

CANDIDATE

profile statement

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The notes and additional information overleaf should be read before completing this form

SECTION A: Candidate information

The information provided in Section A (as follows) is mandatory (except for party affiliation), and does not count toward the 150 word limit specified for the candidate profile statement.

Name of candidate: _____

Party affiliation (if any): _____

Specify any other positions the candidate is seeking election to:

Attach a passport size photograph of yourself taken within 12 months of the date of nomination or supply as a .png or .jpg file scanned at 472 x 709 pixels.

I live within the constituency for which I seek election YES / NO (clearly mark)

SECTION B: Candidate profile statement

The information provided in this section of the form must not exceed 150 words. Candidates are encouraged to email their candidate profile statement to elections@waikatoregion.govt.nz in an MS word document that has been word counted and spell checked.

Candidate profile statements (CPS)

Right to submit a candidate profile statement

- Every candidate standing for election to a city, district or regional council, or a community board, district health board or licensing trust, may submit a CPS with their nomination paper (Section 61 Local Electoral Act 2001). This is a permissive right – it is not mandatory to submit a CPS.

This is an excellent opportunity for you as a candidate to tell the people of the constituency in which you are standing about yourself and the issues that you consider are important. Your profile statement must be true and accurate and should include:

- information on your background
- any other information you wish to convey to voters, such as policies and intentions, if elected to office.

To enable voters to be better informed about the candidates standing in their constituency, the profile statement of each candidate is printed in the *Candidate Profiles* booklet that is sent to all voters with their voting papers. The profile statements will be in alphabetical order by surname in the *Candidate Profiles* booklet.

Please read the requirements for candidate profile statements in the standing for council section of our *Make your stand | Tū mai* handbook.

Candidate profile statement conditions

- Under section 61(2)(a) and (3) of the Local Electoral Act 2001 and regulation 27 of the Local Electoral Regulations 2001, a CPS:
 - If in Māori and/or English, must not exceed 150 words in each of the languages used in the CPS. The information contained in each language must be substantially consistent with the information contained in the other language.
 - In any other language or combination of languages, must not exceed 150 words or their equivalent if symbols are used rather than words. Where a CPS is in a language other than English or Māori, then the candidate must provide a translation of the CPS in English or Māori for verification of content. This translation is not published with the CPS.
 - Must state whether or not the candidate's principal place of residence (i.e. where the candidate is registered as a parliamentary elector) is in the local government area for which the candidate seeks election (not included within the 150 word limit).
- The content of a CPS under Section 61(2)(c), (ca) and (cb) must be confined to information:
 - Concerning the candidate (including any affiliation made in the nomination paper or status as an independent and the candidate's contact details).
 - On the candidate's policies and intentions if elected.
 - Must state if the candidate is seeking election to any other positions e.g. DHB.
- A CPS **cannot** be used to comment on the policies, performance, etc, of any other candidate.
- A CPS may include a recent photograph of the candidate alone which:
 - must be approximately 50mm by 40mm (passport size); and
 - been taken within 12 months of the candidate's date of nomination (Section 61(2)(e) and Regulation 28).
- Every CPS must be submitted to the electoral officer, together with the candidate's nomination form and deposit, by 12pm on 16 August 2019 (Section 61(2)(b)).

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

- Where an electoral officer is not satisfied that a CPS complies with Section 61(2) and (3), he/she must return the CPS to the candidate specifying:
 - the concerns and reasons for them
 - the period, which must be not less than 3 days from the date of the CPS's return, within which an amended CPS may be resubmitted (Section 61(4)).
- A candidate will be treated as having failed to provide a CPS if under Section 61(4) he or she:
 - fails to submit an amended CPS within the period specified by the electoral officer
 - submits an amended CPS, which in the electoral officer's opinion, still fails to comply with Section 61(2) and (3) (Section 61(5)).
- It is important to note that under Section 61(6), 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 CPS
 - is not liable in relation:
 - i) to any statement in or omitted from a CPS; or the work of a prudently selected translator; or
 - ii) the exercise of the powers and functions conferred on an electoral officer under section 61.

Distribution of candidate profile statements

- Section 62 and Regulation 29 requires the electoral officer to send with the voting documents all CPS that comply with Section 61 for each candidate in the election for a local government area or subdivision. In addition, a local authority may display CPS at its offices, or service centres, and on its website in any appropriate manner.
- Any failure by an electoral officer to comply with Section 62 will not invalidate the election.