



Nomination and Election of TomatoesNZ Incorporated Board Members - 2023

The TomatoesNZ's Board represents the interests of fresh tomato growers in New Zealand. Six of the positions on the TomatoesNZ Board are for members elected by fresh tomato growers. In addition to the six elected positions the current TNZ Board consists of three co-opted members, two observers, and an independent chair. The Chair and Vice Chair of TomatoesNZ are not elected, but appointed by the TomatoesNZ Board.

For the six elected positions a rotation retirement system applies.

Due to rotations and retirement there are **currently two vacancies** on the TNZ Board:

- **Simon Watson**, Auckland, has retired by rotation, is available for re-election, and is deemed nominated
- **Anthony Tringham**, Auckland, has retired by rotation, is available for re-election, and is deemed nominated

This is your opportunity to have direct input into the election process. To make a nomination please use the enclosed nomination form. Further details regarding the election process and any questions you may have are detailed below. If you require any further information please call Dinah Cohen on 021 922 414.

Nominations open on 24th May and close at 5pm Monday 12th June 2023

Who can be nominated?

Any active fresh tomato grower that has grown and paid levy on fresh tomatoes during the past 12 months, or a director, shareholder, trustee or employee (nominated by the grower entity as their representative) of an active fresh tomato grower, can be nominated.

Who can make the nomination?

Any active fresh tomato grower can make a nomination or second a nomination. All nominations must be seconded and also signed by the nominee to confirm that they are willing to stand. Elected representatives who are retiring by rotation and are available for re-election **do not** need to be nominated.

Where do I send nominations?

Nomination forms should be returned to TomatoesNZ by emailing a scanned or photo copy to: Dinah.cohen@hortnz.co.nz.

Will there be a vote?

If there are more nominations than positions available, growers will be eligible to vote on a one grower one vote basis in a postal ballot.

If required, voting papers will be sent to growers on **14th June** with a 3 week voting period, closing on **5th July 2023**.

Who is eligible to vote?

In order to be eligible to vote in the Board elections or at the TNZ Inc. AGM you must be registered as a member of Tomatoes New Zealand by **5pm on Wednesday 14 June 2023** and be actively engaged in the commercial production of tomatoes in New Zealand for sale on the fresh domestic or fresh export markets and, in the preceding 12 month period (or part thereof), have paid a levy on fresh tomatoes (i.e. excluding tomatoes grown for processing).

Further Information

For a full list of the current Board members please see the this link on the TomatoesNZ website: <https://www.tomatoesnz.co.nz/about/board/>