

Masterton District Council

Mayor

Electing the Mayor



Chris PETERSON

My late change of mind to stand again for Mayor stems very much from two books just read. The first, *Spirit Level*, makes a strong case that equality is the key determinant of community harmony and well-being, and I'd like to think we could work together to make our district more inclusive— building the social capital, trust and harmony which studies show also

contribute to greater prosperity.

The other, *Requiem for a Planet*, is a depressing appraisal for the environmental crises confronting Humanity and the need for urgent, urgent action and a determination not to leave our children an irreparably degraded planet.

Please consider a vote for me as a first small step to setting a different direction that might have us better prepared for those inevitable changes to come— economic and social as well as environmental. And better placed to make the most of opportunities change will also bring.