10-year Budget 2018-2028 and Auckland Plan 2050 consultation feedback report for Waitematā Local Board

1. Purpose

This report summarises feedback relating to the Waitematā Local Board received through the 10-year Budget 2018-2028 and Auckland Plan 2050 consultation. This includes:

- Feedback on the Waitematā Local Board priorities for 2018/19.
- Feedback on regional proposals in the 10-year Budget 2018-2028 and Auckland Plan 2050 from people or organisations that have submitted to the Waitematā Local Board..
- Feedback on the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan

The feedback received will inform the Waitematā Local Board decisions on allocation of their local budgets in their local board agreement for 2018/2019. It will also inform the Waitematā Local Board input and advocacy on regional budgets and proposals that will be agreed at their business meeting on 3 May. These positions will be subsequently discussed with the Finance and Performance Committee on 17 May.

2. Executive Summary

This report summarises consultation feedback on the 10-year Budget 2018-2028 (including on local board priorities for 2018/19) and the Auckland Plan 2050.

Council received feedback in person at community engagement events, through written forms (including online and hard copy forms, emails and letters) and through social media.

Feedback on Waitematā Local Board priorities for 2018/2019

The Waitematā Local Board consulted on the following local priorities:

- Priority 1: Seek funding to create a full site civic space at 254 Ponsonby Road
- Priority 2: Expansion of the waterways restoration programme
- Priority 3: Prioritisation of Auckland Transport Capex fund over three years
- Priority 4: Provision and awareness raising of city centre public facilities
- Priority 5: Agrichemical free weed control methods

Waitematā Local Board received 1470 submissions on their local priorities for 2018/19, showing that the majority of people either support (43 per cent) or partially support (40 per cent) the local board's priorities.

Feedback on regional proposals in the 10-year Budget 2018-2028 from the Waitematā Local Board area

Out of the 26,556 written submissions received on the regional proposals in the 10-year Budget 2018-2028, 1532 submissions were from people living in the Waitematā Local Board area.

Issue 1: Transport

Seventy-two per cent of responses from the Waitematā Local Board area support the proposed regional fuel tax. The majority of people who supported the regional fuel tax want the funding to be invested in improving public transport and active modes.

Issue 2: Natural Environment

Eighty-one per cent of responses from the Waitematā Local Board area support the proposed water quality targeted rate.

Sixty-nine per cent of responses from the Waitematā Local Board area support the proposed natural environment targeted rate, with 49 per cent support for option B ($47 p.a) and 20 per cent support for option A ($21 p.a).

Issue 3: Rates and charges

Sixty-three per cent of responses from the Waitematā Local Board area support the proposed rates increase. Of the submitters that support the increase, the majority of people did not want to see a reduction in the level of services provided.

Seventy-two per cent of responses from the Waitematā Local Board area support the proposed Accommodation Provider Targeted Rate.

Issue 4: Other changes and budget information

The disestablishment of Auckland Council Investments Limited did not elicit a large number of responses. Of those received the majority of responses support disestablishment.

The Tūpuna Maunga Authority Draft Operational Plan did not elicit a large number of responses, with submitters approximately split in support or do not support.

Similarly, the proposal to changes to the waste service charges did not elicit many responses. Of those received most were in support.

Feedback on the Auckland Plan 2050 from the Waitematā Local Board area

Waitematā Local Board received 1412 submissions on the Auckland Plan 2050.

From the responses received from the Waitematā Local Board area on the draft Auckland Plan 2050, support for the outcome areas range between 42 per cent and 62 per cent.

Outcome area 1: Belonging and participation – 62 per cent support

Outcome area 2: Māori identity and wellbeing – 61 per cent support

Outcome area 3: Homes and places – 42 per cent support

Outcome area 4: Transport and access – 51 per cent support

Outcome area 5: Environment and cultural heritage – 56 per cent support

Outcome area 6: Opportunity and prosperity – 57 per cent support

Shaping our growth – 47 per cent support

From the comments received there was a strong theme around the need to add a new focus area covering arts, culture and leisure.

Several of the feedback received sought for the Auckland Plan to include clear targets, for example zero carbon, zero waste, zero transport emissions and swimmable beaches, and for those targets to be monitored over time.

A significant number of submissions suggested support for the recognition of Auaha (creativity/innovation) to be better reflected across the proposed outcomes.

A number of submitters noted the absence of an explicit focus on built heritage.

3. Context

Auckland Council consulted on its 10-year Budget 2018-2028 and the Auckland Plan 2050 between 28 February and 28 March 2018.

The 10-year Budget 2018-2028 sets out Auckland Council's priorities and how the council is going to pay for them. The Auckland Plan 2050 sets Auckland's long-term direction and looks at the important challenges that need to be addressed.

The 10-year Budget also includes information on each local board's priorities for 2018/19. These priorities have been informed by in the development of the Waitematā Local Board Plan 2017.

Auckland Council also consulted on the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Strategy. The feedback received on this plan is presented in Attachment B of the report.

