

Ross Boswell

for

ECan

Why I'm Standing

Our environment is under threat from many avenues: nitrification of rivers and aquifers, pollution of waterways, invasion and destruction of native plants and animals by exotics, and overarching it all, the effects of climate change from greenhouse gas emissions.

My Priorities

Public transport, especially zero-emission public transport, is a major contributor to urban wellbeing and to the reduction of air pollution and CO₂ emissions. In an ideal world it would be *Fast, Frequent and Free*.

Water quality is a significant problem for Canterbury. Nitrification of rivers and aquifers is a hazard to health and to aquatic organisms. The effects of excess nitrogen leaching into groundwater can take decades or centuries to become apparent. Close monitoring and effective policies to reverse nitrification must be sustained.

Management of pests, including predators and invasive plants such as wilding pines, to restore and enhance our natural environment is an important and ongoing task.

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My Profile



Since returning to Christchurch five years ago, I have enjoyed tramping and skiing in Canterbury and rekindled a deep appreciation of our natural environment. I am a committed advocate for, and user of, public transport.

After schooling in Hamilton and university in Auckland, I moved to Christchurch 50 years ago to work as a junior doctor in Christchurch Hospital. I completed specialist training and a research degree, spent five years in the UK in molecular biology research and

university teaching, and was appointed as Professor of Pathology in the Christchurch School of Medicine. In 1996 I moved to Auckland and worked as Clinical Director at Middlemore Hospital until retirement.

I have experience in governance as member and chairman of school boards of trustees at Kirkwood Intermediate and Christchurch Boys' High, as councillor of medical colleges, and as board member and chairman of the NZ Medical Association.

When living in Auckland my major weekend recreation was tending with my family our block of regenerating kauri and totara forest near Mangawhai. Now that I have time and opportunity, I would like to follow that passion for the environment on a wider scale by contributing to its stewardship by ECan, the regional environmental body.

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