

Elizabeth MCKENZIE

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Mackenzie District Council Election area. I am also standing for Opuha Ward.

MacKenzie District is the best place in the world to live. My family have lived here for the last 25 years. But our Council is failing us. Our community

events are tied up in red tape. Building consents are far too expensive. Our Council wastes money unnecessarily.

I am a 52-year-old former scientist and live with my partner Simon in Ashwick Flat. I am secretary for Fairlie Ratepayers. I am an experienced chairperson, leader and councillor. As regional councillor I successfully lobbied for semi-automatic firearm exemptions and funding for wallaby eradication. I helped get old mans beard controlled along the Opihi River.

My values are protecting democratic rights and freedoms, accountability, fairness and transparency. My priorities are affordable housing, medical and dental care, aged care, and affordable rates. I don't believe in expensive gold-plated solutions. Solid investments, strategic alliances and kiwi ingenuity will help achieve the things our district needs.