

Different view

In response to W Boyd's letter, June 29: I find myself at odds with the writer's comments.

While I find it acceptable to have a new face in the ring for the mayoralty race, I would question Mr Boyd's scathing attack on Mr Cocurullo and Mr Slater.

I have followed closely Mr Slater's progress since the last election and have been very impressed with his down-to-earth approach on the various important issues that Whangarei is facing. He, like the majority of us, appears deeply concerned with the pollution of our harbour, lack of transparency in our present council, the governance issue, the enormous debt and many other issues.

I note that Mr Slater attends council meetings, WDC, Regional, Kaipara and Far North and I believe this is to make sure he is duly informed as to what is occurring over the whole region.

I believe Mr Slater is standing as an independent candidate, which to my mind can only be a plus for our area as he will not have anyone "pulling his strings" or any business conflict of interests. This will surely make him a "Mayor for the People".

With all due respect to Mr Cutforth, I have never read any reports of him showing interest in the running of our city and must wonder if he has a genuine desire to hold this important office.

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