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# General Election 2014

Chances are you will have noticed a few “vote for...” billboards and signs going up around town. A sure sign the general election campaigns are well underway for Saturday 20 September 2014.

Polling booths will be open on Saturday 20 September, but anyone can vote in advance from Wednesday 3 September. If you're not going to be in your electorate or can't get to a voting place on election day, the easiest way to vote is in advance. Information about where, when and how to vote in advance is available from [www.elections.org.nz](http://www.elections.org.nz).

Information on voting in advance will also be in your EasyVote information pack, which you will receive about a week before election day. Voting in advance in your electorate is easier than casting a special vote.

Here at the Lyttelton Harbour Review we think harbour residents would like to know more about the local people standing for the Port Hills Electorate, so we have asked a number of questions for the candidates to answer. We have not edited any answers, and answers from candidates will appear as they have answered the question. We have restricted each answer to 150 words.

## Representing the Political Parties for Port Hills Electorate:



**Chris Brosnan**



**Eugenie Sage**



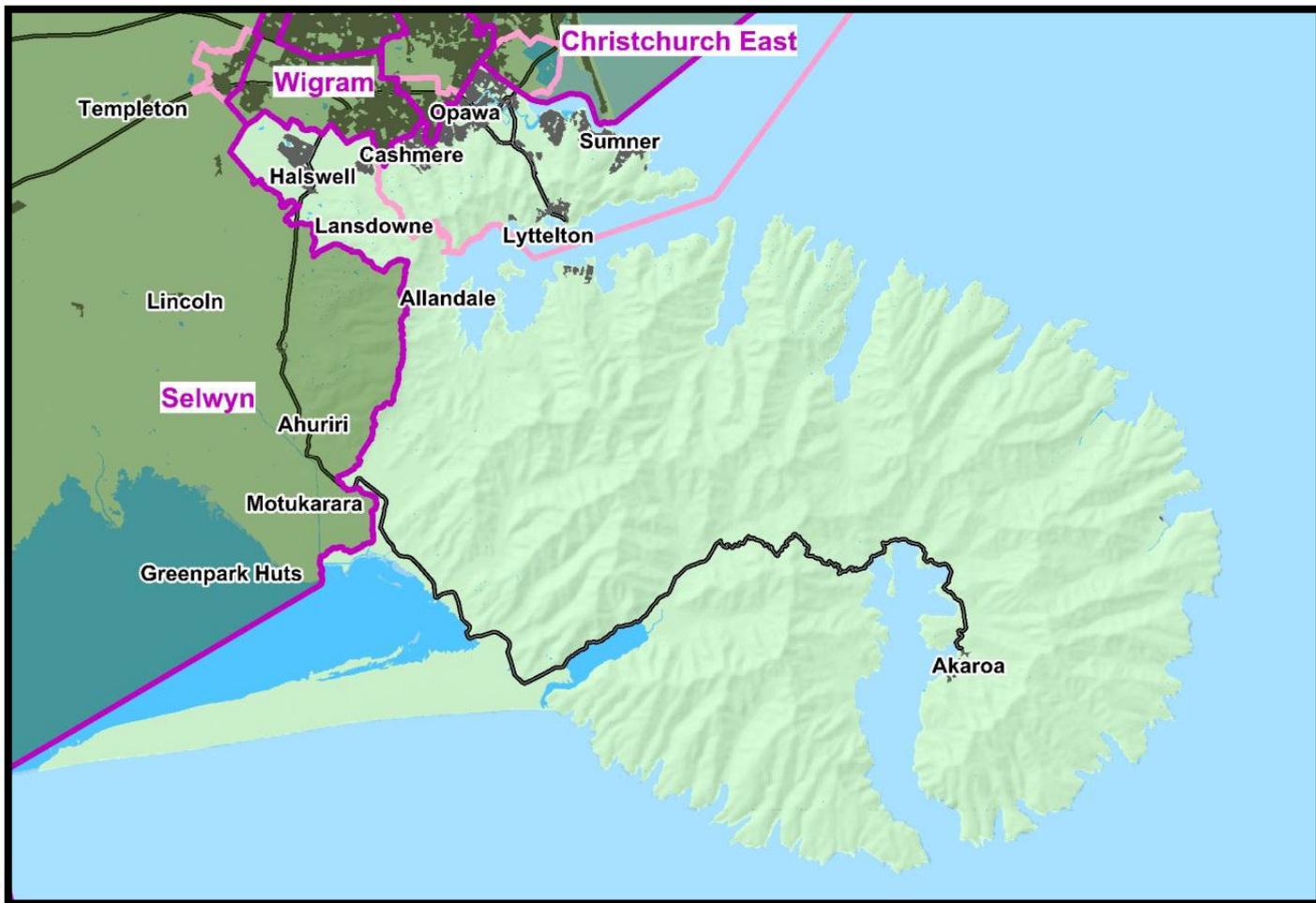
**Ruth Dyson**



**Nuk Korako**

# Port Hills Electorate

Today the **Port Hills** electorate comprises of Banks Peninsula, Lyttelton, Sumner, Mount Pleasant, Woolston, Opawa, Cashmere, Halswell and Oaklands.



## Polling Booth Locations | Open 9am to 7pm:

### Cass Bay

TS Godley [Former Navy League]	64 Governors Bay Road	Cass Bay
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### Diamond Harbour

Diamond Harbour Community Centre	Waipapa Avenue	Diamond Harbour
Diamond Harbour School	Marine Drive	Diamond Harbour

### Governors Bay

Governors Bay School Library	1 Jetty Road	Governors Bay
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### Heathcote Valley

Heathcote Primary School	61 Bridle Path Road	Heathcote
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### Lyttelton

Lyttelton Primary School, Town Site	18 Winchester Street	Lyttelton
Lyttelton Primary School, Hill Site	41 Voelas Road	Lyttelton
Union Church	40 Winchester Street	Lyttelton

