



VOTE

**IAN HAMLIN**

for the

GREATER WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL

**Invest in the future, Naturally**

I have been a fulltime artist for 30 years and have always had a keen interest in environmental issues. With my wife Kate, I own a QEII covenanted block which we are replanting in native bush, olives and lavender. For the past four years I have been active in resource management issues both in Wellington and Marlborough, where I established the Kenepuru Conservation Society to enable development while protecting the landscape and ecology. I have worked on a voluntary basis as a community advocate with both City and Regional councils for the past five years.

I am active in the Wellington community as a councillor of the NZ Academy of Fine Arts, a volunteer at the

- ✓ **SUSTAINABILITY:** PROMOTING ENVIRONMENTAL & ECONOMIC WELLBEING
- ✓ **WALKING THE TALK:** GETTING INVOLVED & INDIVIDUAL EMPOWERMENT
- ✓ **COMMUNICATION:** INFORMATION SHARING & CONSULTATION
- ✓ **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:** WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP
- ✓ **INNOVATION:** FINDING CREATIVE SOLUTIONS
- ✓ **LONG TERM THINKING:** INVESTING IN A MORE NATURAL FUTURE

Environmental concerns are the key issues facing us in the new millennium and my focus will be on finding new paths to both environmental and economic wellbeing, to quote Einstein:

*"We can't solve the problems of today with the thinking that created them."*

Karori Sanctuary and a founder of the Friends of Buckley Road Reserve on Wellington's South Coast.

Environmental consciousness is at an all time high and the challenge for us today is to turn our attention to creating the environment we collectively want for tomorrow, one that will support and nourish us and future generations for the long-term. How does each fragment of bush, each family home or business contribute, and how can economic development and environmental enhancement be the same thing?

A healthy environment is the platform for all life and activity within the Wellington region, and the GWRC is charged with the management of the key elements of that environment. It is an imperative for the Council, in partnership with an engaged community, to provide the conditions upon which to build a healthy future.

"I am passionate about Wellington and committed to finding a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities that face the region, through collaboration with all people, from whanau to policy makers, and at all levels of ecosystem management." From my practical experience of working with community

groups on numerous environmental projects I have felt a groundswell of enthusiasm and energy for this partnership.

The Greater Wellington Regional Council has put in place some innovative programs and initiatives since the original Regional Policy Statement was released in 1995, including the "Be the Difference", "The Sustainable Business Awards" and "Take Care" campaigns and it is my intention to help grow this work into community action for the benefit of all. To work towards making the Greater Wellington Regional Council a leader and innovator in sustainable living.

The way in which we choose to use our energy is important – I will focus my energy on processes that create and include.

I am an independent candidate and I believe that a better environment benefits everybody.

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