Debbie Gregory

Q1. Contact Details

Name Debbie Gregory

What Council are you standing for?

Gisborne

What position(s) are you standing for on the above Council? General ward councillor

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

Im a good listener and with six years experience, I know the pathways to help people achieve what they want.

Q3. How will you support the kiwifruit industry?

I will support and champion industry-led water initiatives.

I will support changes to our district plan to allow the build housing for workers easier.

I am in contact with horticulture people for advice and help when making decisions that impact on growers and the industry.

Horticulture is one of the main drivers of our economy. We need to do everything we can to support success.

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

As answered above: make the plans include that housing and consent pathways should be smooth.

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

I've answered this above also.

Industry are leading in developing their own future supplies. The aquifer recharge should be supported. Other businesses are building dams .

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

It's in our rules to have no housing on productive land. That's important. Horticulture is an important part of our economy here.

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

Reliable roads is part of my campaign.

We have to be able to get product out .

I've had a term on the Regional Transport committee and know we need to plan ahead to get things done.