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Nominations open for WCRC elections

Nominations open today for candidates in this year's West Coast Regional Council election and other local elections around the Coast and the country.

WCRC has seven vacancies open for nomination:

- Buller constituency – two councillors
- Grey Constituency – three councillors
- Westland Constituency – two councillors

Chair Peter Haddock is encouraging Coasters to think about putting their names forward highlighting the importance of strong local voices.

“Councillors play a vital role in setting the direction for the West Coast’s future from flood protection and water management to climate adaptation and regional planning. If you want to make a difference in your community, now is the time to step up.”

“The decisions we make around the Council table have real and lasting impacts for our communities. We need people from all walks of life who are willing to listen, lead, and work together to get the best outcomes for the Coast.”

Nomination forms and candidate information are available on Council’s website: [Local elections - West Coast Regional Council](#)

Nominations also opened today for Buller, Grey and Westland district councils and Development West Coast trustees from each district.

WCRC and Westland District Council will hold a joint session for prospective candidates on Monday 7 July starting 5.30pm at the WDC offices.

WCRC will do the same with Grey District Council on 15 July at 5.30pm at the GDC offices.

More information:

[LGE 2025 Information Page](#)

[Think about standing as a candidate in the 2025 local elections](#)