

Far North District Council  
Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board  
(Kerikeri Subdivision)  
Electing 2 Members

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**Frank OWEN**

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board (Kerikeri Subdivision) area. I am also standing for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa General Ward.

I am standing for the Kerikeri subdivision of the Bay of Islands Whangaroa Community Board of which I am currently the Deputy Chair. My background and experience is set out in my profile as a candidate for the Far North District Council. This is included earlier in this booklet. I believe Community Boards should have more responsibility and delegated authority for Council activities in their area. This would result in decision making at a local level where there is better community engagement than at Council level. I have made a submission to the Government's Local Government Reform working party advocating this change. I will continue my crusade for more community involvement in Council decision making. Council can, and should, therefore make far better use of Community Boards which are close to, and hear the frustrations of their residents on a daily basis.