

Media Statement – For immediate release

Don't vote Green warns Lennox

Today Act's Tuki Tuki candidate Duncan Lennox warned electors of dire consequences for Hawke's Bay should the Green Party have any influence in the new Government.

"If there is one strong message I can convey to Tuki Tuki voters it is not to vote Green," said Duncan Lennox .

Agriculture is the backbone of the Hawke's Bay economy. If that goes down then the rest of the Bay goes with it.

In the current international economic crisis the last thing agriculture needs is to be burdened with higher compliance and tax costs. That is exactly what the implementation of Green policies will deliver.

"Without a doubt the Green party are determined to strangle dairying, nationally our best performing sector, by imposing upon it impossible environmental compliance standards," he said.

After ten years of good economic conditions our economic growth rate is near the bottom of the OECD and we have fallen behind most of the countries especially Australia.

In Hawke's Bay we need policies that use low tax rates and minimal government interference in the lives of our producers to encourage growth and development,

"Green party policies would stifle agricultural growth," said Duncan Lennox.

"It is clear to me that they do not know what horrendous effects their extreme left wing policies would have on our agricultural producers. In fact their policies are nothing short of being plain loopy"

Unless our Hawke's Bay land based industries are given the freedom and encouragement to develop then we will continue to lose our children to opportunities overseas".

With Acts progressive and unobtrusive policies our farming industries will have the opportunity to grow and make a meaningful contribution to the economy of this region. The policies of the Green party will do nothing but interfere, restrict and frustrate producers.

"Don't give them that chance - the alternative that is offered by Act is far better"

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