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Sent: Tuesday, 13 September 2022 10:54 PM
To: chair@haheiratepayers.co.nz
Subject: Re: Prospective Mayors - We'd like to hear your thoughts

Kia Ora Penne

Thank you for the chance to provide feedback on aspects which have a direct impact on Hahei residents, holiday home owners and visitors. My approach from when announcing my decision to stand as Mayor, has been the re-engagement of communities along with the empowerment of community boards. I believe council's long term and annual plans require total revision targeting matters which impact directly on communities of interest - in your case Hahei.

My plan to deal with the matters you raise? I will ask your community what are your priorities - being pragmatic, I believe you will come back in this order: Point 3 including Point 2; Point 1; Point 6; Point 4; Point 5.

Drinking water - in 2022 every resident, where a reticulated supply is available or can be provided, must have acceptable drinking water. I do not support Three Waters, reasons, I cannot see a single entity being able to commit to such a vast area, I do not like the structure as our residents lose control, and we are not being appropriately compensated for the water asset. I believe water services should remain a general charge in your rates.

Reticulated Sewage - this should be the ultimate goal. I want to provide clear plans to communities across all infrastructure aspects - your sewage scheme programme would fit into this. This will then provide communities with a clear indication of works, budgets and timelines.

Climate change is here and it is pleasing to see the work council has undertaken on Shoreline Management. This does need to go further to look at land/water impacts along with emergency response for both people and property. I do not believe that council will have the ability to either protect or insure properties - it does have a duty to advise of potential risk. We do need to continue to mitigate the risk of climate change - again I will be seeking advice on this.

I am an advocate for planned development - we need to ensure that our commercial operators are sustainable and that we can provide the services that all people either living or visiting our communities require. Land zoning and the district plan is another area that requires reviewing - this to include the likes of your village development to potential housing and accommodation options. The key here is planned development.

Just a couple of observations - I have concerns over our community cohesiveness - this incorporates the likes of health services, community and property safety, housing and employment. Some of these are not normally council impacts, however due to major issues here, we need to push the government on these on behalf of our residents and communities. In tandem with these are aspects such as recreation, arts, heritage and culture - all so important in our communities today. I would like to see these included as points that matter for Hahei. You can check my website www.johnfreer.co.nz for more information. Please make contact if I can assist any further.

Kind regards - John Freer 0274839426

On Sat, 10 Sept 2022 at 10:35, <chair@haheiratepayers.co.nz> wrote:

Mōrena Mayoral 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?
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
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.
4. **Hahei Village Development** – many Hahei residents are concerned about expansion and development of Hahei. What is your position?
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?
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?

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

Ngā Mihi,

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