The Regional Pest Management Strategy was consulted at the same time. The feedback received to this plan will be presented at a later date.

Types of feedback

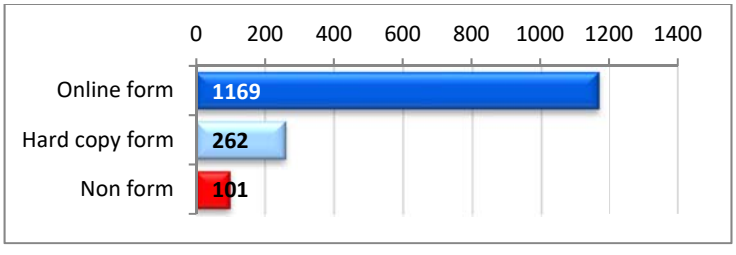
Overall Auckland Council received feedback from 26,556 submissions during the consultation period. This feedback was received through:

- Written feedback – hard copy and online forms, emails and letters.
- In person – council interacted with a total of 5,374 people through 39 have your say events and 61 community events.
- Social media – comments received through Facebook and Twitter.

Information on Waitematā Local Board submitters

The tables and graphs below indicate what demographic categories people identified with. This information only relates to those submitters who provided demographic information.

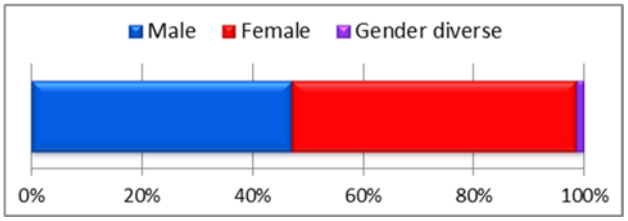
WAITEMATA LOCAL BOARD	TOTAL SUBS	1532
Submission type	**No.**	**%**
A. Online form	999	65%
B. People's Panel form	170	11%
C. Email form	117	8%
D. Email Our Auckland form	7	0%
E. Email non form	98	6%
F. Post form	113	7%
G. Post Our Auckland form	25	2%
H. Post non form	3	0%
Total	**1532**	**100%**



How did you hear about it?	
99.5.1 How did you hear about it NZ Herald	99
99.5.2 How did you hear about it Radio	47
99.5.3 How did you hear about it OurAuckland online	152
99.5.4 How did you hear about it Social media (e.g. Facebook)	338
99.5.5 How did you hear about it Have Your Say website	99
99.5.6 How did you hear about it Engagement event at a school	3
99.5.7 How did you hear about it Local Newspaper	39
99.5.8 How did you hear about it OurAuckland print	111
99.5.9 How did you hear about it People's Panel newsletter/survey	160
99.5.10 How did you hear about it Local board e-newsletter	54
99.5.11 How did you hear about it Attended an event or workshop	39
99.5.12 How did you hear about it Gave feedback previously	66
99.5.99 How did you hear about it Other	0

Ethnicity		#	%
European		**995**	**78%**
	NZ European	915	72%
	Other European	80	6%
Maori		**50**	**4%**
Pacific		**36**	**3%**
	Samoan	14	1%
	Tongan	3	0%
	Other Pacific	19	1%
Asian		**128**	**10%**
	Chinese	52	4%
	Indian	27	2%
	Other Asian	49	4%
African/Middle Eastern/Latin		**19**	**1%**
Other		**48**	**4%**
	New Zealander/Kiwi	16	1%
	Other	32	3%
Total		**1276**	**100%**

Other communities	
99.4.1 Other communities Disability	35
99.4.2 Other communities Rainbow	115



Feedback received from iwi or Māori organisations

Waitematā received a submission from Nga Aho Inc (#1815425). This network of Māori design professionals support the Board's funding for agrichemical free weed control and Ponsonby Park. They are also advocating for budget for interconnected green space links. They support increased funding to the Art Gallery. Further information and details can be found in the submission.

Ngāti Paoa did not make specific comments on Waitematā local priorities but submitted general comments for local boards. These are:

- Iwi Co-governance are resourced and supported on the same basis as Local Board entities
- Local Board must have a formal relationship agreement with Iwi
- Local Board and Iwi Trust as the operational arm of Ngati Paoa Iwi Trust are afforded the same level of access, rights and privileges as Local Boards
- Local Boards and Iwi Co-Governance Regime share resources and provide secondment opportunities for Ngati Paoa

Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei made a submission in relation to the regional matters and responded to the local matters for the Ōrākei Local Board but did not make specific comments on Waitematā local priorities.

Feedback received from organisations

Waitematā received 75 submissions from organisations. Feedback from organisations that submitted to Waitematā is included in the feedback summaries above for each section and question.

A list of organisations that submitted feedback to Waitematā is provided below.

