

# KNOW YOUR CANDIDATES



We invited candidates to share their thoughts on some of the big issues in our district. This table is a quick guide to the yes or know questions. See candidate profiles for full responses.

[npdc.govt.nz/vote2025/know-your-candidates](https://npdc.govt.nz/vote2025/know-your-candidates)

## Questions

1. Would you change any NPDC services to reduce rates?
2. With the transition from oil and gas in Taranaki, should NPDC be doing more to stimulate the local economy?
3. Central government provides social services for us all, but is NPDC doing enough to address rough-sleeping?
4. Do you agree with the plan to deliver water and wastewater services through an NPDC Council-Controlled Organisation?
5. Does NPDC need to do more to support impacts of climate change?
6. Should NPDC have funded \$50m towards building the Tūparikino Active Community Hub?
7. Should we build more separated cycleways across our district?
8. How are you going to vote in the poll on a Māori Ward for our district?
9. How should NPDC attract more major events to our district? (Please refer to website for answer)
10. What are your two top priorities if elected? (Please refer to website for answer)

DISTRICT-WIDE COUNCILLOR	1. Service cuts?	2. Economy	3. Rough sleeping	4. Water	5. Climate Change	6. Hub	7. Cycleways	8. Māori wards
BENNETT, Sam (Independent)	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
BUBLITZ, David (Independent)	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
CHADWICK, Simon								
CHONG, Murray	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
CLARE, Shaun	✓	✓	✗	✗		✗	✗	✓
CLINTON-GOHDES, Amanda	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓
KOCH, Tina	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
COSTER, Mark (Independent)								
FRANCIS, Steve	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓
GOODIN, Teresa	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓
HANCOCK, Debbie (Independent)								
JONES, Nigel	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
MACKAY, Greg			✗	✗	✓			
MOEAHU, Dinnie	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
SUTHERLAND, Sarah Ruth	✗	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
WILLIAMSON, Wayne	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	
WOODWARD, John (Independent)	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗

Table key ✓ Yes ✗ No ■ No response

KAITAKE-NGĀMOTU GENERAL WARD	1. Service cuts?	2. Economy	3. Rough sleeping	4. Water	5. Climate Change	6. Hub	7. Cycleways	8. Māori wards
BARRETT, EJ	✓	✓	✗		✓	✗		✓
BROWN, Gordon Travis (Independent)	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓
BUIS, Pete	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	
CHARD, Graham	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓
DARLING, Ewen	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
FOX, Damon (ACT Local)	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
IRVING GEORGE, Moira	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
JOHNSTON, Ross	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓
MACKIE-HUNT, Lani	✗		✗	✗	✓		✗	✓
MARRA, Peter	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
MCDOWELL, Mullet Muzz								
MORRESEY, Mike	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
O'SULLIVAN, Michael Paul (Independent)	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
PAYNE, David	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓		✗
SOLE, Adrian	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓
TONKIN, Craig	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗		✗	
TRUMAN, Nikki	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
VICKERY, Bryan	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓
VOSSELER, Kerry	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗

KOHANGA MOA GENERAL WARD	1. Service cuts?	2. Economy	3. Rough sleeping	4. Water	5. Climate Change	6. Hub	7. Cycleways	8. Māori wards
BROOKING, Jeremy	✓	✗	✗		✗	✗	✗	✗
FABISH, Christine Joy	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
LUCAS, Sarah	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓

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NORTH GENERAL WARD	1. Service cuts?	2. Economy	3. Rough sleeping	4. Water	5. Climate Change	6. Hub	7. Cycleways	8. Māori wards
BLACKBURN, Gina Alicia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓
CUMMINGS, Ian (Independent)	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
JURY, Dayna Brent	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
MARSHALL, Jonathan (Independent)	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓
PARKER-BISHOP, Jane Elizabeth	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓
SIMPSON, Bill								

TE PURUTANGA MAURI PŪMANAWA MĀORI WARD	1. Service cuts?	2. Economy	3. Rough sleeping	4. Water	5. Climate Change	6. Hub	7. Cycleways	8. Māori wards
MCLEOD, Te Waka	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓		✓	✓
MOEAHU, Peter	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