

2010 District Health Board Elections

Information for Candidates

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Foreword

The board members who govern and guide our District Health Boards (DHBs) make an important contribution to New Zealand's health care system. DHBs are large organisations providing essential public services and they need capable people from a variety of backgrounds to sit on their boards.

The Government wants to deliver better, sooner and more convenient health care to New Zealanders. We want reduced waiting times, better individual experiences for patients and their families, improved quality and performance, and a trusted and motivated workforce.

If you are keen to contribute towards better health outcomes in your community, I encourage you to think seriously about putting your name forward for this year's DHB elections. This handbook describes DHBs' functions and explains what board members do. It tells you what is involved in standing for election and sets out some key dates to keep in mind.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for thinking about standing for your DHB. DHB board membership is worthwhile and valuable experience and if you're successfully elected, I look forward to working with you soon.

Hon Tony Ryall
Minister of Health

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Disclaimer

This handbook is intended as a general guide for those people who may be considering standing for a DHB board. The information and advice it contains is correct as at the date of publication. Candidates should obtain specific professional advice on their own circumstances in relation to election matters.

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