Organisations that submitted to Waitematā		
Academy Cinemas	Grey Lynn Residents Association	Script to Screen
Adorno	Heart of the City Inc	Show Me Shorts Film Festival
AKBIDS - Business Improvement Districts of Auckland (Viv Beck)	Heritage Hotel Management	SPLICE - Courage Compassion Community
Artists Alliance	Ivan Anthony Ltd	Stop Auckland Sewage Overflows Coalition
Askew	Kelmarna Gardens (in relation to the Waste Plan)	TAPAC (submission and presentation)
Auckland Art Fair	M Social Auckland	The Actors Program
Auckland City Centre Advisory Board	Millennium Hotels NZ	The Auckland Writers Festival
Auckland City Mission	MOTAT	The Karangahape Road Business Association
Auckland Festival of Photography Trust	New Zealand Comedy Trust	The New Zealand Automobile Association Incorporated
Auckland Festival Trust - Auckland Arts Festival	New Zealand Cricket Inc.	The New Zealand Dance Company
Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra	New Zealand Writers Guild	The NZ Music Commission
Auckland War Memorial Museum	Newmarket Business Association	The St David's Centre
Bachcare Holiday Homes	Nga Aho Inc	Tim Bray Productions

Basement Theatre	NZ Marine Industry Association	Uptown Business Association
Beacon Pathway	Objectspace	VA Auckland Charitable Trust (Artweek Auckland)
Bike Grey Lynn	Parnell Business Association	Victoria Park Sports and Cultural Trust
City Centre Residents Group	Parnell Heritage Forest and Bird	Victoria Quarter
Civic Trust Auckland	Parnell Plunket (Three subs)	Vinjam Holdings Limited
Comet Auckland	Playmarket Incorporated	Waitemata Low Carbon Network
Cooper and Company, on behalf of Britomart Group of Companies	Ponsonby Business Association	Waitemata Low Carbon Network
Copthorne Hotel Auckland City	Ponsonby Business Association	WEX Inc
Documentary NZ Trust	Ponsonby Park Community Led Engagement group	Writeaway
For the Love of Bees	Project Litefoot	Wynyard Quarter Transport Management Association
Foundation for Peace Studies Aotearoa NZ (The Peace Foundation)	Property Council New Zealand	YMCA Auckland
Grafton Residents Association	Quinovic Viaduct	

Feedback received through local events

The Waitematā Local Board held two have your say events, one public hearing and four library drop-in sessions. The board also presented at five community events and one radio interview. Details of the events are below:

Date	Time	Event	Location
22/02/2018	12-1.30pm	Inner City Network Meeting	Ellen Melville Centre
28/02/2018	7 -8.30am	Parnell Rotary	Quality Hotel, Parnell
1/03/2018	6 - 8pm	Low Carbon Network	Studio One
8/03/2018	6 - 8pm	Grey Lynn Have Your Say Event	Grey Lynn Library Hall
12/03/2018	7 - 9pm	Grafton Residents Association Meeting	Liberal Catholic Church
15/03/2018	10-12noon	Grey Lynn - HYSE Drop-in session	Grey Lynn Library
15/03/2018	6 - 8pm	Parnell Have Your Say Event	Parnell Jubilee Hall
16/03/2018	10-12noon	Leys Institute - HYSE Drop in session	Leys Institute Library
20/03/2018	10.30am-12noon	Tea, Talk & Culture with Splice	Ellen Melville Centre
22/03/2018	3 -7.30pm	LTP Hearing style event	Waitematā Local Board office
23/03/2018	11-12.30	City Centre - Drop in session	City Centre Library
26/03/2018	11 - 1.30pm	Parnell Library - Drop in session	Parnell Library
13/03/2018		Red Alert Radio with Julie Fairey	UNITEC

Twenty-three people attended the Parnell have your say event, 40 people attended the Grey Lynn have your say event, and 18 people presented to the board at the public hearing.

The key themes from the feedback received through these events are:

- Heritage built form is missing from the Auckland Plan
- Concerns regarding the negative impact that the food waste collection would have on home composting
- 'Pay as you dump' will cause illegal dumping
- Support for Art Gallery, specifically increase of funding
- Need for the Auckland Plan to focus on reducing carbon emissions

Feedback received through social media channels

Feedback was received from the following social media channels:

- 108 from Facebook and Twitter for the Auckland region, 25 of which commented on a Waitematā local issue.

Feedback received through petition

The Waitematā Local Board received one petition signed by over 1200 people (#1804112) which states:

"Please provide safe pedestrian access for the nearly 20,000 residents around the Cook Street, Nelson Street and Union Street area."

