

Les Bennett

Q1. Contact Details

Name	Les Bennett
What Council are you standing for?	Waipā
What position(s) are you standing for on the above Council?	A Better Waipā Candidate standing in Pirongia/Kakepuku

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

There is no place — in council or in central government — for unworkable regulations. We stand for accountability, transparency, and decisions grounded in what actually works for Waipā. The Better Waipā candidates bring together real-world experience, a deep understanding of our local needs,

Q3. How will you support the kiwifruit industry?

Pushing back on unnecessary bureaucracy and standing up for fair, functional policies, The Better Waipā Team will not be afraid to speak up and lead with integrity

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

I support the use of tiny homes and /or cabins and to remove unnecessary bureaucracy and costs

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

Water access is under control of Regional Council

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

Productive horticultural land needs to be protected it's the life blood of the country but there are plenty of unproductive areas that could be made easier to subdivide off to supply demand for lifestyle blocks

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

Get better value for money in roading contracts

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

Support climate change policies that are based on truth not just for control by bureaucracy that puts in sustainable laws that are not sustainable to run.
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