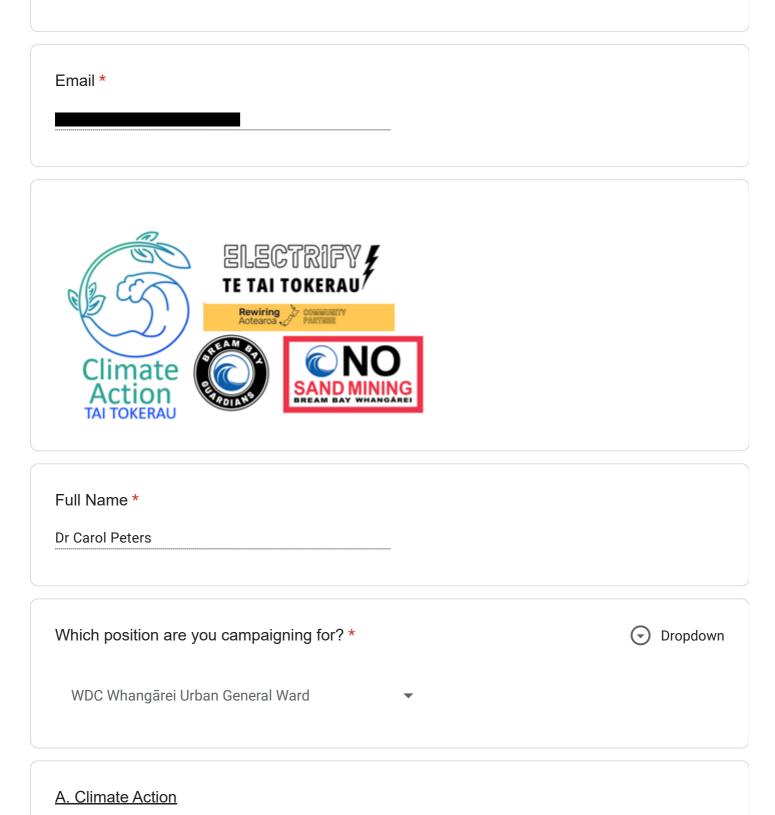
# Local Body Elections Candidate Survey

As a candidate you are invited to complete as few or as many of the questions below, so voters can gauge your commitment to the issues raised. Your responses will be published on the Climate Action Tai Tokerau website and made available to news media.



Overall, what are your two or three climate action priorities if elected?

Resilient infrastructure, maintain diverse tree forest cover, encourage/implement emmission reducing building and practices

What policies and/or actions will you advocate for to reduce gross emissions?

Public transport increase

What Nature-based solutions will you be promoting in council?

Planting to increase soakage, permiable surfaces

### **B.** Biodiversity

In light of the imminent changes to the Resource Management Act, how can your council ensure that biodiversity and ecosystems are protected?

Continue predator control, work with department of conservation and northern regional council to remove weeds and promote native tree growth

What is your position on the planting of pine plantations for ETS revenue?

I am against this

What are your two to three priorities for protecting and regenerating the environment?

Collaborate with northern regional council and department of conservation to care for forests in Whangārei area, plant fruit trees where possible, support citizen who want to plant food forests on council land

#### C. Renewable Energy

Will you commit to phasing out fossil fuels and electrifying the council's own operations to save ratepayer money and reduce emissions? If so, what would be at the top of your list to get started and why?

As income allows expand electric fleet

What will you do to boost installations of solar and battery storage for homes and businesses in our region? Check all that apply:

- I will support electrification loans as part of the Ratepayer Assistance Scheme (RAS)
- I will support common-sense consenting rules to make it easier for households and farmers to install small solar systems
- I will support forming a Council plan that charts an electric energy future for our district or region

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#### D. Māori representation

Should the referendum lead to the removal of Māori Wards, what will you do to ensure better Māori representation in Council?

Advocate for ability of te karearea to make decisions rather than just recommend, advocate for hapu appointments to all standing committees

#### E. Rates and Central Government

Councils are being forced to deliver more without adequate funding, leading to unsustainable rate hikes. If elected, what will you do to demand systemic solutions for the wellbeing of our communities?"

A wide definition of essential services is needed

## F. Food and water security

What do you see as the biggest threats to local food and freshwater resilience in Northland — and what specific actions will you commit to, if elected, to strengthen that resilience?

Support a buy local campaign, collaborate with northern regional council to strengthen fresh water rules

Are you affiliated with any political party or local advocacy group? If yes, please specify. \*

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Please provide a link to your campaign website or social media page (if applicable).

Thanks for filling in this form. Good luck with your campaign.

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