Feedback on other topics that have a local impact

Key themes across the feedback received on other local topics include:

- A significant theme was the number of comments which did not support reducing funding for public arts and sought increased funding from the council for arts, culture and creative industries
- A large number of submitters specifically supported Mayor Phil Goff's proposal to increase the Auckland Art Gallery's funding by $20m over the next ten years as part of the LTP.
- There was a strong theme through the submissions that wanted increased support for the rough sleeping community. This ranged from support for the Housing First project, providing night shelters, and providing public facilities i.e. toilets and showers
- A significant number of submissions want the Council to prioritise reducing transport emissions
- Strong support for the recognition of Auaha (creativity/innovation) as a core value of the Auckland Plan and for this value to be better reflected across the outcomes and priorities proposed
- Strong support to continue developing the Auckland Cycle Network in Waitematā particularly the development of safe and separated on road cycleways and greenways
- Strong support to improve safe pedestrian environment including improvements to footpaths
- Strong support for Vision Zero
- Some of the other themes that emerged include:
    - Support for spray free and pollinator pathways
    - Improvements in the Victoria Quarter
    - Clean up of Cox's Creek
    - Congestion charging as a means of funding transport projects

Feedback received on Waitematā Local Board priorities for 2018/2019

The Waitematā Local Board consulted on the following 5 priorities:

- Priority 1: Seek funding to create a full site civic space at 254 Ponsonby Road
- Priority 2: Expansion of waterways restoration programme
- Priority 3: Prioritisation of Auckland Transport Capex fund over three years
- Priority 4: Provision and awareness raising of city centre public facilities
- Priority 5: Agrichemical free weed control methods in specific parks

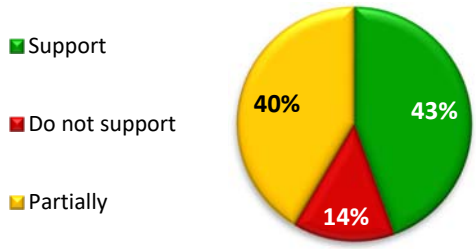
A summary of the feedback received through each channel is provided below.

Feedback received through written submissions

People were asked if the Waitematā Local Board has their priorities right for 2018/2019.

Waitematā Local Board received 1470 written submissions on their local priorities for 2018/2019, showing that the majority of people either support (43 per cent) or partially support (40 per cent) the local board's priorities.

Of those submissions, 1083 identified Waitematā as their home local board. Waitematā residents either support (44 per cent) or partially support (43 per cent) the local board's priorities.



People who responded that they "partially support" the Waitematā Local Board priorities for this particular question did so for a wide range of reasons and no clear theme could be identified.

Whilst not all provided comments a number of those who did raise matters were outside the board key priorities that were consulted on. This included Art Gallery funding, maintenance of streets and parks, and Auckland Council financial management. Some suggested alternative or additional projects the board could focus on which are identified in the following comments.

Some of the general comments made by people who "partially support" are:

- A number of submissions support extending the proposed waterways restoration programme priority to include other waterways such as Cox's Creek
- Support to extend the proposed agrichemical free parks to include Western Park
- Strong, but not universal, support for the provision of cycleways
- Support for an increased focus on the arts sector. Comments range from support towards art spaces, art centres and the Art Gallery, with a focus on increased funding for the arts.
- Some did not perceive Ponsonby Park as being a high priority or felt that the board should spend the budget on other priorities such as homelessness or fixing the combined waste water system.
- Many didn't understand the question on the provision of City Centre facilities . This caused confused responses which has impacted on the results.

Feedback on individual local priorities

In the online feedback form, people were asked if they would like to give feedback on any of the five key priorities individually. There was a question that related to each key priority. The questions below are directly from the online form. The feedback on each key priority is set out under each question below.

Priority 1: Seek funding to create a full site civic space at 254 Ponsonby Road

Question 1: Do you support the 10-year Budget to include first stage funding to create a full site civic space at 254 Ponsonby Road?

Fifty-seven per cent of all submissions support a full site civic space at 254 Ponsonby Road.

Twenty-five per cent partially support this initiative. Some people were generally supportive of the initiative but had reservations such as the below:

- Some people felt there are more important priorities such as water quality
- Some people did not want a change to the area
- Some felt that there is adequate open space already in Ponsonby

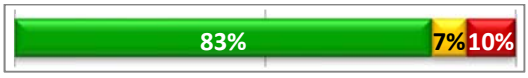
Sixty per cent of submissions that identified Waitematā as their home local board support a full site civic space at 254 Ponsonby Road.

In addition people could also submit feedback through social media by including the hashtag on their Facebook or Twitter comments. There were 25 comments on this Waitematā priority with all 25 comments supporting funding to create a full site civic space at 254 Ponsonby Road.

Priority 2: Expansion of waterways restoration programme

Question 2: Should we expand our waterways restoration programme in 2018/2019 to include Waiparuru Stream (Grafton Gully) and partner with Albert-Eden and Puketāpapa Local Boards to develop a protection and restoration strategy for the Waitītiko, Waiateao (Meola and Motions Creek catchments) and the Three Kings to Western Springs Aquifer?

83 per cent of submissions support the expansion of waterways restoration.



