

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.

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COMMUNITY
PARTNER



Full Name *

Jack Crow

Which position are you campaigning for? *

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NRC Central General Constituency



A. Climate Action

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

1. Roll out more flood protection works, including in Whangarei at Tikipunga, Avenues and Lower CBD, and educate landowners and the community on the implications of building houses and infrastructure on flood-prone and erosion-prone land.
2. Support water catchment schemes from individual and community centre roof tanks to major seasonal harvesting dams
3. Future-proof infrastructure by raising or rerouting roads, moving pylons, enhancing digital security

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

1. Actively support electrification of all fossil-fuelled vehicles, machinery and heating options
2. Make NRC carbon positive, by creating new solar farms at our Maunu detention dam property and other sites, electrify our fleet, expand public transport , put solar on all CDEM sites eg marae

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

Use Nature Based Solutions at eroded coastal sites. Demand riparian plantings on streamsides and subdivisions. Maintain the Highly Erodable Land planting programme. Encourage rates relief for all land that is retired into native vegetation. Advance the biodiversity credits policy

B. Biodiversity.

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

1. Continue to actively support the many community groups already successfully restoring biodiversity, including Kiwi Coast, High Value Areas, Marine Protected Areas etc programmes. Maintain the PF2050 gains. Step this up where needed. Increase the budget for community support
2. Continue to implement the many staff-driven biosecurity/ biodiversity programmes eg kauri protection, dune lakes restoration, deer eradication, high threat pest plant eradication, Caulerpa and other marine control, dune restoration. Continue to lobby Central Government to co-fund these programmes.

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

The ETS is a flawed model that should be replaced with a non-tradeable alternative. It also benefits corporations and overseas owners more than Northlanders and will not make any appreciable net difference to the carbon quotient. While the ETS exists, native plantings should be prioritised over pines as they give higher returns over time.

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

1. Continue to expand NRC's assistance to biosecurity programmes for biodiversity protection
2. Actively lobby for the adoption of biodiversity credits, which could largely fund biodiversity programmes
3. Expand water quality monitoring (including empowering hapu to do this on their rohe) in anticipation of adoption of more enlightened government policies

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?

See above. Electrification of the NRC fleet. NRC become a net provider of electricity through creation of solar farms. Public transport operators will electrify en masse over the next 3-6 years as new electric buses will be cheaper to purchase, run and maintain.

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
- ☒ Other: NRC a net exporter of electricity through its solar farm programme

D. Māori representation

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

Hopefully this will not occur (because of current harmony) but if it does I would encourage Maori leaders to stand for NRC. Maintain the status of our Te Ruarangi Maori-Council Working Party

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?"

Demand Central Government fund the mandates they dump on regional (and local) government. Challenge Government legally where appropriate. Collaborate with LGNZ and social researchers to establish defensible data that can be used to force Central Government to act.

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?

Climate change is easily the biggest threat, through drought, flooding, temperature change, increase in pests and diseases. I will support stepping up search for alternative crops, provision of water storage and research on pest/disease issues. Increased food costs (due mainly to the above) will be an issue, so we will need more community-based food providers.

Support for roof tanks, seasonal water harvesting schemes.

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

None

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