**QI: Given the state of the City Councils books after the earthquakes, how do you propose to help the situation?**



**CHRIS BROSINAN**

**CONSERVATIVE PARTY**

As someone who works in the Rebuild for my day job, I have plenty of first-hand experience with people who feel that the EQC and Government as a whole are mucking them about. If elected, the Conservative Party will bring accountability back to parliament and remind them that we, the people, pay their salary. The real issue here is the Government only listens to the people around election time. The Conservative Party will change that.



**EUGENIE SAGE**

**GREEN PARTY**

It's time for new leadership and a new direction. The Greens would open the books on the anchor projects so that public money is well spent. We would not foist extravagant projects on Christchurch. Not proceeding with the stadium would save around \$300 million and help the City Council close its funding gap. We would be more flexible in how the cost sharing agreement operates.

We want the City Council to be able to prioritise investment in community facilities and repair essential infrastructure without having to sell the City's assets. Rebuilding the city should not require selling assets like Orion, the Lyttelton Port Company and Christchurch Airport Company which have helped make the city great. Their dividends have helped keep Christchurch rates lower than in other cities.

Instead of spending billions on new motorways, the Greens will invest in \$462 m in public transport and cycling and walking infrastructure.



**RUTH DYSON**

**LABOUR PARTY**

I am really pleased that the Council is asking our residents for their views on the options available and I will be working with Residents' and Business Associations to make sure that everyone knows they have their chance and can have their say. Labour would sit down with the Council and put the cost share agreement on the table, so that central and local governments can work together to see what are our priorities, what needs to happen now, what can be put off until later and what might not proceed. I want the people, their homes and our community facilities to be the focus of the recovery efforts ahead of a covered stadium in the CBD.



**NUK KORAKO**

**NATIONAL PARTY**

To date the Government has subsidised Council repairs to infra structure by \$1.8 billion. Re - visiting the cost sharing agreement between the CCC and CERA, assisting with Public & Private Partnerships, and selling down equity in assets like LPC and Christchurch Airport (without losing total control of the asset) and ensuing that whoever purchases shares in these companies need to offer them back to the CCC before going elsewhere.