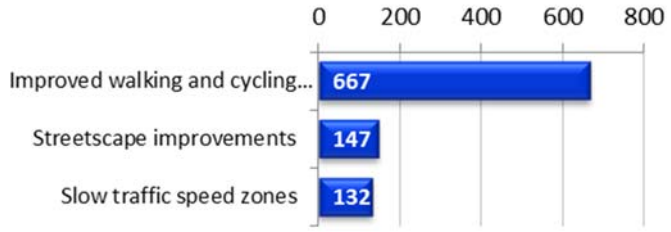
Further comments from submissions are:

- Clean waterways are critical
- Suggestion to include Cox's Creek in addition to the waterways above
- Support the partnering approach with other local boards as this acknowledges that waterways do not sit within local board boundaries

Priority 3: Prioritisation of Auckland Transport Capex fund over three years

Question 3: How do you think we should prioritise our Auckland Transport capex fund over the next three years?

Seventy-one per cent of submitters want to prioritise the Auckland Transport capex fund to improve walking and cycling initiatives.



Some of the key themes are:

- Number of submissions highlight and support improvements to walking infrastructure with specific reference to quality and safety
- The cycleway proposed for the Parnell rail tunnel had strong support, even amongst submitters who did not support on road cycleways
- Number of submitters support all three improvements and felt they were interconnected
- People who support slow traffic speed zones want reduced speed zones for residential areas

Priority 4: Provision and raising awareness of city centre public facilities

Question 4: Do you support allocating funding towards raising awareness and enhancing provision of city centre public facilities?

What kind of facilities should we prioritise?

Fifty-two per cent of submissions support funding towards raising awareness and enhancing provision of city centre public facilities.

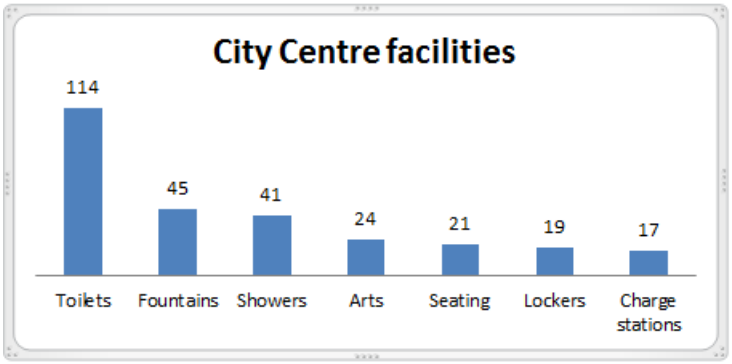
Twenty-eight per cent partially support and 20 per cent do not support this initiative.

Significant themes are:

- Several people did not support the “raising awareness” aspect of the initiative and did not see this as being a good use of public money.
- Many respondents did not understand what was meant by public facilities in the context of the question.

People who support the initiative were asked what kind of facilities should be prioritised. There were 146 feedback points, of which the common themes were toilets, drinking fountains, showers, arts or

art facilities, seating, lockers and charge stations. A number of submissions included more than one facility priority, e.g. toilets and showers.



Priority 5: Agrichemical free weed control methods

Question 5: The elimination of agrichemical spraying may have some impact on the visual presentation of the parks and reserves. Do you support the local board allocating $40,000 funding for agrichemical free weed control methods in specific parks such as at Albert Park and Myers Park in 2018/2019?

Sixty-four per cent of submissions support funding towards agrichemical free weed control methods in specific parks.

Key themes are:

- Of the people who partially support or did not support this initiative most commented that they did not have enough information or evidence to support.
- Some submissions who partially support the initiative want agrichemical free weed control across all parks in Waitematā, with a high proportion of those wanting this across the Auckland region.
- Number of submitters felt that this should be trialled at family friendly parks and suggest Western Park is more appropriate than Albert Park.
- Those that did not support this initiative submitted that the use of agrichemicals is the cheapest option and therefore their preference, or did not accept that agrichemicals were unsafe.

4. Overview of feedback received on the 10-year Budget from Waitematā Local Board area

The 10-year Budget 2018-2028 sets out Auckland Council priorities and how the council is going to pay for them. The regional consultation on the proposed 10-year Budget focused on four key issues:

- Issue 1: Transport
- Issue 2: Natural Environment
- Issue 3: Rates and charges
- Issue 4: Other changes and budget information

The written submissions received from the Waitematā Local Board area on these key issues is summarised below, along with an overview of any other areas of feedback on regional proposals with a local impact.

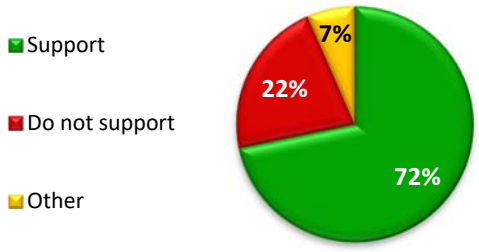
Issue 1: Transport

Aucklanders were asked their opinion on whether they would support a regional fuel tax to help pay for improvements to the transport system.

Question 1: We want to improve our transport system. As the population grows, congestion (and the pollution it creates) is getting worse, safety is declining and businesses are struggling to move freight and people. We are proposing that a regional fuel tax of 10 cents per litre (plus GST) be used to raise more funding for transport projects and services.

