

ECAN - North Canterbury

Gregory Byrnes - ECAN - North Canterbury

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

Where possible I use active and public transport, have established a small native biota node in my backyard aimed at sequestering carbon, supporting birds, invertebrates and our local bee hives, have an edible garden where the excess produce is shared. I reduce, recycle and reuse, have a clean heat home, have removed dairy from my diet and limited

meat to occasionally and have for many decades, and will continue to, be active in protest against social injustice and environmental exploitation. I have also made my personal life my work life. As GM for Te Kohaka o Tuhaitara Trust I have, along with the coastal restoration and resilience work, carbon sequestering and wetland enhancement the Trust is doing, developed a matauranga Maori/Science environmental education program aimed

at advocating for nature.

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

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. I will be science driven in my decision making

4. How will you ensure that all voices are heard equally in matters relating to the climate emergency? My core belief is that everyone has a voice, however sad, my view is that not all voices should be heard equally when it comes to climate emergency as there are interest groups or deniers who are resistant to rapid change. Actually deliberately stalling. An example is the behaviour of fed farmers in the Mackenzie over the past decade where they used the consents to stall rule change allowing intensification of over half of the basin for primarily dairying. The proposed rule change 7 also looks to stall change with disingenuous timeframes for nitrate reduction. Gregb

GRANT EDGE - ECAN - North Canterbury

1. Changes I have made:

Work from home

Work and shop locally

Grow own vegetables

Recycle waste and compost green waste Drive a small car

2. Climate Emergency Declaration

If a response to a motion to that effect is required, then yes, I will vote to reaffirm the Climate Emergency Declaration, however I don't believe that it's necessary to amend the title. Protection and enhancement of Biodiversity is already a significant issue for Environment Canterbury. The effects of climate change on ecosystems are inherently incorporated into the thinking and actions embodied in the declaration and other Ecan regulations.

3 Priority

I am willing to ensure that Environment Canterbury provides strong leadership, especially regarding climate, ecological and water quality issues, through its work programmes and decisions and that it provides the regional coordination required to meet future challenges for the environment and communities.

3. Equal Voices

I am sure that where important policy decisions are to be made that public engagement is always required. The declaration aims to ensure a collaborative approach regionally, and in some cases special stakeholder groups could be set up to hear views from informed groups. In terms of financial matters, the public are able to comment on Annual and Long-Term plans. I think that future extraordinary investment will be required to address climate related issues.

Voting for me means having a strong advocate around the Ecan table for action on climate change issues.

Thanks Grant Edge

Gary Jackson ECAN - North Canterbury

Q1

I have:

- expanded my reading and personal information gathering. My last book bought and read is "The Inhabitable Earth" by David Wallace -Wells
- in my role as a founding trustee of the think tank group the Committee for Canterbury, I have been part of the forums and initiatives CfC have taken in the areas of carbon zero and biodiversity enhancement.
- within my personal lifestyle and circumstances, continue to be environmentally aware and responsible

Q2

I accept the position already taken by Ecan regarding the climate declaration. With regard to any future declaration my vote will take into account the motion at that time, and the associated discussion and considerations. I am not saying that I would not vote for the amended declaration that you are proposing, but I am not willing to commit ahead of such a motion and discussion.....such a commitment would represent a breach of good governance and the responsibilities of an elected representative.

Q3

My overarching priority and touchstone as an Ecan candidate is the future prosperity of Canterbury, collectively and individually, and across all environmental, social, cultural and economic dimensions (and their interactions). Within this pursuit, I agree that the increasingly adverse climate and ecological considerations are critical and urgent.

Q4

Your question is perhaps the most challenging of the four; I believe the objective of ensuring all voices are heard is a shared responsibility, far beyond just Ecan candidates. If elected, I will incorporate participation, consultation, balanced approach, tolerance of dissenting views, respect, patience, effective elected representation and more to try and ensure all climate and community voices are heard.

Garry Jackson

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