

Christchurch City Council - Central Ward

Deon Swiggs - Council - Central Ward

1. What changes have you made in your life, personally, in response to the climate crisis?

I have moved closer to the city to walk around more, sold my petrol powered monster for an Electric car and being a one car family we bus. I have a small farm on the west coast which we have organic and are reforesting parts of it. I mostly try buy meat if I eat it from local sources where I know the farmers ethics and I try buy local as much as possible to avoid freight.

2. Will you, if elected as councillor, vote to reaffirm the Climate and Ecological Emergency Declaration?

Yes

3. Are you willing to make the climate and ecological emergency the overarching priority for everything that you do/every decision you make? How will you do that?

Yes. No point making a decision for where we live if that place will not be livable. Establish a climate change policy framework which does this.

4. How will you ensure that all voices are heard equally in matters relating to the climate emergency?

I am keen to see how the citizen assemblies can work and over the next three years these need to get off the ground and start to inform councils and governments on policy and execution of projects.

Jake McLellan - Central Ward - Council

Kia Ora,

1. I've recently purchased a second-hand EV and have increasingly opted to walk, scooter and cycle. Not only is it environmentally friendly, but it helps keep campaign weight off. Transport is but far and away the largest urban contributor to green house gas emissions. Therefore changing habits relating to travel is important.
2. Sure, I think it's important each new council does this.
3. We also need to reform and rebuild Council's model for impact assessment, so that every motion we vote on must consider the climate.
4. Including the voice of young New Zealanders is a big part of increasing the priority of our climate in the legislative process. I believe young people must be a-part of decision making not just consulted with. Increasing the influence of young people is part of the reason I'm running as a 27 year old.

Regards, Jake