My principal place of residence is in the Molyneux Constituency area. We live in a wonderful place. The role of a regional council is to maintain our environment for us and for those here in the future. I think Council can best achieve this by acknowledging the great work that many do maintaining our varied landscapes, by working constructively on sharing knowledge, and by empowering communities to do the right thing in a timely fashion.

That means listening to community ambition, resourcing people on the ground, and building community catchment plans. Whether the issue is coastal erosion, wilding pines, pest species, water quality and quantity, transport or flooding, we need to work together, supported by good science, to maintain and enhance our environment.

I have experience of both community building and strategic change, and want to ensure you have the support you need to make a positive difference for your community and environment, in your corner of Otago.