

## Southern District Health Board - Southland Constituency

### Electing 3 Board Members

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#### **Pania COOTE**

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Southern District Health Board - Southland Constituency area.

JP, MSW, Dipswk, MANZASW

Descendant of: Ngāi Tahu, Ngāti Kauwhata, Ngāti Porou

Pania Coote is presently the Director of AwhiMai Consultancy, working in the area of Māori health and strategy. Formerly the Executive Director Māori Health for the Southern District Health Board, she has over 20 years' work experience at all levels of the health system. With a Masters in Social Work and Community Development from the Otago University, Pania is well-versed in best practices and addressing health inequities.

Pania has extensive experience in management and governance positions. She applies expert knowledge, life experience, and relentless energy to solving organisational issues. Pania has a strong interest in research and is Co-Chair of the Tangata Whenua, Community and Voluntary Sector Research Centre (Not-for-Profit).

Overall, Pania respects the diversity in people and their culture, she strives to improve, promote and protect the health and wellbeing of the people that she serves.

#### *Conflict of Interest Statement*

To the best of my knowledge and belief, I have no conflicts of interest with the Southern District Health Board (SDHB) at the date of my notice of consent to being nominated as a candidate for membership of the board of the SDHB, and I do not believe that any such conflicts of interest are likely to arise in the future.