

I BIN THINKIN.

IF I WAS TO RUN 4 MAYOR of GISBORNE — TAIRAWHITI.

WHO AM I?

As managing director and trustee of absentee Russian-owned forestry and commercial property in the Gisborne district for the past 10 years, Ross has participated in many aspects of commercial activity on the East Coast, injecting near \$5 million into local contractors.

With nine years experience as an MP, including Under Secretary Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry and select committee chair for Fisheries, he has sound understanding of major Tairawhiti industries.

A former police inspector, Ross also has private business interests delivering sustainable fisheries policy and aquaculture technology in the Middle East. He is the Honorary Consul for Morocco.

He has a Master's degree in Economics, Law, Statistics and Policy. Ross will re-locate from Auckland to Gisborne, if elected.

With no hidden agenda, Ross will provide a new vision to improve rail, road and air infrastructure and enhance the commercial environment, including job creation and small business opportunities.

Ross is a direct descendant of Chief Te Tuhi-o-te-rangi of Ngati Mahuta and thereby of King Te Wherowhero of Tainui.

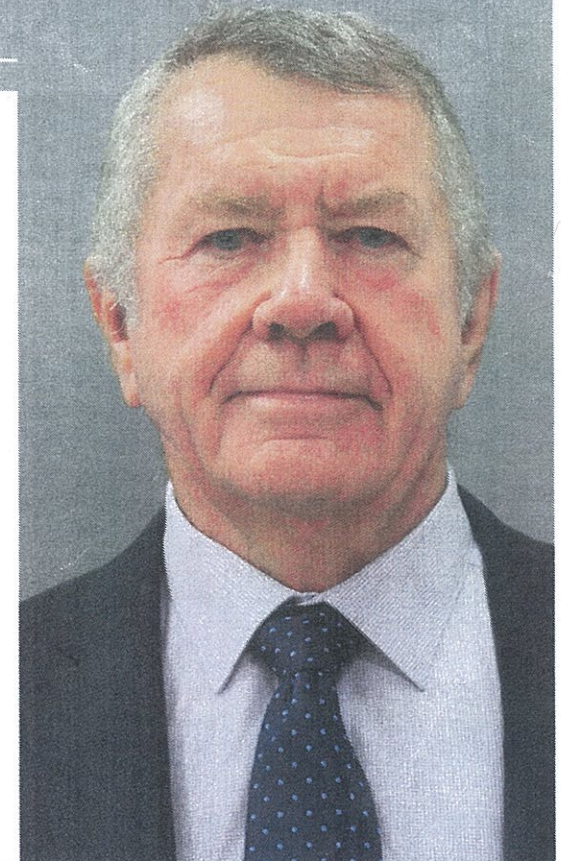
WHAT I BIN THINKIN

- Gisborne is a tourist and conference centre, paradise denied, by a monopolistic air travel provider and road access increasingly burdened by logging traffic that is with us indefinitely, and is only going to increase.
- With a vision for the future, the cost of rail remedies to Hawke's Bay and Gisborne ports, pales in comparison to roading maintenance and upgrades.

- There is no cost comparison when it comes to road safety and life.
- The absence of a container facility port in Gisborne compromises the economic returns of the horticulture industry. Extension of this port is a priority.
- Rail access to Gisborne & Hawkes Bay ports enhances road safety, improves access for tourism, benefits horticulture exporters and domestic providers, and ameliorates the adverse environmental effects of trucking.

SOLUTIONS

To address these obstacles to future economic and commercial expansion of Tairawhiti industries, my goal would be to reintroduce a second air transport provider, reinstate the rail link to Hawke's Bay and Gisborne Ports and to expand Port Gisborne. Competition benefits the user!



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