

I hereby give notice that an ordinary meeting of the Annual Plan Hearings - Great Barrier will be held on:

Date: Wednesday, 26 March 2014
Time: 1.00pm
Meeting Room: Conference Room
Venue: Great Barrier Island Sports & Social Club
19 Whangaparapara Road, Claris
Great Barrier Island

Annual Plan Hearings - Great Barrier

OPEN AGENDA

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1 Apologies

At the close of the agenda no apologies had been received.

At the close of the agenda no requests for leave of absence had been received.

2 Declaration of Interest

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest they might have.

Summary of public submissions on the draft Annual Plan 2014/2015 – Great Barrier Local Board

File No.: CP2014/03793

Item 3

Purpose

1. This report provides a high-level analysis of key themes contained in submissions on the Draft Annual Plan 2014/2015 relevant to the Great Barrier Local Board. The report also provides high-level analysis of the regional submissions on the Draft Annual Plan 2014/2015.

Executive Summary

2. 1,967 submissions were received on the draft Annual Plan 2014/2015, 87 of which were received after the submission deadline. The Draft Annual Plan includes the Great Barrier Draft Local Board Agreement.
3. Legislation requires that submitters to the Draft Annual Plan be given reasonable opportunity to be heard.
4. Submissions that cover both regional and local content will be heard at local board hearings, with at least the ward councilor(s) present to hear regional content. For the Great Barrier Local Board, there were a total of 2 submissions, with both submitters requesting to be heard. At the time of writing this report, a further 2 late submissions had been received. Given the low number of submissions received, comments from late submissions have also been provided in the analysis of this report.
5. The Great Barrier Local Board did not propose any budget changes.
6. There were no local themes or topics that received a significant number of comments from submissions to the Great Barrier Local Board. Again, given the low number of submissions received from the Great Barrier Local Board area, the key points from each submissions are outlined in the body of this report.
7. The most significant regional issues arising from the submissions were in regards to the consultation questions, i.e. the stadium strategy and Arts Festival proposals.
8. A total of 1,069 submitters (54.4% of all submitters) provided an opinion on the proposed stadium strategy. Of these, 230 (21.5%) supported the proposal, while 501 (46.9%) did not support it, and 338 (31.6%) were unsure. The most notable opposition was attributed to moving the speedway, with 362 submitters expressing a desire to keep the speedway at Western Springs.
9. 985 submitters (50.1% of all submitters) provided an opinion on the Arts Festival proposal. Of these, 503 (51.1%) supported the proposal, while 226 (22.9%) did not support it, and 256 (26.0%) were unsure.
10. The most notable other topic was opposition to fluoridation of the water supply. 237 submitters raised this point, with 217 of them coming in the form of a pro forma.
11. The submissions relevant to the Great Barrier Local Board area are attached to this report.
12. The Great Barrier Local Board will consider all submissions relevant to the local board area at discussion workshops on the Draft Annual Plan and Great Barrier Draft Local Board Agreement on 26 March 2014.

Recommendation/s

That the Annual Plan Hearings - Great Barrier:

- a) Receive submissions on the Draft Annual Plan 2014/2015, including the Great Barrier Draft Local Board Agreement, relevant to the Great Barrier Local Board
- b) Hear the relevant submissions on the Draft Annual Plan 2014/2015
- c) Thank submitters for their verbal presentations
- d) Consider any potential amendments to the Draft Annual Plan 2014/2015, including the Great Barrier Draft Local Board Agreement.

Discussion

Context

13. The Local Government Act 2002 and Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009 require Council to use the special consultative procedure in adopting the Draft Annual Plan 2014/2015. This includes ensuring any person submitting on the Draft Annual Plan is given reasonable opportunity to be heard.
14. The governing body agreed at the meeting on 19 December 2013, that submissions containing both regional and local content would be heard at local hearings.
15. This report provides statistics on submissions received regionally and locally, and a brief high-level analysis of key themes and topics.
16. More detailed analysis of submissions will be provided to the local board workshop on 13 April 2014.
17. The consultation period for the Draft Annual Plan 2014/2015, incorporating the Great Barrier Draft Local Board Agreement, was held from 23 January 2014 to 4pm 24 February 2014.

Submissions

18. Council received and processed 1,967 submissions. Of these submissions, 2 are relevant to the Great Barrier Local Board area with both submitters requesting to be heard. At the time of writing this report, a further 2 late submissions had been received. Given the low number of submissions received, comments from late submissions have also been provided in the analysis of this report.
19. Copies of submissions for the Great Barrier Local Board area are provided in Attachment A to this report.

Overview of feedback from submissions relevant to the Great Barrier Local Board area

20. The submission form asked for views on local board budget changes for 2014/2015. However, the Great Barrier Local Board proposed no budget changes.
21. Submitters to the Great Barrier Local Board, along with their key themes and topics raised in the submissions, are outlined below.
 - The Great Barrier Island Community Heritage and Arts Village Trust
 - Would like the local board to consider supporting their programme through a funding agreement to contribute towards salaries and administrative costs.

- Mike Newman (individual)
 - Concerned by continual rates increases and the level of Council debt
 - Would like the local board to consider sealing Kaiaraara Bay Road.
- Cindy Wiseman (Late - individual)
 - Concerned with poisons entering our environments
 - Raises need for community facilities, including a pool and gymnasium
 - Requests continued rubbish and recycling awareness, particularly targeting commercial operations.
- Great Barrier Island Environmental Trust (Late)
 - Request a continued focus on infrastructure priorities
 - Suggest strengthening relationships with Ngati Rehua Ngatiwai ki Aotea and off-island rate payers
 - Would like the environment committee utilised to address major issues, including obtaining pest-free status for the island
 - Suggest investigating ways to develop a sustainable visitor economy.

