

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT
AT WELLINGTON**

**I TE KŌTI-Ā-ROHE
KI TE WHANGANUI-A-TARA**

**CIV 2025-085-738
[2025] NZDC 24475**

UNDER	the Local Electoral Act 2001
IN THE MATTER	of an application for a judicial recount pursuant to s 90A of the Local Electoral Act 2001
BETWEEN	JOANNE MARGARET GUISE Applicant

Judgment: 22 October 2025

JUDGMENT OF JUDGE AA COUCH

[1] Ms Joanne Margaret Guise applied for a recount of the votes cast at the Local Body Elections for the office of Councillor of the Chatham Islands Council. She is the Electoral Officer for that council and applied for a recount because an equal number of votes was received by two candidates for the office of counsellor and the addition of one vote would have entitled one of those candidates to be elected.

[2] In a judgment delivered on 17 October 2025 Judge K D Kelly directed a recount. That recount took place on 22 October 2025 at the Chatham Islands Council chambers under my direction.

[3] The recount was conducted in my presence and was done in the manner provided in the original count, as required by s 92 of the Local Electoral Act 2001. At the conclusion of the recount, I was satisfied that the public declaration was correct because the recount produced no change in the tally of votes. Accordingly, the Declaration of Result of Election remains unchanged.

[4] As already ordered by Judge K D Kelly on 17 October 2025, pursuant to s 92A of the Act, the costs of and incidental to the recount are to be met by the Chatham Islands Council.

Judge AA Couch

District Court Judge | Kaiwhakawā o te Kōti ā-Rohe

Date of authentication | Rā motuhēhēnga: 22/10/2025