



MEDIA RELEASE

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Voting progressing for Eastern Bay Energy Trust Election

With only two days to go until voting closes for the Eastern Bay Energy Trust (Whakatane District Council/Kaingaroa Village area) election, 28.6% of voters (or 4,289 of 14,985 voters issued a voting document) have so far voted.

(This compares to a 31.3% voter response two days out from the last Trust election for the Whakatane District Council/Kaingaroa Village area in 2001, which achieved a 33.6% voter response).

Voting closes at 12 noon, this Friday 30 September 2005.

The ten candidates standing for election are:

Materoa DODD, Peter Chapman HICKS, Phillip John HOHAPATA-OKE, Malcolm LAW, Toni OWEN, Peter PATTERSON, Ida ROSE, John SCOTT, Jim TOWERSEY and Gerard VAN BEEK.

Voting documents were posted to consumers in the Eastern Bay Energy Trust (Whakatane District Council/Kaingaroa Village area) from 15 September. Any consumer who wishes to hand deliver their voting document, a ballot box is available at the Eastern Bay Energy Trust office, corner McAlister and Bracken Streets, Whakatane up until 12 noon, Friday 30 September 2005.

The Trust has a total of six trustees, including four elected and two appointed trustees. Of the four elected trustees, two are from the Whakatane District Council / Kaingaroa Village areas, one from the Kawerau District Council area and one from the Opotiki District Council area. Two trustees are elected every two years.

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