

Southern District Health Board - Southland Constituency

Electing 3 Board Members



Neville COOK

My principal place of residence is in the Southern District Health Board - Southland Constituency area. I am also standing for Environment Southland - Invercargill-Rakiura Constituency.

Southlanders have three seats at the board table of the Southern DHB. It is important we elect people who have the knowledge of how the complicated health services delivery system functions, and how governance at a regional level operates. We need to elect people who understand the funding allocations for our region. We need to correct the downsizing and service withdrawal that has taken place under Commissioners. My experience on the DHB Board and other organisations means that I know how decisions are made and how services are allocated. I understand the language, the finances and the needs of Southlanders. We argued hard to establish dedicated Southland places at the DHB table so let's make the best use of those.

Conflict of Interest Statement

I have the following current conflict of interest with the Southern District Health Board (SDHB):

- (1) I am a Trustee member of Nga Kete Matauranga Pounamu. The trust delivers some funded SDHB contract services.
- (2) My wife is employed as a Residential Care nurse at Calvary Hospital.

To the best of my knowledge and belief I have no other conflicts of interest with the SDHB at the date of my notice of consent to being nominated as a candidate for membership to the board of the SDHB.

I do not believe that any conflicts of interest are likely to arise in the future, other than to continuation of the conflicts of interest stated above.