

Otago Regional Council  
Moeraki Constituency  
Electing 1 Regional Councillor

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**Gail MAY-SHERMAN**

My principal place of residence is in the Moeraki Constituency area.

I have lived in the Oamaru area since 2007. My husband and I run a business which makes scientific instruments used for environmental research and monitoring worldwide.

Climate change is happening, and to minimise future hardship, wise decisions about how we manage our land, water and resources are urgently needed. This is a whole of community challenge, and requires a whole of community response. My goal is to improve Council's outreach and capabilities to establish and enforce holistic, researched-based strategies to safeguard our environment.

My work on our 8 hectare lifestyle block gives me insight into mixed-use land management that includes livestock, gardening, timber and native bush regeneration. I led the Transition Oamaru project and development of the Sustainable Skills Summer School. I now teach children how to respond appropriately to emotional situations. I have degrees in mathematics and history, and a passion for increasing community resilience.