

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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TE TAI TOKERAU



Full Name *

Rick Stolwerk

Which position are you campaigning for? *

⌵ Dropdown

NRC Coastal South General Consituency



A. Climate Action

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

Improve emergency response capability by increasing the climate resilience fund
Educate on and step up Post Event Recovery

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

Incentivize retiring and indigenous planting on marginal agricultural land
Improving alternative power generation options

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

Increasing and improving Northlands wetlands

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 working with the community groups who have done amazing work, especially over the past 9 years. e.g. Piroa Trust. This is the way forward. offering financial incentives and expert advice where possible

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

Opposed

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

Create a Sothorn Coast to Coast pest free corridor to protect the rest of Te Tai Tokerau.
Increase the size and the funding for the current High Value Areas (HVA's) in Northland to provide
Mailand Islands for at risk species.

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?

Yes, continue working on electric public transport options

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:

D. Māori representation

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

Continue to work with iwi and hapu to by increasing their representation in all Council committees and working groups

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?"

Reduce reliance on rates by increasing income from existing financial streams, in particular NRC investments

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?

I believe the biggest challenge facing Northland is the ever-increasing number and intensity of extreme weather events.

In particular, as previously mentioned, we need to:

Improve our emergency response capability and
improve our post recovery support

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

No

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

Rick Stolwerk for Northland regional Council

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

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