

# Canterbury District Health Board

## Electing 7 Board Members

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### **Vicki Tahau PATON**

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Canterbury District Health Board area.

We have the 2nd largest DHB in the country geographically and population. Auckland is 4th yet has 11%(918) more paid staff than us. Our budget and staff do not reflect this, why? If the

Misuse of Drugs Act Amendment Bill succeeds, offering a more Health based approach, will there be more funding? Will our health professionals get more security, staff and support? They deserve to be valued and safe. During more than two decades working with Pharmacies throughout the South Island, it was vital for them to make many changes. It is time to shift our thinking. Bring back the soul to Healthcare. I have a management and governance background, being a business owner I am a solutions focused person, driven to get results. I support equality, geographically and demographically, we need transparency. I have a fiducial responsibility to ensure that this happens.

#### *Conflict of Interest Statement*

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