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If you were to be successfully elected in October 2019, name two ‘things’ that you would be most proud to say that you had achieved by the end of the triennium (2019-2022)?

Explain:

- Persuaded Government to complete the required roading infrastructure to complete the original ring road and arterial system ie Northern Arterial and Tauriko Bi Pass and State Highway 29. This will open up economic business opportunities, ease congestion and be a safer road.
- The Eastern Arterial has assisted a transformation of opportunities by allowing quicker and safer access between the eastern Bay of Plenty and Tauranga and the Port. Likewise the completion of these projects will be the greatest assistance to economic growth.
- Complete an agreed environmental program based on a philosophy of Mountain to the Sea. That is, Kaimai to Tauranga Moana. This includes comprehensive pest management, water quality, water quantity and land management that is sustainable with increasing productivity and population growth.

What is your ideal structure of local government in the Western BOP? Does this include amalgamation? Does it include appointed independent directors (similar to the DHB model)? And, is this topic an important priority for you?

We have what we have. There are only two ways to change, either by the people or by central Government. Councils on their own can’t or won’t. The best we can do is work together in the interests of our districts. Each Council has its own responsibilities and cultures. Communities of interest and democratic representation must always be representative and cross boundary debate is better than large authoritarian top down Local Government. By cooperation and agreed voice through debate we can have the greatest influence on outcomes.

What is your opinion on Quayside (www.quaysideholdings.co.nz)? What should be its future strategy and ownership structure?

Quayside is owned by the people of the Bay Of Plenty through the Bay Of Plenty Regional Council. All ratepayers benefit from a reduced amount of rates they pay to the Regional Council. If there was no contribution from Quayside who own 54% of the Port of Tauranga there would be an increase in the Regional Council General Rate in the order of 50%.
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<td>Quayside should be continued to be owned by the Regional Council on behalf of the region. It should be allowed to grow its investment for the benefit of the region.</td>
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<td>In your opinion, what are the key issues in managing the Western BOP’s population and economic growth? How can the councils successfully manage the sub-region’s growth, within fiscal constraints?</td>
<td>Good strong Governance with a clear vision of the way forward. Governance needs to clear the way forward with strategies and plans that enable people to live and to develop the economy. Councils have the tools to do the planning and build the infrastructure required of them. Persuading Central Government to do the same seems to be problematic at this time. Councils that complain need to look at themselves.</td>
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<td>What are your priorities for infrastructure investment in the Western BOP sub-region during the next ten years?</td>
<td>I am a Western Bay of Plenty resident and Constituency Councillor but Tauranga is my town/city. Access and multi modal shift are the key investments to fulfil personal and social and economic aspirations. Western BOP outside Tauranga is a rural large economy which deserves equal consideration. The growth of agriculture and horticulture is benefiting the whole economy.</td>
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<td>Do you agree that the Western BOP sub-region has transport issues? If elected, what are your priorities to address the sub-region’s immediate and long-term transport needs?</td>
<td>Answered as above</td>
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<td>What are your plans for ensuring adequate zoning and servicing of affordable residential, commercial and industrial land supply over the next ten years?</td>
<td>Urban Form and Transport initiative. UFTI is the latest focus of the Western BOP. I support the concept. It is a partnership approach between BOP Regional Council, TCC and Western Bay District Council’</td>
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<td>Quick Poll: which of the following tourism related projects would you support contributing (Regional/City/District) Council resources/funds towards:</td>
<td>Other: I wouldn’t say none but these are not core Regional responsibilities.</td>
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<td>What is the (Regional/City/District) Council’s role in supporting the local tourism industry? What are your priorities for the local tourism industry?</td>
<td>The Regional Council has to be supportive equally across the whole region.</td>
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<td>What is your position on the (Regional/City/District) Council’s rates policy in regards to targeted rates and/or commercial differentials on the</td>
<td>Regional Council. My philosophy is rating should fall where the costs are. General Rates should be used to near the 30%</td>
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**local business and industrial community?**

allowable. Target Rates are where the benefit is identified. On a case by case basis consideration for assistance from other sources can be considered i.e. where a community benefit is identified. I have not seen any case made to change differentials.

**What would you do to restore confidence in the regulatory services or building consent departments within the sub-region?**

Growth over the last few years has been challenging for consenting but Regional Council is coping reasonably well in a complex environment. Equally Consent application needs to meet the requirements of completeness.

**Name your priority initiatives that the (Regional/City/District) Council should do to make it easier for companies to do business in the city?**

While Tauranga is very important the regional city of Rotorua and many towns in the region are important for business. Connectivity between all should be the focus.

**Do you have any relevant governance experience?**  
**What relevant skills do you bring to the role of an elected member?**  
**How would you contribute to ensuring quality debates and decisions happen?**

Federated Farmers Dairy Section Chair BOP.  
Milk Company Director.  
Kellogg Rural Leadership. Lincoln University.  
Local Hall Committee Chair.  
Rotary Club Paul Harris Fellow  
Western BOP Councillor including Chair Policy Committee.  
Last six years a Western Bay of Plenty Regional Councillor representing the Western Bay of Plenty Constituency including a Committee Chair.

Good listener and team player with independent thinking.

**How have you personally contributed to the local community over the past ten years?**

Member and past Chair of Omokoroa Environmental Managers, including Omokoroa History Group.

**Any other comments?**

The Western Bay of Plenty Constituency comprises the main urban towns of Waihi Beach, Katikati, Omokoroa, Te Puke and Maketu as well as rural communities. Supporting these communities to function as communities, socially, economically and environmentally with good land water and air is my goal.