

Northland District Health Board

Electing 7 Members



Paul BROWNLIE

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Northland District Health Board area.

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After a career in Education in Northland and overseas I returned to New Zealand in 2015 and was immediately shocked at how methamphetamine was impacting on the children I came across. This prompted a career change into the field of mental health and addictions.

I would like to see the DHB focus on several important areas. Firstly, access to primary health care; people in the Far North appear particularly disadvantaged in this regard. Secondly, the rates of immunisation are falling and we need to counter the anti-vax misinformation proliferating on social media. Addiction services need more support! There is a case to be made to devolve some mental health and addiction services to Iwi and NGOs. The amalgamation of Health Boards is a looming issue and needs to be managed in Northland's best interest.

Conflict of Interest Statement

I hereby disclose the following conflict of interest with the Northland District Health Board that may arise in the future: I have worked for Odyssey House (NGO) which may contract for services from the DHB.