

Southland Regional Council
(known as Environment Southland)
Invercargill-Rakiura Constituency
Electing 6 Regional Councillors



Gemma MCGRATH

Independent

My principal place of residence is not in the Invercargill-Rakiura Constituency area.

I believe in thriving communities and ecosystems; strong relationships with tāngata whenua; and restoring our environment so it is even better for future generations.

Building resilience with climate change is essential, as is enhancing the taonga species and biodiversity that we love - from the mountains to the sea, ki uta ki tai.

I'm passionate about empowering our wāhine/women, rangatahi/young people into leadership roles for our resources.

My Master's thesis was on Hector's dolphins and my academic research continues from Murihiku/Southland. I work towards dolphin conservation. For the past two decades I've been leading collaborative initiatives with lots of community and iwi engagement.

These skills and experiences have prepared me to be a great advocate for our communities and natural environment.

I'm authentic; creative thinking and an excellent communicator. Contact me to discuss the future of our communities and region; It's an honour to represent you.

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