Vince Cocurullo

Q1. Contact Details

Name	Vince
What Council are you standing for?	Whangarei
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?

As the current Mayor of Whangarei, we have made huge strides in getting the needed infrastructure started to plan and maintain the growth happening in Northland

Q3. How will you support the kiwifruit industry?

I have been working with Central Government on the 4 lane highway from Auckland to Northland, the port expansion at Marsden Point and the replacement of the Whangarei Base Hospital, which are all planned to start next year. All of these projects are about getting the produce to the Markets

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

Council does not supply housing, and what they do though, is enforce legislation that is set by Central Government. We are working with Central Government to get better outcomes for housing.

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

Typically in rural areas, kiwifruit growers do not use town supplied water. They typically have storage tanks or dams that they access. From a District Councils view, we will always make sure that the sources that they are using complys with the standards.

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

Personally I am very much for protecting horticultural land. That is why we have set out rules for devlopementing in areas.

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

Our rural roads are vital to keeping our district produce moving. We are now investing 69% of every dollar towards infrastructure, and roading has received the biggest investment.

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

Our environment is forever changing, what Council needs to do is make sure that when developers are doing their work, that they are not causing adverse effects to the environment that they are in. Typically managed by the NRC.