

## Andrew von Dadelszen

### Q1. Contact Details

<b>Name</b>	Andrew von Dadelszen
<b>What Council are you standing for?</b>	Bay of Plenty Regional Council
<b>What position(s) are you standing for on the above Council?</b>	Councilor

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

I have served 5 terms on the BOP Regional Council and you need councilors who have financial acumen (I am qualified with a London based MBA) as well as a strong understanding of the importance of the Primary Sector to drive economic growth in New Zealand - and the Bay of Plenty in particular. I have strong governance experience, including 7 years as a director of the Crown Research Institute, Plant & Food Research. I am a recently appointed director of the New Zealand National Party.

### Q3. How will you support the kiwifruit industry?

I farmed for 17 years on my own account - the last ten years operating a large sheep & beef breeding & fattening property, running close to 20,000 stock units. I have a strong understanding of the kiwifruit industry, having been a director of a large grower organisation.

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

Seasonal worker housing is outside the core business that Government mandates for Regional Councils, but I will advocate to Central Government for support for this essential infrastructure for your industry.

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

I have been a qualified Resource Management Hearing Commissioner since 2005, and I have chaired many consents in the area of water accessibility. I understand the needs of the horticulture industry and I always take a science-based approach to decision making.

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

I am a fan of intensification rather than urban Sprawl. The Tauranga Te Papa Peninsula can easily accommodate another 5,500 homes before we think of expanding the city footprint. I continue to advocate strongly for the development to the Te Tumu land, east of Papamoa - because it is not suitable for intensive horticulture. We need councilors who understand where is the right place for development. I am pro growth for a stronger economy because without a strong economy you can't ensure a strong and sustainable environment

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

I am very pro-roads, with rail used to maximize primary industry production. I have mainly chaired transport committees at our Regional Council and recognize the need for pragmatic decision making regarding roading infrastructure

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

We are fortunate that we live in a region that has little (or no) sea level rise. This is because our land is rising due to the movement in the tectonic plates under our land mass in the Bay of Plenty. That said, we do have warming sea currents coming down from the Pacific and this is causing increased storm effects. The left say "we have a climate emergency" but they also used to talk about "peak oil". I am a realist and a pragmatic science based decision maker. Please be very careful with your vote for, because you need strong governance councilors, who support business. If you vote in the Tauranga City ward (where we have five available places) - vote VON DADELSZEN.