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## QUESTIONS FOR LOCAL BODY CANDIDATES

### **In areas with no current race-based separation:**

1. Do you think those with Maori ancestors or tribal affiliation should have a greater say in Council decisions?
2. Do you think there should be Maori wards?
3. Would you approve of race-based appointments (with voting rights) to Council committees?
4. Do you think voter's rights should vary according to their chosen identity?

### **In areas with race-based wards:**

1. Do you think those with Maori ancestors or tribal affiliation should have a greater say in Council decisions?
2. Do you agree with there being (a) Maori ward(s)?
3. Do you think voter's rights should vary according to their chosen identity?

### **In areas with race-based appointments with voting rights on Council committees.**

1. Do you support unelected Maori being appointed (with voting rights) to Council committees?
2. Do you believe that those with Maori ancestors are unable to stand for public election like everybody else?
3. Do you think voter's rights should vary according to their chosen identity?

### **The Resource Management Act**

The RMA allows Councils to delegate powers to local iwi under "Iwi Participation Agreements". These might cover managing natural resources such as waterways and granting consents. If elected, would you vote in favour of delegating such powers to local iwi/hapu?

### **The Marine and Coastal Area Act**

Under the Marine and Coastal Area Act, Maori have lodged claims for every centimetre of NZ's coast. If elected, would you do anything about Council appointing an independent legal team to defend the public interest in our local beaches, harbours and seabed?

### **Questions for Auckland's Candidates:**

1. Do you support racial equality or race-based entitlement?
2. How do you feel about the Independent Maori Statutory Board having two seats and voting rights on every Council committee?
3. Will you support the Council's practice of giving Maori tribes, groups and businesses greater priority than other Aucklanders?
4. Would you support iwi claims over Auckland's natural resources, especially water?
5. Will you have Auckland Council defend the public interest in the current iwi claims over the region's entire coastline?