

## **Wellington Regional Council**

### **Further Notice of Election and Poll and Declaration of Elected Candidates**

Nominations have closed for the 2025 triennial local authority elections. Listed below are details of the confirmed candidates for Wellington Regional Council.

Where elections are required, they will be conducted by postal voting using the Single Transferable Vote electoral system. Voting will open on Tuesday 9 September 2025 and will close at 12 noon on Saturday 11 October 2025.

#### **Pōneke/Wellington General Constituency (5 Vacancies)**

FREE, Sarah	Independent
HUGHES, Glenda	Independent Former Councillor
HURDLE, Alice Claire	ACT Local: Real Change. Lower Rates.
JAMES, Tom	Labour
KAY, Tom	Independent
KELYNACK, Mark	Independent
MCFADGEN, Belinda	
PEACH, Henry	Green Party
PONTER, Daran	Labour
SAW, Yadana	Green Party
WOOLF, Simon	Independent

#### **Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai/Lower Hutt General Constituency (3 Vacancies)**

DUTHIE, Quentin	Green Party
ELDER, Nigel	ACT Local: Real Change. Lower Rates.
FARUQUE, Omar	Independent
FISHER, Mike	Independent
MURPHY, Tom	Independent
SHAND, Matt	
STEVENSON, Mike	Independent
TUPOU, Gabriel	Independent

#### **Porirua-Tawa General Constituency (2 Vacancies)**

GASKELL, Grenville	Independent
HICKS, Daniel	Independent
JOHNSTONE, Claire	Independent
RHODES, Phil	
ROPATA, Hikitia	Independent

#### **Kāpiti Coast General Constituency (1 Vacancy)**

FERGUSON, Sam	
GAYLOR, Penny	

#### **Wairarapa General Constituency (1 Vacancy)**

PLIMMER, Alistair	
STAPLES, Adrienne	Independent

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The following nominations were also received where the number of nominations did not exceed the available vacancies.

**Te Awa Kairangi ki Uta/Upper Hutt General Constituency (1 Vacancy)**

CONNELLY, Ros

As the number of nominations received did not exceed the number of vacancies, Ros CONNELLY is elected unopposed.

**Te Upoko o te ika a Māui Māori Constituency (1 Vacancy)**

MAKARINI, Shamia

As the number of nominations received did not exceed the number of vacancies, Shamia MAKARINI is elected unopposed.

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**Māori Constituency Poll**

A poll will be held in conjunction with the above elections to confirm whether Wellington Regional Council electors wish to keep or remove the Māori Constituency as part of Wellington Regional Council's representation structure. The outcome of the poll is binding and will determine whether a Māori Constituency will be retained for the Wellington Regional Council elections in 2028 and 2031. The First Past the Post (FPP) Electoral System will be used for this poll.

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**Enrolment and Special Voting Arrangements**

Residents within the areas of these elections who are not listed on the final electoral roll for these elections can enrol up to 5pm on Friday 10 October 2025 by calling 0800 36 76 56, visiting the Electoral Commission website [www.vote.nz](http://www.vote.nz), by texting your name and address to 3676 to get a form sent to you or by email request to [enquiries@elections.govt.nz](mailto:enquiries@elections.govt.nz).

Ratepayers within the areas of these elections who are not listed on the final electoral roll for these elections can obtain enrolment forms at city or district council offices they pay rates to and enrol up to the close of business for that city or district council on Friday 10 October 2025. Online applications for ratepayer elector registration can also be made at [www.electionz.com/ratepayer](http://www.electionz.com/ratepayer).

Special voting documents for the above elections will be available during normal office hours between Tuesday 9 September and Friday 10 October 2025 and from 9am to 12 noon on Saturday 11 October 2025 at the main offices of the city or district councils within the Wellington Regional Council area. Please check with your local city or district council for special voting arrangements in your area.

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