

Far North District Council
Kaikohe-Hokianga General Ward
Electing 1 Councillor



Vanessa EDMONDS

My principal place of residence is in the Kaikohe-Hokianga General Ward area.

I made my home in the Far North 15 years ago, and have quietly volunteered here since then.

I was dismayed during COVID to see how much we relied on others. Our communities could have been more resilient. That is what I will work for.

Our people should have the opportunity to provide our own services. Building roads, mowing fields, running ferries. The council collects about \$100m in rates. Imagine if that was all spent in the Far North!

Our communities also know what is best for themselves, and can probably do a better and cheaper job at most things. Look at the good work our hospital does!

I'd like to see council assets used to increase resilience. Like the training campus at Rawene is being used again now.