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ASK CANDIDATES ABOUT NATURE

Ask your candidates about conservation land.

New Zealand's unique biodiversity is in crisis.

Native forests, shrublands, wetlands, and species are disappearing due to pests, habitat loss, and land development.

Do you oppose allowing economic development like mining on or the sale of public conservation land?

What role should government play in supporting landowners to restore and protect biodiversity?

Will you fund conservation initiatives to protect threatened species?

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Ask your candidates about climate change.

Nature protects us from climate impacts. Wetlands, forests, dunes, and coastal ecosystems reduce flooding, erosion, and storm surge impacts. Healthy ecosystems also help reduce emissions by storing carbon.

Will you invest in nature-based solutions to climate change?

Which projects in your area will you support to reduce emissions and protect communities?

How will you ensure communities benefit from natural infrastructure?

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Ask your candidates about freshwater.

Freshwater is vital for all life. Many rivers and lakes are polluted, wetlands drained, and aquatic species at risk.

Local communities rely on clean water for drinking, recreation, and cultural practices.

What are the most urgent freshwater issues in your region?

How will you support restoration of rivers, lakes, and wetlands?

Will you back stronger protections for water quality and sustainable water use?

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Ask your candidates about marine protection.

Healthy marine ecosystems protect communities and support fisheries and recreation.

Yet pollution, overfishing, habitat loss, and invasive species threaten marine life.

What will you do to protect marine ecosystems in your region?

How will you support sustainable fisheries and reduce pollution from land-based activities?

Will you commit to creating or strengthening marine protected areas?

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