

Media Release

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Council appoints new Chief Executive

Kaipara District Council has appointed Graham Sibery as its new Chief Executive for a five-year term.

Chair of Commissioners John Robertson says that after an extensive recruitment campaign, the Council has selected Graham Sibery to lead the organisation in concert with the new Council due to be elected in the October local government elections.

Mr Sibery joins the Council from the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure of the Government of South Australia where he was Director of Operations and Deputy Rail Commissioner. Before that he spent five years with Veolia Transdev Australasia including two years as Managing Director of Veolia Transport Auckland Ltd running the Auckland passenger train network. He holds a Master of Arts in Modern History from Oxford University, and a PHD in International Studies from the University of South Carolina.

“Graham will bring extensive public infrastructure leadership and project management skills to the Kaipara community.” Mr Robertson said.

“He has run large organisations, and has leadership experience in both the public and private sectors. He understands community engagement and will enjoy the environment that Kaipara provides.”

“The Commissioners will be handing over a strong, capable and financially stable organisation to the new Chief Executive and elected Council when their tenure ends in October.”

Graham Sibery will commence as Chief Executive on 04 July, when Acting Chief Executive Dr Jill McPherson completes her term. “We much appreciate the transition role that is being played by Dr McPherson” Mr Robertson says.

“I look forward immensely to coming to Kaipara and meeting many new people across the district. It is a rich and diverse area that I always enjoyed visiting” Graham Sibery says.

“There is great potential here and I am keen to work with everyone involved to ensure that we are successful and competitive.”

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