served by maintaining distinct villages and communities with good infrastructure and connecting roads. I support further intensification in existing residential zones before farmland is considered for development.

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

Roading is core infrastructure. I support continued maintenance of these assets.

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

There are so many potential impacts (hail storms, flooding, droughts) that it is difficult to imagine a set of policies that would offer support across all eventualities. A fiscally strong council will be in the best position to offer support when or if required.