

John Holyoake

Q1. Contact Details

Name	John Holyoake
What Council are you standing for?	Western Bay of Plenty District
What position(s) are you standing for on the above Council?	Mayor

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

Ultimately, I love the Bay of Plenty. We're facing several challenges that need to be met head on. That way we can take the opportunities that benefit everyone. I believe that the current Council lacks leadership and governance, that politics is getting in the way of good decision making. I am an experienced leader who believes in partnering for progress.

Q3. How will you support the kiwifruit industry?

By treating NZKGI as a strategic partner. By aligning our strategic priorities, agreeing joint priorities and delivering those priorities together is the way to support the industry

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

Housing is a strategic priority for me. Providing the right housing in the right places will free up the market which is urgently needed. Council needs to enable that to make sure the right land is enabled for development, and then make that easier for people to deliver.
Ensuring housing for RSE workers is critical. To support this I will relax planning rules, simplify consenting and free up land for camping facilities (access to toilets and showers etc.)

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

I appreciate that quality water is essential to the kiwifruit industry. While Western Bay provides bore water, we also have access to considerable volume from the Waiari. By aligning our strategic priorities and better understanding the industry's growth, I will ensure water for the industry is a priority.

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

It needs to be protected. I'll ensure that the current zoning and planning rules as they affect the industry are maintained, and discuss any existing issues with you. The District Plan is overdue for a review. Now is the time to have those discussions.

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

Access roads to existing growers and distribution points need to be need to be maintained to a higher standard. I appreciate recent issues with e.g. Number one road and the bridge that needed to be replaced. In addition, through our role in regional transport, I will ensure that improving roading infrastructure to the Port is a priority.

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

I will work with NZKGI and Zespri to align policies, particularly Zespri's Adapting to Climate Change Plan. Council needs to be stronger in this space.