

Trindi Walker

Q1. Contact Details

Name	Trindi Walker
What Council are you standing for?	TASMAN
What position(s) are you standing for on the above Council?	MOTUEKA ward councillor

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

My focus is to increase the prosperity of our society... in my view the Council is here, and there, to facilitate that objective and not to impede it.
My aim as some of you will become aware is Positive Progress for Prosperity- Prosperity however is measured not only in financial terms it also includes the wellbeing of everyone in the Community.

Q3. How will you support the kiwifruit industry?

By nurturing the wisdom & entrepreneurial drive of the Kiwi Fruit industry itself. Part of my style is MBWA - that is to say, Management by Walking About. I make a huge commitment to be seen within the community which includes the horticultural business & to listen and hear what the people have to say. This election is about ensuring that the voices of the industry are heard at all of the decision making by the Council. That is my ongoing commitment to you the people who contribute so much to our prosperity.

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

A Master Plan is required to articulate the subject of adequate affordable housing for all members of the Motueka ward and those who come to stay and work even for short periods. Within that master plan I recognise that those engaged as RSE workers and the other folk engaged in the horticultural industry must have proper accommodation and other facilities for their wellbeing. Not to do so will have adverse effects. Engaging properly qualified skilled town and rural planners together with strategic business investors to address the region's horticultural businesses scientifically and dispassionately would be a good place to start.

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

As a Councillor who has had to deal with too much water in all the wrong places of recent catastrophic events I am only too acutely aware that management of water resources requires constant attention. Without sufficient provision of water at the right time and in right place our society will not thrive. Foresight is the watch-word for the supply of water to the horticultural industry - it means anticipating possible shortages and devising suitable plans to mitigate risk.

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

As already stated a Master Plan for the region's use of land is a critical element of the future development of the district a disciplined approach to the prevention of urban sprawl has to be a prominent element in that scheme. The AD HOC approach of previous regulators is simply not good enough.

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

Efficient transport corridors improve economic efficiency. A whole of region methodical approach that understands and anticipates increases in traffic flows from new housing and business and industrial development is overdue. Clever but agreeable solutions to existing congestion areas particularly between Nelson, Richmond and beyond must be resolved now!

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

DRAINAGE is a key focus word as a consequence of the damage caused by recent adverse weather events. The two recent weather bombs in June/July certainly sharpened our minds about our vulnerabilities to catastrophic events and how to mitigate them but it also means that we have to think clearly about the development of resilient infrastructure, housing and the horticultural businesses which contributes so much to our society. The concept of "resilience " to handle natural hazards has to be part of our overall plans. That includes how we can afford them and where new developments are located too. My view is that there is ample information, experience and knowledge within our community to be firmly harnessed by the Council and not overlooked by simplistic short term stop gap measures. Real expertise from those who know rather than theoretical ideas is absolutely vital for investment and therefore our future prosperity and security.