

Waikato Regional Council
Waihou General Constituency
Electing 2 Regional Councillors



Hugh VERCOE

My principal place of residence is in the Waihou General Constituency area.

I am standing for re-election to Waikato Regional Council. In doing so I bring my private business ownership skills over 40 years, my farming knowledge of a sheep, beef and dairy farm, as well as a long career in local body politics.

Regional Council is a very large business whose costs impact on everyone. The annual turnover is almost \$150 million, and council employs some 500 staff with an average annual salary of \$97,000.

There are significant extra costs coming through from plan changes and implementation rules.

Healthy Rivers has cost \$25 million to date and is nowhere near finalised. A similar plan for the eastern side of the region will start shortly. Climate change will have a massive impact. The pace of change has to be managed carefully and matched with ratepayer's ability to pay.

I respectfully seek your support to continue advocating for a balanced and better region.

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