

# Northland District Health Board

## Electing 7 Members

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### **Stephen TORRINGTON**

STOP Trashing Our Planet

My principal place of residence is in the Northland District Health Board area. I am also standing for Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board (North Hokianga Subdivision).

Kia ora,

I am very passionate about environmental health and how it impacts on our community.

Let's bring the NDHB into line with latest health science and start placing a greater emphasis on preventable health impacts due to environmental causes.

17% of all deaths are attributed to environmental factors in NZ, pollution and chemical exposures are linked to more than 100 different diseases.

The impact of Trauma on community health is largely being ignored while the resulting downstream increase in demand for health services is growing.

My values cannot allow me to keep watching our young people looking to escape their environment through excessive substance abuse and suicide attempts.

I am treasurer for the trauma charity HEALnz where I oversee the advocacy program, I have lived 25 years with chemical poisoning, both will help contribute much needed empathy and understanding of chronic illness at board level.

Visit [www.STOP366.wordpress.com](http://www.STOP366.wordpress.com) for more.

#### *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 sit on the board of HEALnz, A health focused trauma charity, if any future conflict of interest arises, it will be declared and dealt with on a case by case basis; I am treasurer of HEALnz, if any future conflict of interest arises, it will be declared and dealt with on a case by case basis; I run the advocacy program for HEALnz, if any future conflict of interest arises, it will be declared and dealt with on a case by case basis; I am the founder of Morewisdom.org and More Wisdom face book, which shares scientific knowledge on environmental health issues and supports chemical poisoning victims, if any future conflict of interest arises, it will be declared and dealt with on a case by case basis; I am a strong Human Rights campaigner, I often lobby government agencies, if any future conflict of interest arises, it will be declared and dealt with on a case by case basis.