

HBRA Questions.

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Education and Qualifications – Please visit website www.sandragoudie.co.nz

Business Experience.

Dairy Farming successfully for 27 years.

Currently we have both farming and commercial business interests.

Key Achievements over the last few years. www.sandragoudie.co.nz

More recently participated actively within Council to achieve significant savings, and the utilisation of my greater knowledge and experience for better outcomes.

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General Approach to Local Community Matters.

In response to the Local Govt Act 2002.

I firmly believe in Communities leading the way with the support of Council.

Council focus must be primarily on core infrastructure in the first instance.

Initiatives outside that focus should be led by the community not thrust upon them.

Council (ratepayers) cannot and should not be required to fund anything and everything.

The 'power of general competence' in the legislation gave some councils the excuse to indulge in a largesse they could ill afford.

Relationship with Iwi.

The settlement negotiation is between the crown and Iwi.

Council have been kept informed.

While there are some good aspects of the settlement, there is cause for concern in regard to other aspects.

The confidential nature of the process is not something I support but I do comply with it.

I would continue to work honestly and openly with Iwi, respect the settlement, and do whatever I could to ensure successful outcomes for all parties.

My interaction to date has always been on that basis.

Residents and Ratepayers Needs vs Business Exploitation.

Listening to communities is essential.

Infrastructure has to be the primary focus.

We need to ensure the provision of services to our resident communities is robust, and can also handle a modicum of growth and the influx of visitors during peak periods.

Most activity will be dependent on those core services.

The capacity will to some extent dictate what can and cannot take place.

Consideration for the environment goes hand in hand with whatever we do.

Environmental Challenges and Sustainability.

Everywhere I have been, over my many years involved with people and communities throughout the district, I am constantly thrilled by the quiet stewardship people have with the land.

Property owners and the 70 plus environment groups are all making a difference.

Some of the best protection comes from people and communities without any expectation

of recognition or reward. For me, that is what epitomises conservation of our Coromandel. It is the people that make it so special.

The challenges are around core infrastructure and ensuring the efficient use of land as growth occurs in order to maintain the environment around us.

5 Key initiatives, all of which benefit Hahei and the district as a whole.

I have no 'initiatives' as such, as largely I believe these should be driven by communities. For me it is doing the homework to ensure the robustness of core services, and financial structure to support community initiatives.

- Stocktake on core infrastructure services.
- Strengthening Council support for all areas of the district to ensure there is an even allocation of resources.
- Strengthening Community Boards, and Council interaction with Community Boards.
- Improved communication on a number of levels.
Community Boards/community/absentees.
- Be there, listening, asking questions, and finding workable solutions!

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Hahei Issues

Traffic.

All of these issues would be worked through with Community input.

- 1 For Grange Road car park, I would do my homework and work through it in a timely manner, with all parties, for a final outcome. No dithering.
 - While additional car parking is essential in the peak, community priorities and funding will help to determine what is achievable.
Funding for the Lees Road car park has already been approved by Council and progress for the works has begun.
- 3 & 4 I would want to do more homework on this issue and be sure about what the majority of the community want to see happen. Generally only activities that have not entered into contracts can be changed.

Great Walks.

From the information provided and obtained through other sources it is clear that the Great Walks, while supported, is secondary to other matters needing to be resolved first.

From my perspective I would agree.

Community needs must be prioritised, and funding requirements also identified.

Representation on the governance body must be remedied to ensure there is direct community involvement.

Entrance to Hahei.

The land development the HBRPA are currently challenging is already within a process that cannot be changed, and has no provision for any further input from external parties.

Anyone has the right to apply for a resource consent for land development. What is of concern is the capacity of core infrastructure to support development. Robust water and waste water systems will protect the environment but come at a cost.

Spatial Plan.

Any work already done around community planning for Hahei should be overhauled and a robust consultative process, agreed to by the community, entered into.

If that has been an undertaking given then it should be honoured.
If I recall Hahei was the first to produce a Community Plan some years ago.

Hahei Bay protection.

Work with the Regional Council to do water quality testing to establish the state of the water quality in the bay, and identify any sources of contamination present. This would be in line with similar testing they have undertaken in other parts of the district.

From that point we can then look at how to remove or mitigate any adverse effects. Possum and gull faecal coliform has been identified as a contaminant in most sites already tested.

Where septic tanks are an issue, the Regional Council will need to address any changes necessary.