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Hi Penne

I will be honest in my response and say that I do not know enough about Hahei to articulate a response that would satisfy the questions you have asked. I am not going to make stuff up or parrot something I don't understand.

I will respond in your questions to the best of my limited knowledge.

Cheers Grahame

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**From:** chair@haheiratepayers.co.nz <chair@haheiratepayers.co.nz>  
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Mōrena Councillor Candidates!

We are compiling a mail-out to our ratepayers on candidates' positions on the things important to the Hahei community.

This is so our largely non-resident ratepayers can make informed decisions when voting.

We'd appreciate your thoughts on the following questions please.

1. **Hahei Reticulated Sewage** – What do you propose doing about it? It continually gets delayed. Are you happy for further development to occur in Hahei with no reticulated sewage system? **I do not know enough about the current infrastructure to provide an informed comment sorry. What I do know is that other areas such as Whangapoua, where my family are from that have no water or waste water infrastructure and there must be similar locations in Thames Coromandel that have similar issues and concerns. Other than that I cannot sensibly comment or adopt a view.**
2. **Three Waters** - If you don't support the proposed Three Waters reform, how do you propose Council pay for sewage and water in Hahei **I am actually not directly opposed to the concept of Three Waters, which if National is elected is likely to be withdrawn. What I do know is that throughout New Zealand there are infrastructure issues and problems. From what I understand this relates to a small ratepayer base, spread across a large area, and therefore it is challenging to put in place robust and scalable infrastructure that will meet present and future needs. Local bodies have to make best use of limited capital – and in my opinion often don't. With my commercial and business background I would be working hard to ensure that any ratepayer funds are spent on needs, as opposed to nice to have.**
3. **Hahei Drinking Water** – Approximately half Hahei properties are provided with non-potable water. Are you concerned? What do you propose to do about it. **Again, I do not know enough to make a meaningful comment.**

4. **Hahei Village Development** – many Hahei residents are concerned about expansion and development of Hahei. What is your position? Again this is a common issue and not unique to Hahei, I am aware of similar concerns in locations such as Matarangi, Cooks Beach, Pauanui and other settlements. There is a lot of work to be done in this area.
5. **Expansion of te Whanganui a Hei Marine Reserve/SeaChange Initiative** – Do you support the expansion of marine protected areas as proposed in the SeaChange Program? I am in support of Marine reserves and protection, however not to the extent proposed at te Whanganui a Hei.
6. **Climate Change/Coastal Degradation** – We are concerned that properties in Hahei will become uninsurable due to climate change. What is your strategy to mitigate the effects of climate change and who pays? Again, this concern is not unique to Hahei, it is a regional, national and global issue. I am from the Waste and Recycling industry and we have over 700 staff, 200+ trucks, loaders, utilities and 7 recycling plants. We see first hand the impacts of what we do, the waste, impacts of consumerism and consumption. I have advocated nationally on a topic dear to my heart and that is the production of plastic, everything is wrapped in disposable plastic and much of it cannot be recycled, or people don't recycle it. Most gets to landfill but a huge amount goes into our environment. I was recently in Thailand, a beautiful country, but the plastics pollution was really sad, and I have seen this in many parts of the world. It is literally killing our waterways, fish and environment. So that is definitely somewhere I would start, and not a levy on plastics, but a ban on most types.

We'd love to hear back from you in writing by Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September so we can get your responses out to our community before the voting papers go out.

Ngā Mihi,  
Penne

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