

Warwick Simpson



- Kūmara grower, Simpson Gardens Ltd
- Vegetables NZ – Director
- Northern Wairoa Vegetable Growers Association – Secretary and Treasurer
- Roots and Tubers Crop Advisory Group Chair

I am a director of Simpson Gardens, a family business in Ruawai, Northland, growing approx. 36ha of kūmara.

I have been on the Vegetables NZ Board for the past three years. In that time, I've championed the interests of smaller growers, and brought the perspective of a Northland grower to the Board table, while taking into consideration the wider vegetable industry.

This was particularly relevant after Cyclone Gabrielle, when I (as part of the Vegetables NZ team) worked with MPI and the Rural Support Trust to initiate and administer recovery schemes for vegetable growers in the greater Dargaville area, dealing with the aftermath of significant flooding.

I would like to apply the governance experience, industry knowledge, and contacts I've gained to a further term as a Vegetables NZ Director, and look forward to helping enable a better future for all vegetable growers.

Nominated by: Board member retiring by rotation and available for re-election

Declarations of interest (company, role)

Simpson Gardens Ltd: Managing Director

Northern Wairoa Vegetable Growers Association: Secretary/Treasurer