

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



Phil ROSS

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

I am a marine biologist at the University of Waikato and moved to Tauranga in 2012 to lead the science team studying the impacts of the Rena shipwreck on Astrolabe Reef. In this role,

I've seen the worst of what poor decision-making can do for the environment, as well as the amazing ability of nature to recover when supported by sound management processes.

As a scientist, father of primary and intermediate aged boys, surfer, kayaker, fisher, spearfisher and mountain biker, I know that economic development must not be at the expense of supporting the environment and providing opportunities for people of all ages to experience the great outdoors.

If elected, I will focus on the management of our oceans, working with our communities, to protect marine biodiversity in a way that supports recreational, customary and commercial fishing interests. I will also be advocating for more mountain bike and e-bike trails.