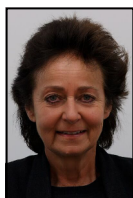


# Bay of Plenty Regional Council Tauranga General Constituency Electing 5 Regional Councillors

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## **Paula THOMPSON**

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

BA LLB, Dip Bus Admin (MGT), RMA  
Commissioner.

Current Councillor, Chair Strategy and Policy  
Committee, Director Quayside 8 years. CEO

Tauranga Council (95-2002). Nearly 30 years' experience in Local Government.

Council's primary responsibility is to ensure the sustainable management of the Region's natural and physical resources; its air, freshwater, soil, geothermal and coastal marine areas. The Council has to develop new regulation to provide for the improvement in quality and allocation of freshwater by mid-2024.

Local Government is facing unprecedented reform including 3 Waters, RMA, Climate Change and Future for Local Government. Next term will be disruptive and challenging. Amongst the challenges for Tauranga will be developing new freshwater regulation, improving Mount Air Quality, reducing CO2 emissions, providing better transport choices and ensuring Tauranga's growth is sustainable. Communities need to be enabled to engage and participate in their place and volunteers and community initiatives must be supported. Experience matters.