**Q2: Cruise ships must return to Lyttelton for the good of greater Canterbury. What are your ideas to make this happen sooner rather than later?**



**NUK KORAKO**

Ensure that the Lyttelton Port Development Plan is focused on this.

**NATIONAL PARTY**



**CHRIS BROSINAN**

I'd love to hear what the community thinks on this issue. I have confidence in the people of Lyttelton and Christchurch's ability to come up with great ideas and the Conservative Party will prioritise getting them a voice rather than micro-managing ship schedules.

**CONSERVATIVE PARTY**



**EUGENIE SAGE**

The Lyttelton Port Company's (LPC) insurance claim has been settled so funding for the wharf repairs to accommodate cruise ships is not the issue. The logistics involved are considerable given the extensive repairs and construction work required at the port. Given the importance of the cruise ships to local tourism and other businesses the Lyttelton Port Company should prioritise this and CCHL board should encourage it. The strategic importance of the port to the region's economic future is another reason LPC should remain in public ownership.

**GREEN PARTY**



**RUTH DYSON**

I support cruise ships returning to Lyttelton and was disappointed that the discussion document on the Port Recovery Plan did not have this as a key part. I understand the limited value that it may have directly for the Port, but for Lyttelton and greater Canterbury, it is important that we do have cruise ships here rather than in Akaroa – or further afield. It is my view that central and local government should work together with other authorities, such as Canterbury Employers' Chamber of Commerce and Canterbury Tourism, and with the Board and Management of the Lyttelton Port of Christchurch, to get agreed support for their return. I am happy to instigate this plan.

**LABOUR PARTY**

### Q3: What are your thoughts on the retirement age?



**RUTH DYSON**

**LABOUR PARTY**

Labour is committed to a sustainable, fair superannuation system which pays an adequate income to our senior citizens. The advice from the Retirement Commissioner is that we must increase the age of entitlement to superannuation if we are to retain it in its current form (universal) and at the current level (66% of the average wage for a married couple). The number of New Zealanders over 65 has increased by 24% since the last census which poses challenges to superannuation payments in future. Labour will gradually lift the age of New Zealand Superannuation eligibility from 65 to 67 starting on 1 April 2020 and taking 12 years to phase in. There will be no change for anyone born before 1955 including everyone currently receiving NZ Super. And there will be provision for payment at 65 for those who are unable to continue to work.



**NUK KORAKO**

**NATIONAL PARTY**

Remains at 65.



**CHRIS BROSINAN**

**CONSERVATIVE PARTY**

The government promise needs to be honoured: no change to super for those who are retired or will retire in the next few years. We think there needs to be flexibility with the retirement age and that one retirement age does not necessarily fit all. We think there should always be an option to retire at 65. We also think people should have the option to retire at 70 if they wish.

I believe that everyone has something valuable to contribute to society and that retirement is an opportunity to move on up and pass on some of your wisdom to the younger generation. I'd love to see older generations being more actively involved in their communities and, again, it's about giving them a voice in both regional and national politics



**EUGENIE SAGE**

**GREEN PARTY**

Green Party policy is to maintain universal superannuation for all New Zealanders 65 years and older, adjusted annually in accordance with movement in the Consumer Price Index.

#### Q4: How would you describe your own personal values?



**EUGENIE SAGE**

**GREEN PARTY**

I strongly believe that a healthy environment is the basis of a healthy environment and a fair society. I love our beautiful country and I work hard as part of strong Green team in Parliament to achieve political change to make New Zealand a cleaner, greener and fairer place to live. I would value you giving your Party Vote to the Green Party to continue this work.



**RUTH DYSON**

**LABOUR PARTY**

My values are fairness, tolerance, respect, inclusion and sustainability. So I believe in collective responsibility, reducing inequality, eliminating poverty, environmental sustainability and equal opportunity for all people.



**NUK KORAKO**

**NATIONAL PARTY**

I live the things that you value in your families, your communities and their leaders.



