

Lower Hutt Constituency NOMINATION PAPER

Wellington Regional Council

Nominations must be in the hands of the Electoral Officer by 12 noon, Friday 12 August 2016.



greater WELLINGTON

REGIONAL COUNCIL

Te Pane Matua Taiao

A: CANDIDATE to fill out after reading important information on reverse

I,

hereby consent to the nomination and certify that I am qualified to be a candidate under section 25 of the Local Electoral Act 2001 and that I am not disqualified under section 58 of the Local Electoral Act 2001. In particular, I am a New Zealand citizen and a parliamentary elector (see notes on the reverse of this form).

Address:

Home phone:

Mobile phone:

Work phone:

Fax:

Email:

I submit with this nomination
(please tick appropriate circles):

Deposit/Evidence of Deposit (\$200):

Photo:

Profile Statement:

I understand that, in not providing a profile or photo, the words "Profile/Photo not supplied" will appear below my name in the Profile Booklet that will be sent out with the Voting Paper. **All nomination documents must be submitted at the same time.**

My principal place of residence
(please tick ONE circle):

is **WITHIN** the Lower Hutt Constituency:

is **NOT WITHIN** the Lower Hutt Constituency:

I am also standing for the following elections:

I wish my name to be shown on the voting document as:

In the public notice and on the voting document, I wish my affiliation (or other designation) to be shown as:

(If left blank no affiliation or designation, including "Independent", will be shown on the voting document.)

Signature of
Candidate:

Date:

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B: NOMINATORS to fill out

We, the undersigned electors of the **Lower Hutt Constituency** hereby nominate (full name please):

with his/her consent, as a candidate for the **Lower Hutt Constituency** of the Wellington Regional Council, the election for which is to be held on Saturday 8 October 2016.

Full name of
First Nominator:

Address:

Home phone:

Mobile phone:

Signature of
First Nominator:

Date:

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Full name of
Second Nominator:

Address:

Home phone:

Mobile phone:

Signature of
Second Nominator:

Date:

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Note: Section 55(5) of the Local Electoral Act 2001 requires that this nomination form be available for public inspection at Wellington Regional Council's office located at Shed 39, 2 Fryatt Quay, Pipitea, Wellington. Please note that candidate contact details provided on this form are placed on the Wellington Regional Council website. Please advise at the time of lodging your nomination if there are contact details that you would not like to be published.

NOTES

- 1 Candidates for the Lower Hutt Constituency of the Wellington Regional Council do not need to live within the Lower Hutt Constituency, but must be a New Zealand citizen and enrolled as a parliamentary elector.
- 2 Both Nominators must be enrolled as electors in the Lower Hutt Constituency.
- 3 No person can be elected to a local authority if he/she is concerned or interested in contracts over \$25,000 (inclusive of GST) with that local authority. This restriction is waived if prior approval from the Office of the Auditor-General is obtained.
- 4 A candidate may stand for either the regional council or city/district council/community board in the regional council's district but not both [section 58 LEA].
- 5 A candidate may not stand for more than one constituency of the same local authority [section 57A LEA].
- 6 A candidate **cannot** nominate themselves for office.
- 7 A candidate may, under section 56 of the LEA, state a name under which they are commonly known, to be published on the voting documents, provided that the name will not: cause offence to a reasonable person; be unreasonably long; include or resemble an official rank or title; cause confusion or mislead electors.
- 8 Where no affiliation is claimed, or an affiliation is disallowed by the Electoral Officer under section 57 of the LEA, nothing will be shown in the public notice or the voting paper against the candidate's name. A candidate with no affiliation may request that 'Independent' be shown.
- 9 Under section 121 of the LEA, any person is liable to a fine of up to \$2,000 who:
 - (a) Knowing themselves to be ineligible for election, consents to being nominated for election; or
 - (b) Nominates any person as a candidate whom he/she knows to be ineligible for election; or
 - (c) Not being the candidate signs any nomination paper knowing that they are not qualified to vote at the election.
- 10 A candidate may, in accordance with section 61 of the LEA and clauses 26 to 29 of the LER, provide a candidate profile statement and/or a recent photograph for dispatch to electors with the voting documents. For further information about candidate profile statements please refer to the Candidate Profile section of the Candidate Handbook for this election.
- 11 Each nomination must be accompanied by the required deposit of **\$200.00** (inclusive of GST) or proof of deposit.
- 12 Evidence of NZ citizenship may be requested at time of candidate nomination. Acceptable evidence includes NZ Passport, NZ Birth Certificate, NZ Citizenship documentation.
- 13 Nominations of candidates must be in the hands of the **Electoral Officer, Wellington Regional Council, Shed 39, 2 Fryatt Quay, Pipitea, Wellington, not later than: 12 noon on 12 August 2016.**

