

## **ECAN - Christchurch West**

### **Chrys Horn - ECAN - Opuna Christchurch West**

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

In 2008 I asked myself whether what I was doing was the best thing to be doing if I really believed that climate change was happening. I realised that continuing business as usual was not going to help make the changes that I could see we needed to make. I resigned my job at Landcare Research and began working at community level to see what I could achieve. The answer was not a lot without first building networks and communities.

I learned a lot by working with Spokes to help build a community of advocates. I also began work in Halswell to help locals connect. Both of these activities were interrupted by the Christchurch Earthquakes.

The work that we had done in Spokes came to fruition as the community that we had built successfully advocated for building cycleways in Christchurch as part of the rebuild process “ something that we are still working on today as every cycleway seems to need a fight from businesses scared that the changes will cost them business. Despite that, the increasing numbers of people cycling make it feel worthwhile.

My work in Halswell has largely focused on pure community building to help people recover and build resilience to the ongoing shocks that we have experienced (fires, shootings etc). Recently I looked up and realised that this work is now being carried very well by others and that I could move back into work with a more environmental focus.

Throughout my community building activities, I've been working with 350, I'm in touch with what Extinction Rebellion is doing, I've protested the TPPA, written heaps of submissions and encouraged other to do the same, I've learned about water through writing a series of books for teachers on water in Canterbury for the Regional Council. I've also been looking into alternative ideas about economics and come to the conclusion that without changing our economic system, we aren't going to turn this ship around. I've been working at community level on how we might subvert the system that is destroying the planet.

In the meantime, I fly as little as I can (less than once a year for the last few years and that includes my work travel), I minimise my use of my car, and use a bicycle as my primary transport. , I use as little electricity as anyone I know, grow much of my own food, help out with courses to help people assess their own environmental footprints and to make them smaller. I eat mostly plant based food.

2. Will you, if elected to the ECan Council, vote to reaffirm the Climate Emergency Declaration and to amend it to 'Climate and Ecological Emergency Declaration'?

Yes if elected I will be pushing for ECan to declare a climate and ecological emergency and to act in accordance with that.

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?

We need to work with our communities and other government organisations to develop an efficient public transport system that makes it easy for people to get out of their cars. We need to restore and regenerate our soil and biodiversity, cut the number of cows, encourage regenerative farming and work out what a regenerative city looks like. We also need ECan to take a leadership role in minimising their effect on the environment and to publicise it. All these are central to ECan's work.

We also need to be working nationally on making economic change and eliminating inequality “ those two things keep driving our relationships with the environment. I suspect the latter work will be outside of the work ECan does but it does need doing and it is something I may continue to support in my free time.

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

A fair transition is essential and I think also that we need a range of ways of hearing the voices of all are heard equally. Transparency and communicating well with the public is a must. I've very keen to see more use of social media by the Council and more communications about what the council are doing. If people don't understand what is happening, then they cannot participate easily or constructively.

Using Citizens Juries and other similar mechanisms is one way to hear voices that aren't always heard at decision making tables. This will need some support from central government and some advocacy to push for the legislative changes needed. My research at Landcare Research included questions of how to increase community involvement in decision making and I'm keen to see new techniques tested.

**Craig Pauling - ECAN - Opuna West**

Tena koutou,

Firstly, I want to acknowledge and congratulate the Extinction Rebellion Otautahi team for their work in raising awareness amongst our community in relation to addressing the urgent challenges of climate change.

Your courage to take this important message to not only the community, but to confront decision makers, is to be applauded and supported.

I thank you for this opportunity to provide my perspectives on your questionnaire. My responses are below.

NgÄ mihi

Craig

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

I have been involved in supporting policy and practical initiatives in relation to climate change for over 10 years.

In my former role with Te Runanga o NgÄi Tahu, I led the development of tribal submissions on national policy in relation to implementing the Kyoto Protocol and ETS, as well as leading a project looking at carbon sequestration and ecological restoration opportunities on tribally owned land. I also led the development of NgÄi Tahu's Sustainability Policy, which included the organisation gaining initial CEMARS certification. More recently, I contributed to the development of Te Runanga o NgÄi Tahu's Climate Change Strategy and the Manawa Kai Tahu reporting programme (which includes sustainability/emissions reporting).

In 2006, I helped establish Te Ara Kakariki Greenway Canterbury Trust, and am the current chair. The trust was established to address the dire state of, and enhance, indigenous biodiversity on the Canterbury Plains. In doing this, we also knew that the restoration of indigenous vegetation could contribute in some (albeit small) way to the sequestration of greenhouse gas emissions. Last year, we helped facilitate the planting of almost 20,000 trees, and since 2009 we have planted almost 80,000 trees across over 70 different sites within the Selwyn District.

In my current role with Boffa Miskell, I have led an initiative to plant trees with local ecological projects in lieu of providing corporate Christmas gifts to clients, as well as being on the internal team developing our sustainability policy, which recently included gaining CEMARS certification.

