



## Jason SMITH

*My principal place of residence is in the Kaipara District Council area.*

Tena koutou nga tangata o te rohe o Kaipara.

I am a fifth generation Kaipara local, Dargaville-born and raised in Ruawai, passionate about the place, its environment, and making great futures here.

In the 1990s I developed a successful kauri eco-tourism business on the Ruawai family farm. From 2002-2005 I served as CEO of the Kaipara Development Agency, a Council-controlled organisation, then completed a Ph.D in economic development public policy. In 2012 I returned to the farm, winning two Ballance Farm Environment Awards (2016).

Now 46, I am ready and able to serve the people of Kaipara District. Kaipara is in my DNA and I am excited but concerned about the future here - excited about its productive potential but concerned to ensure we're set up for changes on our doorstep. Let's get this right and be an inspiration for all New Zealand.

Nga mihi nui kia koutou katoa, Jason Smith.