

# Manvir Singh Mann

## Q1. Contact Details

<b>Name</b>	Manvir Singh Mann
<b>What Council are you standing for?</b>	Western Bay of Plenty District Council
<b>What position(s) are you standing for on the above Council?</b>	Councilor for Te Puke Maketu Ward

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

I'm running because I care about our community and want to be a strong voice for Te Puke and Maketu. My focus is on tackling traffic issues, supporting local businesses, improving facilities, and making sure council decisions are transparent and accountable. I want to see real progress that benefits everyone.

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

The kiwifruit industry is the backbone of our local economy, and I'll support it by pushing for better infrastructure, reliable transport routes, and policies that back growers and workers. I'll also make sure council decisions reflect the needs of the industry while balancing them with the wider community.

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

I'll support seasonal worker housing by working with growers, developers, and council to streamline consent processes, encourage affordable and safe accommodation options, and make sure housing is located where it's needed most—close to orchards in rural areas. Good housing means a stronger workforce and a stronger local economy.

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

Water is vital for our kiwifruit industry and for our whole community. I'll push for smart water management—supporting infrastructure that secures reliable supply for growers, while also protecting household use, the environment, and future needs. The key is balance: fair allocation, investment in storage, and planning ahead so everyone has access.

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

I believe we must protect our most productive horticultural land from urban sprawl and unnecessary subdivision. Once it's gone, we can't get it back. I'll support smart, well-planned growth that meets housing needs while safeguarding the land that drives our economy and provides jobs for our community.

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

I'll advocate for more investment in rural road upgrades and maintenance, because safe and reliable roads are essential for moving our produce. That means stronger roads, better signage, and addressing bottlenecks so growers and transport operators can get fruit to market efficiently.

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

I'll support policies that help growers adapt to climate change by promoting water efficiency, research into resilient crop varieties, and infrastructure that protects against extreme weather. I want to ensure our local horticulture remains strong and sustainable for the long term.