In terms of other commitments, I bike to work regularly (and have done over my 20 years of working) and/or choose to work from home as much as possible to reduce my transport emissions. I also support the use of skype/zoom and other video conferencing methods instead of travelling to and from meetings (especially those involving air travel). I am a conscious consumer and my whanau choose/support organic and free range products. We have also made a commitment to decrease our meat and dairy intake. We are also keen to purchase an electric car, as well as install solar PVs on our home.

2. Will you, if elected to the ECan Council, vote to reaffirm the Climate Emergency Declaration and to amend it to 'Climate and Ecological Emergency Declaration'?

Ae ra! That means 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. This is a key element of the People's Choice Environment Policy for this years election, which I help contribute to and support.

Firstly, (and after reaffirming the Climate and Ecological Emergency Declaration) I would push for changes in decision making process to ensure this is a key consideration, as well as reviewing and strengthening policies and plans to reflect this.

Secondly, I would support a programme of work to help communities be informed and assisted to identify risks, as well as develop potential options and solutions to climate challenges.

Thirdly, I would continue, and push to accelerate, council work in measuring, reducing and offsetting emissions, including making this part of the management of public transport.

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

As above, I would push for a programme of work to be established to engage with communities in relation to climate change issues and responses. While I am not an expert on community engagement, I would advocate that there is a focus on youth involvement, as well as ensuring that minority groups, NGOs/community organisations, manawhenua, as well as industry and independent ecological and scientific experts are involved.

### **Aaron Campbell - ECan - West**

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

a. I have been eating a balanced, low animal protein diet for 20 years, now even more so. Red meat, in particular, I have cut back on. I've eliminated most dairy from our diet. Are baking staples at home (vs. purchasing) eg bread. Growing our own fruits and vegetables, preserving jams etc

- b. I've reduced the amount of air travel particularly international flights that would have been available to me previously
- c. My family has increased our use of public, active and micro-mobility transport
- d. We purchased an EV earlier this year
- e. Consciously consuming items with lower carbon footprint where possible
- f. Minimising waste, repairing where possible, replacing only when necessary
- g. I've been actively planting native trees with a number of organisations in the greater Chch area and promoting the activity throughout my networks
- h. I've endorsed a number of initiatives that improve access to public transport as a community board member
- i. I've endorsed initiatives that decrease congestion within my board area (however it failed to get majority support)
- j. Behavioural change regarding household activities that will be beneficial for environmental health eg. stormwater runoff
- k. Upgraded insulation, heating and lighting to improve energy efficiency, reduce electricity usage
- l. Switched to rechargeable batteries in electrical items where possible, switched Electrical retailers with better green credentials.

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the vote of the previous council, which I support, remains a binding decision unless rescinded. I will be happy to discuss changes with the next council on a number of important issues. Climate change mitigation and adaptation is an important issue.

1. 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?

Elected members are statutorily bound by a number of pieces of legislation including the Local Government Act, as well as the member's code of conduct. I will support a full review of the democratic institution and its representation with the goal that it will align itself with the community it represents.

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

The 2019 ECan council will be fully democratically elected, it would be contrary to the values of democracy if all voices of the community aren't heard. This will also mean contrasting views will be heard.

## **Druicilla Denise - ECAN Christchurch West - Opuna**

I have just spent the last 8 years going to endless meetings to educate myself out side of

Work and to lobby for community projects for the rebuild , water.

I have just set up TOA Sciene Research ltd - zero carbin & biosecurity archive

Still at planning stage, colect old maps and books

Spoken 3 times envireoment court , traffic management,health&saftey

Written a number of submissions on annuals plans 5 councils last 8 years.

Read reports. Plus reports on policy and civil defence.

The biggest issue for Canterbury flooding and a ageing population

Which is climate change but will neet to read paperwork to determine policy

I would like to see more public engagement

I went to a meeting for mayors on civil defence as a lay person but was not aloud

To speak.this is our city and in my job I am resposible for the health and safty of

Workers and public plus I have family.

Things need to change

1 set up a archive

2 monitor forestry

3 monitor water

## **Rod Cullinane ECan - Christchurch West - Opuna**

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

I actively take steps to address the impacts of climate change. For example I strive to reduce waste in such areas as food and energy and I only buy appliances with low energy consumption ratings. By choice I fly far less than I used to do and believe that many long distance meetings can be conducted through electronic means such as Skype. As a Councillor I make a concerted effort to talk to others (particularly decision makers) about the need to address climate change.

2. Will you, if elected to the ECan Council, vote to reaffirm the Climate Emergency Declaration and to amend it to 'Climate and Ecological Emergency Declaration'?

Yes as this is in line with my previous vote as an ECan Councillor to declare a climate emergency

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?

The overarching priority is human health. Climate change is inextricably linked. I will continue to support policies and actions that ensure these two priorities continue to be addressed.

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

By being open minded and accepting of submissions and advice across the spectrum. It is essential that all voices are heard and considered before formulating policies and actions.

4 look in electric rail

5 develop a strategic plan of action not instigated by government

6 develop a workable budget and plan of action

Set up a support network

7 develop an education plan of action.