



TRUST ELECTIONS 2022

CANDIDATE SKILLS PROFILE



LIZ TE AMO

Governance training and experience on Boards.

Tēnā koutou katoa e oku Rangatira, e te whanau of Waitaha.

Ko Waitaha, ko Tūhourangi, ko Tapuika, ko Ngāti Moko ōku iwi.

For the past 4 years I have been CEO of Miro LP – a company of 30 Māori shareholders, all iwi, hapu, whanau, landowners who have come together to take back their land, lift productivity on the land, and create jobs for our own people, starting with blueberries. Today we have 50ha and 10 orchards across the North Island.

Prior to that I was Te Tumu Whakarae at the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE), responsible for leading the national Crown-Māori economic development strategy for government. Throughout an 18 year career in the public service, with New Zealand Trade and Enterprise (NZTE) and MBIE, and 14 years in the private sector, I have dedicated my career to growing New Zealand businesses internationally, with a specific focus on growing Māori exporters, leadership and economic development. During this time I lived and worked in China, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, the USA and Australia. I also worked on major events such as Shanghai World Expo, Rugby World Cup, and America's Cup.

My governance roles in the past 5 years have included Waitaha Group Holdings, Te Hono Primary Sector Leaders group, NZ Rugby Commercial Committee, Toi Oho Mai, and I am currently Chair of Blueberries NZ industry association, a trustee on Tūhourangi Marae Trust, and I sit on MPI's Horticultural Strategy Group.

Understanding of Waitaha tikanga and cultural values(in respect of leadership and governance).

My hope for Waitaha is that we are a strong and thriving iwi. What that looks like to me is that all our people know their Waitaha whakapapa, history, moteatea; that our marae, paepae, kai karanga, taiao, manaakitanga is strong. I study under Te Reo Okere to pursue this maunga teitei; That our people, especially rangatahi, are healthy, have good homes, access to education and training; And that Te Kapu o Waitaha plays its part in ensuring Waitaha iwi, whanau and marae thrive. It starts at home, on Manoeka Road, Motungāngara.

The Waitaha Treaty Settlement Claim (in relation the Trust role).

Having served as a director on Waitaha Group Holdings, I understand the Treaty Settlement Claim, the assets that came back, and the aspiration to grow those assets for the benefit of Waitaha people.

Experience in developing and directing strategy.

My career has been dedicated to bringing together Māori culture and commerce and bridging the worlds of government, Māori and business. I have the ability to walk in both worlds – Pakehā and Māori. My governance roles, business leadership, and government roles have all been about directing and implementing strategy. I bring strong business and government networks to the table.

Computer literacy

I am fully computer literate.

Financial literacy

My governance and business leadership roles require a high level of financial and commercial literacy.

Strong sense of ethics, sound judgement, and common sense (in a governance or leadership role).

The feedback I have been given throughout my career is that my strength lies in my ability to get things done, my integrity and work ethic; that I have a practical, collaborative approach, show courage and don't shy away from hard decisions; that I am strong at bringing people together around a goal, respectful, with a strong sense of fairness; and that I'm passionate about advancing Māoridom.

Feel free to add any further comments for the voters below.

My promise to my father, Tāpua Te Amo, was that I would serve my iwi with whatever skills I have. I'm married to David Caselli, we're proud to serve our iwi together. We're currently involved in rebuilding Tūhourangi marae. My life has been about serving others, and being in service to something greater than yourself. I served my country for a long time. The rest of my life is dedicated to serving our people.

I stand not only on behalf of our Tamihana, Te Amo, Hirini, Wihapi lines – but to serve all Waitaha-a-Hei whānau.