

Manawatū-Whanganui Regional Council  
(trading as Horizons Regional Council)  
Horowhenua Constituency  
Electing 2 Regional Councillors

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**Michael KAY**

My principal place of residence is in the Horowhenua Constituency area.

We have seen our communities health, environment and opportunity erode since 1980s, each wave of central government reforms crushing the region, misunderstanding the structure of rural communities, local markets and natural ecosystems.

Growth via the property market is unsustainable without local healthcare, jobs, business, transport and healthy, affordable food. I have concerns about the 'One Plan' dominated by 'overseer' - a programme modelled on USA agrochemical systems, which has benefited investors at the expense of the environment, farmers and consumers.

My passion is permaculture and regenerative agriculture, but I understand multiple agricultural systems and how the best practices within each system can be implemented by farmers. Keeping council focus on monitoring waterways, sediment and soil health while researching healthy systems food sovereignty and security.

Education. Fielding Agricultural High School, Otaki College, Manakau Primary.

Committees retired from: Levin Show, WECA, Ratepayers Assoc.