

Raupo Drainage Committee: Triennial Election Rules

Background

The Raupo Drainage Committee is a committee of Council established under the Local Government (Northland Region) Re-organisation Order 1989.

Included in that Order is that

The Kaipara District Council shall establish and maintain a committee to be known as “The Raupo Drainage Committee” which shall comprise not less than four persons who are ratepayers in respect of the Raupo Drainage District.

Election Rules and Processes

- 1 The Chief Executive of Kaipara District Council (Council) acts as the returning Officer for the Raupo Drainage Committee (RDC) Election.
- 2 The triennial Election is scheduled to take place the first Saturday in September in each year that the Local Government Elections take place. The next will be the Saturday 03 September 2016.
- 3 All ratepayers in the Raupo Drainage District are eligible to stand as candidates.
- 4 The Raupo Drainage District is defined as attached
- 5 Council will call for Nominations by:
 - a. Advertising on the Council website from up to eight weeks before the election date;
 - b. Advertising in local media in the same timeframe; and
 - c. A direct mail out to Raupo Ratepayers.
- 6 Candidates wishing to be nominated will need to complete a nomination form and have the form seconded by another Ratepayer.
- 7 Nominated candidates include a candidate statement of no more than 125 words which will be distributed with the ballot paper.
- 8 Nominations will close four weeks before the Election date.
- 9 If there are more nominations than vacancies then a ballot will be held.
- 10 If there are less nominations than vacancies, those nominated will be deemed elected and Council reserves the right to appoint further people to the Committee.
- 11 All ratepayers within the drainage district will be sent a ballot paper after nominations close.
- 12 Ballot papers can be posted back to the returning Officer or dropped off at the Council Offices.
- 13 On the day of the Election the Drainage Hall will be open to receive ballots. Voting will close at midday on Election Day.
- 14 The ballots will be counted at the drainage hall and verified.

- 15 Once the returning Officer is satisfied the results will be issued to each candidate. The result will be posted as a provisional result on the Council website.
- 16 Candidates wishing to raise concerns or issues about the result must do so in writing to the returning Officer within seven days of the result being declared.
- 17 The result will be declared formal after seven days.
- 18 The Election is held as a First Past the Post multi – member election.
- 19 Candidates are randomly allocated onto the ballot paper.
- 20 Voters place a tick next to any candidate they wish to vote for, so long as the number of ticks is no more than the number of candidates.
- 21 In the event of a tie lots will be drawn to establish a winner.
- 22 The successful candidates will take office after the result is declared formal and will remain in office for the full triennium. Terms of office expire on the next Election Day.
- 23 Where a successful candidate resigns from office during the triennium, or is unable to serve the full term then RDC can appoint additional committee members (if they wish) for the rest of the term. No by-elections take place for RDC.