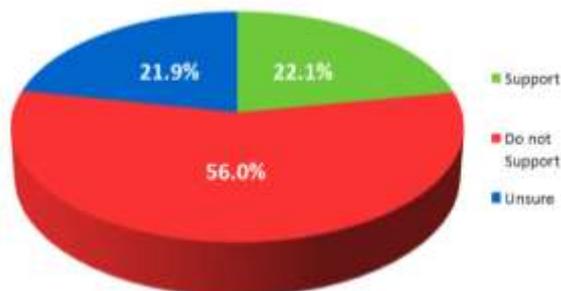
Consultation questions

22. **Consultation Question 1: Stadium Strategy** – A total of 1,069 submitters (54.4% of all submitters) provided an opinion on the proposed stadium strategy. Of these, 230 (21.5%) supported the proposal, while 501 (46.9%) did not support it, and 338 (31.6%) were unsure. The most notable opposition was attributed to moving the speedway, with 362 submitters expressing a desire to keep the speedway at Western Springs. This is outlined in figure 1 below.

Figure 1 – Stadium Strategy proposal

Overall

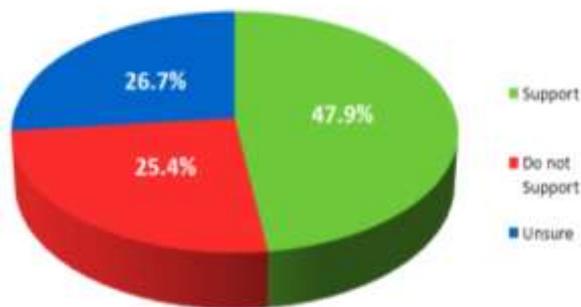
(1,065 submissions)



23. 985 submitters (50.1% of all submitters) provided an opinion on the Arts Festival proposal. Of these, 503 (51.1%) supported the proposal, while 226 (22.9%) did not support it, and 256 (26.0%) were unsure. This is outlined in figure 2 below.

Figure 2 – Arts Festival proposal

Overall
(401 submissions)



24. Only one submitter from the Great Barrier Local Board area (The Great Barrier Island Community Heritage and Arts Village Trust) commented on the consultation questions, stating they were unsure of the stadium strategy and supportive of an annual Arts Festival.

Regional overview

25. There were 165 regional submissions, with 44 requesting to be heard. High-level information on the regional submissions is provided below. Of those requesting to be heard at a regional hearing, 8 were from individual submitters, 22 from special interest groups, 11 from businesses or business associations, and a further 3 from Maori organisations.
26. The topics listed below in table 2 indicate the most commonly raised submission points relating to regional activities (not including the consultation questions), with a summary of the most significant issues below.

Table 1 - Regional topics

Topic Description	Number of submissions commenting on topic	% of total submissions
Watercare – Water Supply	247	12.6%
Regional arts & culture initiatives	54	2.7%
Social housing proposal – Do not support	51	2.6%
Expenditure – too high	38	1.9%
Transport strategy	35	1.8%
Request for funding	31	1.6%
Auckland Transport – Public transport	29	1.5%
General comments about the plan	29	1.5%
Auckland Transport – Roads	27	1.4%
Rates – too high	24	1.2%
Environmental strategy, policies & programmes	23	1.2%

27. **Watercare Services – Water supply** – 226 of the 236 submissions regarding water supply were opposing fluoridation of the water supply. Of those submissions, 206 came via a pro forma. The points raised outline a believed violation of human rights in that ratepayers have no choice as to whether their water is treated to include fluoride chemicals. The form also outlines a perceived health risk and that fluoride should be obtained through toothpaste only.

28. **Regional arts & culture initiatives** – of the 54 submitters that commented on this topic, 48 are requests for Council to consider Massive Theatre Company for annual investment and assistance to find a home. While most of which are from members/supports, the Theatre does also make an official submission requesting funding itself.
29. **Social Housing proposal** – 51 submitters outlined their reasons for not supporting the proposal to increase social housing rental charges by 5%. Just over half of these submitters outlined the major reason being the increase was not affordable.

Next steps

30. Decisions on the final Great Barrier Local Board Agreement will be made at the decision-making meeting on Wednesday 9 April 2014. Members may require additional information to support their decision-making. Officers' responses to requests for information will be tabled at the deliberation meeting.

Consideration

Local Board Views

31. The Great Barrier Local Board will consider all submissions relevant to the local board area at the workshop on the Draft Annual Plan 2014/2015 and Great Barrier Draft Local Board Agreement on 26 March 2014.

Maori Impact Statement

32. The implementation of the Annual Plan 2014/2015 has the potential for positive outcomes for Māori. Notwithstanding the projects already identified in the Draft Annual Plan 2014/2015 that contribute to Māori the impact will be clearer when consideration and decisions are made by the Great Barrier Local Board and the Governing Body, at their respective decision-making meetings, on the Draft Annual Plan and the Great Barrier Draft Local Board Agreement.
33. Mana Whenua authorities were sent a letter about the consultation process. Maatawaka received information via standard communications processes that Auckland Council use to disseminate Annual Plan information.
34. Te Reo Māori regional summaries and submission forms were available, as well as translators for submissions received in, and/or submitters wishing to address the hearing in Te Reo Māori.

Implementation Issues

35. Implementation issues on the various matters raised in submissions will be considered when making decisions at decision-making meetings on the Draft Annual Plan 2014/2015 and Great Barrier Draft Local Board Agreement on 9 April 2014.

Attachments

No.	Title	Page
A	Draft Annual Plan 2014-2015 - Great Barrier Local Board Submissions (Under Separate Cover)	

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