

South Wairarapa District Council

Electing the Mayor



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Fixing Our Problems, Not Hiding Them

My principal place of residence is in the South Wairarapa District Council area.

The past 3 years have been a time of coping with change. Changing how Council is resourced to provide services, changing investment in infrastructure, and changing how towns grow

sustainably.

Many people don't like change, however last election the voters said it was essential.

Rates have gone up - it became clear to Council that for 10 years rates had not kept pace with inflation and demands on services. We are now at a place where we can do what is needed, and can avoid large increases in the future.

I have looked back at the past triennium, and am happy with the decisions Councillors have made, difficult as they were. The next triennium will allow us to focus on climate change, ensuring we are dealing with rubbish and waste properly, exploring amalgamation possibilities, and cementing the changes that have been implemented. Continuity and experience is crucial.