Richard Osmaston

Q1. Contact Details

Name Richard Osmaston

What Council are you standing for?

Tasman, Nelson, Buller, Grey, Westland

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?

Advocating for a move towards a money free, Resource Based Economy. Capitalism is not sustainable nor meeting basic human and environmental objectives.

We have the knowledge, resources, technology and collective will to evolve beyond exploitation, competition and servility.

Q3. How will you support the kiwifruit industry?

By changing to a Resource Based Economy, everything will be free and all work voluntary. The industry will be able to contract to a size that suits the intrinsic human motivations of all its participants. If they wish to continue to produce these wonderful foods for the benefit of NZ and humanity, that'd be nice. If not, you can all retire. Safe in the knowledge that everything the industry's participants currently enjoy, and more, because others will volunteer in their vocations.

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

Sorry. I cannot support people being separated from their families.

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

By reducing overall exports, without any loss to anybody, by about 90%.

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

Evolve beyond capitalism

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

Reduce exports by 90%.

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

Reduce exports by 90%. Climate change is driven by capitalism. We can do better. Can't we? Cheers.