What is your opinion on the proposal to introduce a regional fuel tax to help pay for improvements to the transport system?

1,405 responses were received from the Waitematā Local Board area to question one, showing a majority of responses in support of the regional fuel tax.



Significant themes were:

- People who support the regional fuel tax want the funding to be invested in improving public transport and active modes
- A significant number of submissions (both in support and against) are concerned of the unfair impact on lower income families and rural communities
- The regional fuel tax should exempt public transport
- A number of submissions felt other funding options such as congestion charging were either preferable to the regional fuel tax or should replace it in the future

- Many of those that did not support the tax felt that it was punitive, is too high, should not incur GST or would be inflationary

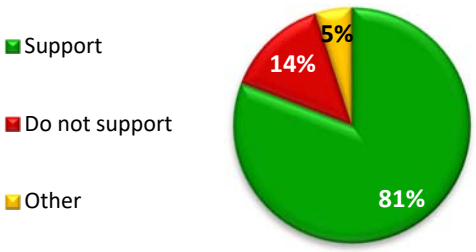
Issue 2: Water quality

Aucklanders were asked whether they would support a water quality targeted rate

Question 2: Our harbours, beaches and streams are being polluted by overflows from ageing sewerage and stormwater systems that can't cope with heavy rainfall and from contaminants washed into natural waterways. We want to improve our infrastructure to address this problem. Under current budgets this would take 30 years to achieve. We propose to introduce a new targeted rate to increase our funding of water infrastructure and speed up delivery of cleaner harbours, beaches and streams to 10 years. Our proposed targeted rate would cost the average residential ratepayer $66 per year ($1.30 per week), although this will vary based on your property value.

What is your opinion on this proposed targeted rate to speed up the delivery of cleaner harbours, beaches and streams?

1118 responses were received from the Waitematā Local Board area to question two, showing 81 per cent of submissions support a water quality targeted rate.



General themes are:

- High level of support as evidenced in the graph below
- Many submitters felt that 30 years to address the issue is unacceptable and some submitters felt that even 10 years was too long
- Those that made other comments focused on controlling and/or fining industry for causing pollution
- Some people who did not support this targeted rate felt it was up to Watercare to fund this work or it should come out of the general rates

Issue 3: Natural environment

People were also asked if they supported a natural environment targeted rate. Two options (A and B) were provided for the natural environment targeted rate.

Question 3: Auckland's rapid growth is putting pressure on the environment, as is the spread of pests, weeds and diseases that are threatening many of our native species. Approximately two-thirds of Auckland's local native species are under threat of extinction.

Our proposal is to invest more in environment initiatives and to fund this through a targeted rate (based on your property value) at one of two levels described below.

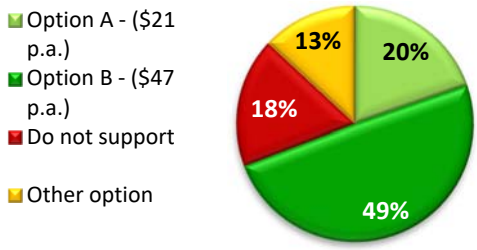
Option A – a targeted rate of an average rate of $21 per year per residential ratepayer. This increase would allow us to make limited improvements to environmental protection, mainly focusing on kauri dieback disease.

Option B – a targeted rate of an average rate of $47 per year per residential ratepayer. This increase would allow us to spend more on tackling kauri dieback disease, and allow us to better protect our native species and ecosystems.

What is your opinion on a proposed targeted rate to invest more to protect our environment?

1402 responses were received to question three, showing a majority of people support a targeted rate; 49 per cent support option B ($47 p.a) and 20 per cent support option A ($21 p.a).

Eighteen per cent of submitters selected "other" and were able to state the amount they support. Over one third of submitters that selected the "other" option, specified support for paying more than option B ($47 p.a), some of which support the full funding of the Pest Management Plan ($66 p.a).



Other themes were:

- People were uncertain what would be achieved by the different amounts and some suggested starting with the $21 option and increasing this when successful
- Many of the submitters that did not support this targeted rate felt that environmental work of this nature is the responsibility of central government, not local government
- Number of submitters felt Kauri Dieback was not an urgent priority, or was a national issue or was inevitable
- Number of proforma submission received from Forest and Bird which support greater funding for Myrtle rust in addition to other environment initiatives (e.g. Kauri Dieback)

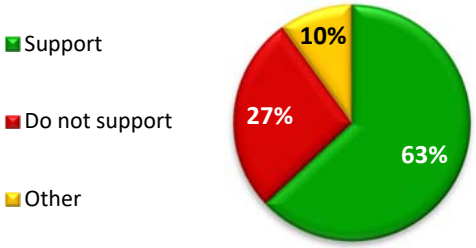
Issue 3: Rates and charges

People were asked about a proposed rate increase of 2.5 percent for the first two years and 3.5 percent for years three to 10.

