

Fact Sheet

Biennial Election

Counties Power Consumer Trust
3 August 2019



General

All the shares in Counties Power Ltd are held by the trustees of the Counties Power Consumer Trust for the benefit of the Consumers of Counties Power Ltd.

The trustees' duties include the appointment of directors of Counties Power Ltd. In the past year, discounts of approximately \$11.9m (incl GST) were credited to Consumers power accounts.

2019 election

Five trustees are elected to the Trust by Consumers of Counties Power Ltd. The current trustees are Phil Beston, Alan Eyes, Christine Rupp, David Spratt and Don Thomson.

The trustees are elected on a 'rotational basis' as prescribed by the Trust Deed and for the 2019 election, two trustee positions require election - two current trustees (Phil Beston and Don Thomson) will stand down (and are eligible for re-election).

An election to fill the vacancies will occur by postal and online voting concluding on **Saturday 3 August 2019**.

Nominations

Nominations for the vacancies will open on **Tuesday 30 April 2019** and close at **12 noon Tuesday 11 June 2019**.

Candidates must be aged over 18 years, be resident in the district and a Consumer of Counties Power Ltd.

Nomination forms will be available from the returning officer, by phoning **0800 922 822** to have one posted out, or calling at the offices of Election Services, Level 2, 198 Federal Street, Auckland or downloading one from www.countiespowertrust.org.nz

A candidate information handbook is also available to all candidates.

Consumer Roll

Those eligible to vote at this election will be Consumers of Counties Power Ltd as at the close of the roll at **5pm Friday 21 June 2019**. Each Consumer will be distributed one voting paper, regardless of the number of electricity connections that the Consumer may have. In respect of joint Consumers, a vote will be deemed to have been exercised in the name of the joint Consumers upon receipt of the completed voting paper by the returning officer.

Voting period

Voting papers will be posted to all eligible Consumers from **Friday 12 July 2019**.

Consumers may vote by;

- posting their completed voting paper back to the returning officer using the pre-paid envelope; or
- voting online (using the unique voter credentials shown on the voting paper); or
- hand delivering their completed voting paper to a ballot box at the Counties Power Consumer Trust, Unit 6, Level 2, 23 Hall Street, Pukekohe.

To be counted, all completed voting papers must be in the hands of the returning officer by **12 noon, Saturday 3 August 2019**.

The preliminary result will be known as soon as practicable after **12 noon, Saturday 3 August 2019**.

Contact details

For any further information regarding this election of trustees to the Counties Power Consumer Trust, please contact the returning officer:

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