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I'm Jolene Germann and I'm excited to stand in the Ravensdown election. I'm a passionate farmer, experienced farm consultant, have a strong scientific background and sound governance experience. I have worked for Ravensdown previously and know our culture first hand. It would be a privilege to become a director and help lead our cooperative into the future.

Who Am I?

I was raised on a fourth-generation sheep and beef farm. I completed a doctorate degree based jointly at AgResearch Ruakura and the University of Waikato. My husband and I moved to Southland, where we progressed through the dairy industry to become equity owners and sharemilkers on a 550 cow dairy farm in Otautau, Western Southland. I have been a farm consultant for over 10 years, and am a partner in Southland's largest farm consultancy company. We have two children, and are actively involved within our rural community.

What I Bring to the Table:

- Hands on farming experience, and a deep understanding of the issues that farmers are facing
- Fresh ideas and enthusiasm to drive Ravensdown's strategy into the future
- Strong technical knowledge and business acumen
- Governance experience
- Passion for the cooperative model
- Teamwork and collaboration, but willingness to challenge when necessary

My Priorities for Ravensdown:

- Ensuring a consistent supply of quality products at competitive prices
- Leading technical advice and support for shareholders
- Advancing technology, research and development
- Achieving a sustainable business, with a balance sheet that can weather changing market conditions

Relevant Experience/Background:

- 2022-2024 inaugural FMG Associate Director
- PhD (chemistry)
- Master of Science (1st class honours)
- Bachelor of Science
- 2012-2014 Ravensdown Account Manager – Southland
- Kellogg Rural Leadership Programme
- Mayfield Governance Course
- Otautau School Board of Trustees
- Otautau Community and Districts Charitable Trust trustee
- Member of the Institute of Directors and NZIPIM
- Co-chair of the Mid-Aparima Catchment Group, and original member of ACE (Aparima and Community Environment) project

I am passionate about Ravensdown and am enthusiastic about its future opportunities and challenges. I respectfully ask for your support. Please feel free to call me and discuss further.