Question 4: For this 10-year Budget we are proposing an average general rates increase of 2.5 per cent for the first two years and then 3.5 per cent for years three to 10. This will be used to fund our growing city. Without this level of rate increase, we would have to reduce existing service levels and defer or cut some currently planned projects.

What is your opinion on this proposed rates increase?

1342 responses were received from the Waitematā Local Board area, showing that the majority of submissions support the proposed rates increase.



Common themes were:

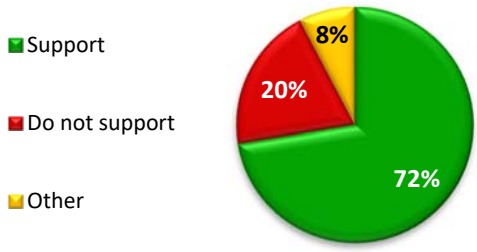
- Lack of trust in the Council and Council Controlled Organisations
- Number of submitters did not want to see a reduction of existing service levels
- Submitters want transparency of how rates will be spent
- Submitters want the Council to demonstrate cutting operational costs and being fiscally responsible while maintaining services
- Submitters want to stop immigration and migration to Auckland to reduce growth pressures
- Submitters expressed concern around current levels of service such as parks maintenance, footpaths and streets

Secondly people were asked about whether online accommodation providers that meet particular thresholds should pay business rates and the Accommodation Provider Targeted Rate.

Question 5: We are proposing that online accommodation providers (e.g. Airbnb properties) who let out their whole property (not just a room) for a certain number of days per year should pay business rates and the Accommodation Provider Targeted Rate (if the property is within a certain zone). This would mean they are treated the same way as other accommodation providers.

What is your opinion on this proposal?

1190 responses were received from the Waitematā Local Board area, showing 72 per cent of submissions support an accommodation provider targeted rate.



Significant themes were:

- There is also strong concern around the complexity and cost of administration of the targeted rate
- Number of people support the targeted rate because of a perceived impact on the rental market
- Number of people not in support of the targeted rate felt that Airbnb is an important part of tourism infrastructure
- Significant amount of submissions (both in support and not support) want a change to the threshold proposed for the number days rented or suggested a minimum amount of income the rate would apply to
- A smaller number of submissions was received from within the hospitality industry who did not support this proposal and generally do not support the existing Accommodation Provider Targeted Rate

Issue 4: other changes and budget information

Aucklanders were asked if they had any other feedback on matters in the consultation document.

Question 7: Please provide any other feedback on other matters in the consultation document or supporting information, such as changes to waste service charges (targeted rate to fund food waste collection service and standardisation of user-pays refuse collection), Tūpuna Maunga Authority Draft Operational Plan or the proposal to disestablish Auckland Council Investments Limited.

The disestablishment of Auckland Council Investments Limited did not elicit a large number of responses. Of those received the majority of responses support disestablishment.

The Tūpuna Maunga Authority Draft Operational Plan did not elicit a large number of responses, with submitters approximately split in support or do not support.

Similarly, the proposal to change the waste service charges did not elicit a large number of responses. Of those we received most were in support.

5. Overview of feedback received on the Auckland Plan 2050 from Waitematā Local Board area

The Auckland Plan 2050 sets Auckland's long-term direction and looks at the important challenges that need to be addressed in the following outcome areas:

- Outcome area 1: Belonging and participation
- Outcome area 2: Māori identity and wellbeing

- Outcome area 3: Homes and places
- Outcome area 4: Transport and access
- Outcome area 5: Environment and cultural heritage
- Outcome area 6: Opportunity and prosperity.

There was a question in the feedback form that relates to each outcome area. The questions and text below are directly from the feedback form. The feedback from the Waitematā Local Board area is set out under each question.

Question 1: An inclusive Auckland

In a fast-growing city of increasing diversity and social change, people may or may not feel included or enjoy positive life experiences. The Auckland Plan proposes an inclusive Auckland where people live together with trust and mutual respect and everyone has the opportunity to participate to their full potential

Do you think the six focus areas identified in Belonging and Participation will achieve this?

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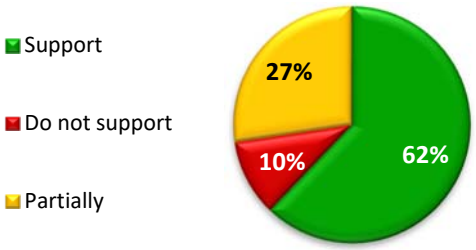

Question 2: Advance Māori well-being

The strengths and contributions Māori bring to Auckland will fuel economic growth and advance Māori well-being. With nearly a third of all Māori in Auckland aged under 15 years old, the Auckland Plan proposes investing more in tamariki and rangatahi to advance Māori well-being.

Do you think the seven focus areas identified in Māori Well-being and Identity will achieve this?