**CHRIS BROSINAN**

**CONSERVATIVE PARTY**

Family based, traditional Kiwi values. Giving people a fair go. Helping your neighbour out when they need it. And that the family unit is the backbone of our society and must be fought for at all costs.

**Q5: Transport is a hot topic. What are your views on passenger rail for Lyttelton, traffic on Norwich Quay and coastal shipping?**



**CHRIS BROSINAN**

See prior question about Cruise ships.

**CONSERVATIVE PARTY**



**EUGENIE SAGE**

The Green Party is committed to help Christchurch become a better, more resilient and sustainable city. Our plan for a fairer, smarter and more democratic Canterbury rebuild focuses on transport, restoring local democracy, and keeping Christchurch's assets. We would invest \$462 million investment in smart transport solutions for Christchurch over five years, including establishing Canterbury Transport - a single body responsible for transport across Greater Christchurch, as well as investing in safe cycling and public transport. Heavy traffic should come off Norwich Quay.

Urgent action is needed to improve commuter transport options between Christchurch City and Selwyn and Waimakariri districts. Having passengers on the Rangiora-Rolleston rail link is a higher priority than re-establishing passenger rail to Lyttelton because of congestion on the Northern Motorway. A Lyttelton rail passenger services may be feasible in future. There is considerable scope to improve the volume of freight moved by coastal shipping.

**GREEN PARTY**



**RUTH DYSON**

Labour has just announced a \$100 m investment in passenger rail to connect the Rangiora and Rolleston areas with the City bus network because it's efficient economically and environmentally. If the potential demand warranted passenger for rail for Lyttelton, I would certainly support this further development. I have long supported getting trucks off Norwich Quay and diverted to travel along the port. I also support public access to the waterfront. Restoring coastal shipping in NZ is a critical element of Labour's transport and climate change policies.

**LABOUR PARTY**



**NUK KORAKO**

Develop light rail, re-divert trucks off Norwich Quay and expand development of coastal shipping.

**NATIONAL PARTY**

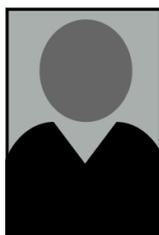
**Q6: Legislation was passed in the last term that effectively means if there is another global meltdown and banks suffer financial stress our own personal bank accounts will be shaved to keep the system afloat. What are your thoughts on this?**



**NUK KORAKO**

**NATIONAL PARTY**

Continued development of our economy under the National Government will mean more protection from external influences, extra taxes (Capital Gains, Carbon) imposed on New Zealanders by Labour and the Greens will expose New Zealand to this scenario.



**CHRIS BROSINAN**

**CONSERVATIVE PARTY**

I'm a big supporter of personal choice and accountability. As the Conservative Party Candidate, we strongly advocate for the first \$20,000 of earned income to be tax free. This helps everyone from the young to the old and the extra money will help families prepare for downturns like the one you described.



**EUGENIE SAGE**

**GREEN PARTY**

The Green Party opposed National's law changes which make everyday savers liable for partly funding a bank bailout. National ignored best practice overseas by rejecting deposit insurance — the kind of protection enjoyed by savers in every other OECD country except for Israel. Instead National protected the interests of large investors.

Banks can and do fail so small investors rightly deserve some protection from the risks they have no control over. The law needs changing so that small depositors are protected by deposit insurance like they are everywhere else. We think \$100,000 is a fair level of protection for New Zealand savers and most would be willing to pay the very small premium required to insure their savings from loss.

The Australian Treasury found that deposit insurance contributes to the overall stability of the financial system, and costs very little to implement.



**RUTH DYSON**

**LABOUR PARTY**

We are fortunate in New Zealand to have a stable banking sector despite its concentration in four major banks, based in Australia. The legislative moves that have been taken are to provide some protection against these banks collapsing. In principle, I support this legislation as a means of achieving that end, and given that there have not been any proposals for a better, alternative way of providing this surety.

