

# IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE

## VOTE ROSS MEURANT FOR MAYOR

If there is one issue which keeps coming to the fore, as I make my way through the labyrinth of campaigning for the Mayoralty, it is the Eastland Community Trust and its commercial arm, Eastland Group Limited.

Overwhelmingly, feedback I receive delivers a strong message.

From failed geothermal investment proposals in Hawaii, to investing capital made available by Tairawhiti assets, into Bay of Plenty geothermal projects; the clear message I get from residents of Gisborne and the Coast is: "We are not happy. We want greater oversight of EGL by ECT and accountability for how our asset wealth is used.

"We want dividends from the Trust which holds out assets, to be invested in local projects. Sewerage. Water. Refuse. Main Trunk electricity back-up.

I give an unequivocal undertaking, that if I am elected as Mayor, I will instigate a review of the relationship between Eastland Community Trust and the Eastland Group Limited.

**I repeat: I have accepted no political donations. I am beholden to no individual; no lobby or interest group. I am independent and with that strength and my extensive political and commercial experience, I will search for the best outcomes for the greatest number of residents.**

My core focus however, remains to Get Gisborne Moving and upgrade infrastructure to cope with the increase in commercial activity that inevitably flows from better access and competitive transportation.

Look around the city. It needs private sector rejuvenation. With dark clouds on the international economic horizon, my goal as mayor will be to improve the pathway to the future, for the next generation.

A second air carrier into Gisborne brings more visitors which creates more jobs, and opportunities for enterprising young people, to start their own businesses.



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