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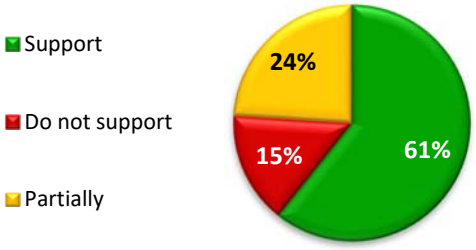

Question 3: Affordable homes

Lack of affordable housing is creating stress for many Aucklanders. It is driving some key workers out of Auckland and limiting our ability to attract and retain talent. The Auckland Plan proposes that all Aucklanders deserve healthy, affordable homes with secure tenure in well-designed places, whether they own or rent their homes.

Do you think the five focus areas identified in Homes and Places will achieve this?

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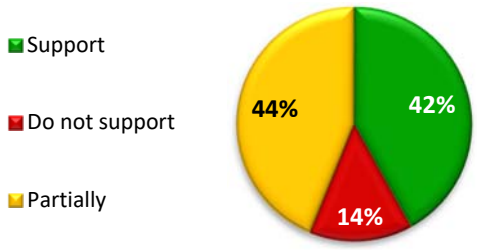

Question 4: Moving easily around Auckland

People lack choice in how they get around and it can take a long time to get where they need to go. To better connect people and places, the Auckland Plan proposes an integrated transport system that accelerates progress on walking, cycling and public transport and makes better use of existing networks.

Do you think the seven focus areas identified in Transport and Access will achieve this?

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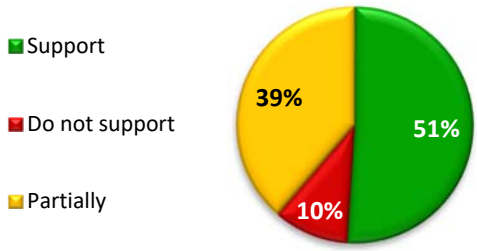

Question 5: Protecting and enhancing our environment

Unprecedented growth has required Auckland to provide for essential development, which has had an impact on our environment and cultural heritage. The Auckland Plan proposes utilising every opportunity to protect and enhance Auckland's environment as growth and development happens.

Do you think the six focus areas identified in Environment and Cultural Heritage will achieve this?

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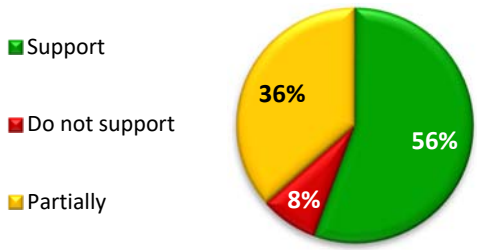

Question 6: Equipping people for future jobs

Rapid technology advances will create challenges, opportunities and change across many industries and jobs. The Auckland Plan proposes Aucklanders will need to adapt to the coming changes by investing in education, training and skills development for all.

Do you think the five focus areas identified in Opportunity and Prosperity will achieve this?

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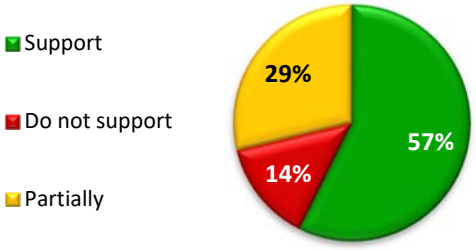

Question 7: Shaping our growth

Auckland has to provide for around 740,000 more people in the next 30 years, which would mean another 320,000 dwellings and up to 270,000 extra jobs. The Auckland Plan proposes to manage long-term population growth by prioritising development in existing urban areas and establishing new communities and new business land in future urban areas. Investment in Auckland's infrastructure will need to keep up with the pace and scale of growth.

Do you think the proposed approach for enabling growth will effectively provide for Auckland's future?

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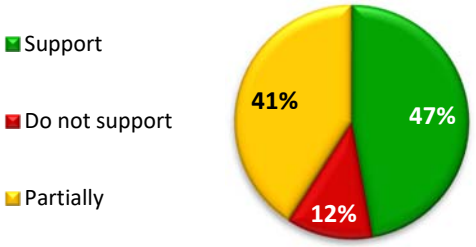

Discussion on the draft Auckland Plan 2050:

Comments received on the draft Auckland Plan 2050 include:

A significant number of submissions suggested support for the recognition of Auaha (creativity/innovation) as a core value of the Auckland Plan and for this value to be better reflected across the outcomes and priorities proposed.

The absence of an explicit focus on built heritage was raised by a number of submitters including at the two have your say events held by the Waitematā Local Board.

A number of feedback received sought greater use of clear targets, for example for zero carbon, zero waste, zero transport emissions, swimmable beaches, transport mode share and housing numbers, and for those targets to be monitored over time.

Other themes included:

- A greater focus on walking and cycling in the Moving Easily Around Auckland
- Support for increased density and stopping urban sprawl with a number of submissions suggesting a target of 80 per cent of urban growth within the urban growth boundary
- Some commented that much of the content was not Auckland Council's responsibility, not a core council's responsibility, or was within the remit of central government
- A number of submissions suggested that immigration should be stopped to reduce growth pressure
- Some felt that the draft Auckland Plan is too high level and aspirational