## Q7: What ideas do you have to counter growing inequality?



**RUTH DYSON**

**LABOUR PARTY**

Tackling child poverty and reducing inequality are centre of Labour's policies. We will lift the earning threshold before benefit reductions kick in to \$150 per week, introducing a payment of \$60 a week to families not receiving paid parental leave and earning under \$150,000, extending paid parental leave to 26 weeks, an extra 5 hours of free early childhood education, increasing the minimum wage to \$16.25 by 1 April next year, introducing the living wage for government employees and then those contracted to government, free doctor's visits for under 13 year olds, over 65 year olds, and pregnant women. We will also increase the accommodation supplement for those in Canterbury by \$50 per week.



**NUK KORAKO**

**NATIONAL PARTY**

Strong Economical Management under National, is getting more people off welfare and into jobs, is closing the gap. Continue to provide our children with a world class education, starting with Early Childhood.



**CHRIS BROSINAN**

**CONSERVATIVE PARTY**

I believe in one law for all and that the one of the biggest issues we still face in 2014 is racism. You can be a Conservative regardless of whether your Maori or Pakeha, Christian or Atheist, Asian or European. So long as you believe in a better New Zealand. Special privileges shouldn't go only to people of one background; they should go to all New Zealanders.



**EUGENIE SAGE**

**GREEN PARTY**

Under National wages are not enough for many workers and their families to cover the basics and keep pace with rising costs, especially housing costs. One in four children live in poverty. There are now 35,000 more children in severe poverty than before National came to power .

We can ensure that every child thrive, families have what they need for a good life and that our economy works for everyone. The Green Party will lift the minimum wage to \$15 this year and gradually increase it to \$18 an hour by 2017 This will increase the pay packets for half a million New Zealanders.

The Greens would ramp up the Warm UP NZ programme to help people to insulate their homes and install clean heating so that homes are warm, dry and healthy; not cold and damp. This creates jobs as well as improving our housing stock.

## Q8: What do you think about oil exploration off the Canterbury Coast?



**EUGENIE SAGE**

**GREEN PARTY**

The Green Party will ensure our beaches remain open for swimming, not closed for oil spills. There are no risky deep sea wells in New Zealand, so now is the time to prohibit the practice. Prohibiting deep sea oil drilling makes economic and environmental sense. Our clean green image, jobs in tourism and agriculture and the export revenue that our reputation generates is worth protecting from the risk of an oil spill like the Deepwater Horizon.

According to Price Waterhouse Coopers, 70 percent of our export revenue is linked to New Zealand's clean green reputation. Our oil spill protection plan helps avoid catastrophic climate change. The International Energy Agency says two-thirds of known fossil fuels must stay in the ground if we're to keep climate change to a 'safe' increase of 2° Celsius. The oil that might lie beneath New Zealand's offshore waters has not even factored into this equation.



**RUTH DYSON**

**LABOUR PARTY**

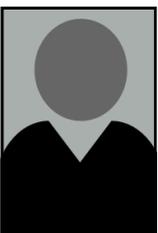
Labour is committed to transition to a fully sustainable energy system that weans us off greenhouse gas emitting energy sources. But we recognise that the world is still heavily dependent on oil. For New Zealand oil exploration, we will not grant permits for exploration in areas where dolphins (either Maui's or Hector's) or whales inhabit, due to the scientific warnings about disruption as a result of this activity. We will insist on high environmental standards and stringent safeguards, and ensure that any such activity is of clear benefit to New Zealand.



**NUK KORAKO**

**NATIONAL PARTY**

A successful balance of our Economic & Environmental Policies under National is enabling this to happen.



**CHRIS BROSINAN**

**CONSERVATIVE PARTY**

New Zealand has a real opportunity to greatly benefit our economy and all New Zealanders. I have no problem with oil exploration of the coast; so long as it benefits all New Zealanders. To us, the big problem is our country's resources being sold off to overseas interests and us losing all control over our own backyard. The Conservative Party will be the people's way to put a stop to it.