

Douglas Owens

Q1. Contact Details

Name	Douglas Owens
What Council are you standing for?	Regional Council
What position(s) are you standing for on the above Council?	Councillor Tauranga

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

To make change and drive efficiency within all service provision.

Q3. How will you support the kiwifruit industry?

Production is vital for NZ Inc.
The relationship between the Regional environmental council is also vital.
Continue to develop these synergies in any way we can

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

Not just housing for seasonal workers but also New Zealanders. There is an opportunity here.

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

Water systems are evolving constantly.
Support new tech and monitor water volumes and impact of climate change on available volumes.

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

Urban sprawl should not be permitted to encroach on arable land without precise planning from the local territorial authority

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

Maintenance of roads is not the role of a Regional Council

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

Not aware of current policies