LEA = Local Electoral Act 2001; LER = Local Electoral Regulations 2001

C: ELECTORAL OFFICER to fill out

Received at:		on the:		day of:		20		
Candidate Roll Number:								
First Nominator Roll Number:				Second Nominator Roll Number:				
Nomination documents provided:	Nomination paper:	<input type="radio"/>	Deposit/proof of deposit:	<input type="radio"/>	Place of residence:	<input type="radio"/>		
	Photo:	<input type="radio"/>	Profile Statement:	<input type="radio"/>	Standing for other elections:	Yes / No		
Signature of Electoral Officer/ Deputy Electoral Officer:						Date:	D D M M Y Y	

CANDIDATE section completed and signed

FIRST NOMINATOR section completed and signed

SECOND NOMINATOR section completed and signed

NOMINATION FORM COMPLETED ✓

Nominations must be in the hands of the Electoral Officer by 12 noon, Friday 12 August 2016.

All nomination documents must be submitted at the same time.

Return by:

Post to: The Electoral Officer, Wellington Regional Council, PO Box 11646, Wellington 6142, New Zealand

Deliver to: The Electoral Officer, Wellington Regional Council, Shed 39, 2 Fryatt Quay, Pipitea, Wellington

Scan and email to: elections@gw.govt.nz

Deposits may be made directly into our bank account:

Account name: Wellington Regional Council **Bank:** ANZ

Account number: 06 0582 0104781 00

If using Online Banking, the following deposit information MUST be included:

Particulars: (name of candidate)

Code: Nom Dep

Reference: 22460

You may also make payment by cash or EFTPOS directly at the Council office.

Completing the Nomination Paper

1. Nominators

- 1.1 A nominator may be a residential or ratepayer elector.
- 1.2 Each nominator must be enrolled in the constituency for which the candidate is standing.
- 1.3 Nominators must provide their full name and address on the nomination document. The name and address details should match the details shown on the Electoral Roll.
- 1.4 Under section 121 of the Local Electoral Act 2001, a nominator who:
- Nominates any person as a candidate whom he/she knows to be ineligible for election, or
 - Signs a nomination paper purporting to nominate another person as a candidate when knowing that they are not qualified to vote at the election of the person they have nominated.
- is liable to a fine of up to \$2,000.

2. Candidates

- 2.1 A candidate must be a parliamentary elector and a New Zealand citizen to be eligible to stand for election.
- 2.2 **Candidate restrictions**
No person may, at the same time, be a candidate for election to both:
- The Wellington Regional Council, and
 - A constituent authority of the Wellington Region (either as the Mayor and/or councillor or community board member). A constituent authority in relation to the Wellington Region means a territorial authority that has jurisdiction over a constituent district or a community board for a community that is wholly or partly within the Wellington Region.
- Candidates cannot stand for election for more than one constituency in the Wellington Region. No person can be elected to local authority if he/she is concerned or interested in contracts over \$25,000 (inclusive of GST) in any financial year with that local authority.¹ This restriction is waived if prior approval from the Office of the Auditor-General is obtained.
- 2.3 **Candidate name on nomination document**
Candidates must provide their full name and address on the nomination document. The name and address details should match the details shown on the Electoral Roll.
- 2.4 **Can I have a different name shown on the voting document?**
If you are commonly known by a different name (for example, Edward Smith is commonly known as Ted Smith) and have been known by that name for the last six months (to the satisfaction of the Electoral Officer), the commonly known name may appear on the voting document provided certain requirements are met.
A candidate who wishes to use their commonly known name on the voting document will be required to provide both their full name and the name they are commonly known by on their completed nomination form.
- 2.5 **Affiliation**
You are able to record an affiliation. Your affiliation will be shown on the voting papers sent to electors and in the public notice advertising candidates standing for election. An affiliation is "an endorsement by any organisation or group (whether incorporated or unincorporated)". If you are not part of a political party or group, you may wish to record your affiliation as "Independent", or leave it blank. If you leave it blank, nothing will show alongside your name on the public notice and voting document.

¹ Further information relating to contracts can be accessed at www.oag.govt.nz/2010/lamia

2.6 Proof of affiliation

Any candidate who wishes to have a party or group affiliation recorded on the voting document must provide a letter of authorisation from the party or group concerned. This should either be on the party or group's letterhead and signed by a representative of the party or group, or a letter signed by not less than three members of your party or group endorsing your affiliation.

2.7 Principal place of residence

You need to tick whether or not your principal place of residence (your address on the electoral roll) is in the local government area for which you seek election (for example, either 'My principal place of residence is in the Lower Hutt Constituency' or 'My principal place of residence is not in the Lower Hutt Constituency').

2.8 What if I'm seeking election to another position?

If you are seeking election to any other positions in elections to which this Act applies (for Wellington Regional Council candidates this would include seeking election to a district health board or licensing trust, or the Hutt Mana Charitable Trust, Porirua Community Trust, Masterton Community Trust, Montfort Trimble Foundation, Masterton Trust Lands Trust or Greytown District Trust Lands Trust), you must specify each position and state that you are seeking to be elected to the positions.

2.9 Deposit

You are required to pay a deposit of \$200 (inclusive of GST) when you lodge your nomination. Please see the Candidate Handbook for payment information.

2.10 Candidate profile statement must be provided when the nomination paper and deposit are lodged

If you elect to provide a candidate profile statement (including photo) you must provide it when you submit your nomination and deposit. Please see the Candidate Handbook for information on candidate profile statements.

If you require assistance or have any questions concerning the completion of the nomination paper, please contact Margaret Meek (04 830 4192) or Francis Ryan (04 830 4248).

Candidate Profile Statements

Every candidate for election to the Wellington Regional Council may choose to submit a candidate profile statement (CPS) with their nomination paper.

A CPS is an opportunity for you to let voters know more about you and the issues you support.

Sections 61 – 62 of the Local Electoral Act 2001 and regulations 26 – 29 of the Local Electoral Regulations 2001 set out the requirements relating to CPSs. These requirements are summarised below.

Candidate profile statement conditions

Must submit CPS to Electoral Officer together with Nomination Paper and Deposit

Your CPS must be submitted to the Electoral Officer together with the Nomination Paper and Deposit.

Content of information in CPS

Your CPS must be confined to information:

- Concerning you (this includes any group or organisation to which you have claimed affiliation in the nomination paper or status as an “Independent” and your contact details)
- Concerning your policies and intentions if elected.

Number of words in CPS is limited

- If in English, must not exceed 150 words (see Appendix 2 of the Candidate Handbook for a description of how words will be counted)
- If in Māori, must not exceed 150 words
- If in Māori and English, must not exceed 150 words in each of the languages used in the candidate profile statement i.e. a total of 300 words. The information contained in both languages must be substantially consistent with each other
- If in any other language or combination of languages, must not exceed 150 words or their equivalent if symbols are used rather than words including any translation of those words. Please see the Candidate Handbook for translation image requirements.

Where your profile statement is in a language other than English or Māori, then you must provide a translation of the statement into English or Māori for verification of content. The translation will not be published with the candidate profile statement. Refer to the Candidate Handbook for information on the required format and the contact details of a translator.

Format of CPS

Candidate profiles will be printed with minimal formatting. Paragraphs will be permitted but there will be no line space between paragraphs. This is to ensure each candidate's profile statement is accorded approximately the same amount of space in the candidate booklet. There must be no: bolding; bullet points; line spaces between paragraphs; italics; underlining or pictures. Any bullet points used will be changed into lists, with each item separated by a semi-colon.

An electronic copy of your candidate profile statement in MS Word format is preferred.

CPS may include a recent photograph

A candidate profile statement may include a photograph of you alone which:

- Must be approximately 50mm by 40mm (passport size)
- Is recent (as a general guide, has been taken within 12 months of the date of your nomination)
- Can be supplied electronically as a JPEG scanned at 600 dpi.

Please note that photographs will be printed in colour in the profile booklet.

Duties, powers and responsibilities of electoral officers in respect of candidate profile statements

1. Where the Electoral Officer is not satisfied that your CPS complies with section 61(2) or (3) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, he or she must return the statement to you and specify:
 - The concerns and reasons for them
 - As long as the CPS was received before the close of nominations, the period within which an amended CPS may be resubmitted. This cannot be less than 3 days from the date the CPS is returned.
2. You will be treated as having failed to provide a CPS if you:
 - Fail to submit an amended CPS within the period specified by the Electoral Officer
 - Submit an amended CPS, which in the Electoral Officer's opinion, still fails to comply with section 61(2) or (3) of the Local Electoral Act 2001.
3. It is important to note that the Electoral Officer:
 - Is not required to verify or investigate any information in a CPS
 - May include in or with any CPS a disclaimer concerning the accuracy of the information in the statement
 - Is not liable in respect of any statement in or omitted from a CPS, or the work of a prudently selected translator, or the exercise of the powers and functions conferred on the Electoral Officer under section 61 of the Local Electoral Act 2001.

Distribution of candidate profile statements

Section 62 of the Local Electoral Act 2001 and regulation 29 of the Local Electoral Regulations 2001 require the Electoral Officer to send with the voting documents, all CPSs that comply with section 61 of the Local Electoral Act 2001 to electors.

After the close of nominations, a local authority may display CPSs in any manner it considers to be appropriate, e.g. at its offices and on its website.

Your CPS will be published on Greater Wellington Regional Council's website after the close of nominations.

Any failure by an electoral officer to comply with section 62 of the Local Electoral Act 2001 will not invalidate the election.

Section 13 of the Candidate Handbook provides detailed information on candidate profile statements.