

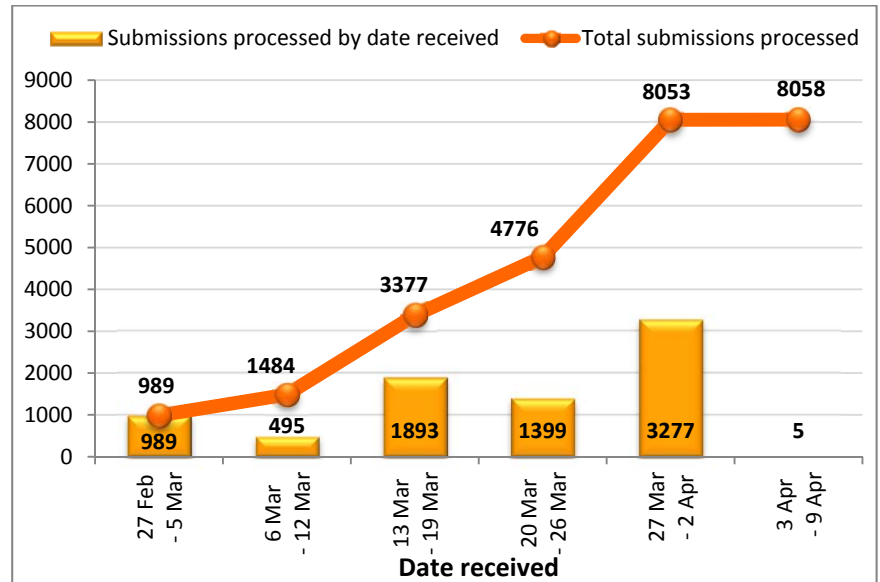
ANNUAL BUDGET 2017/2018

FINAL UPDATE

Total submissions received: 8,058

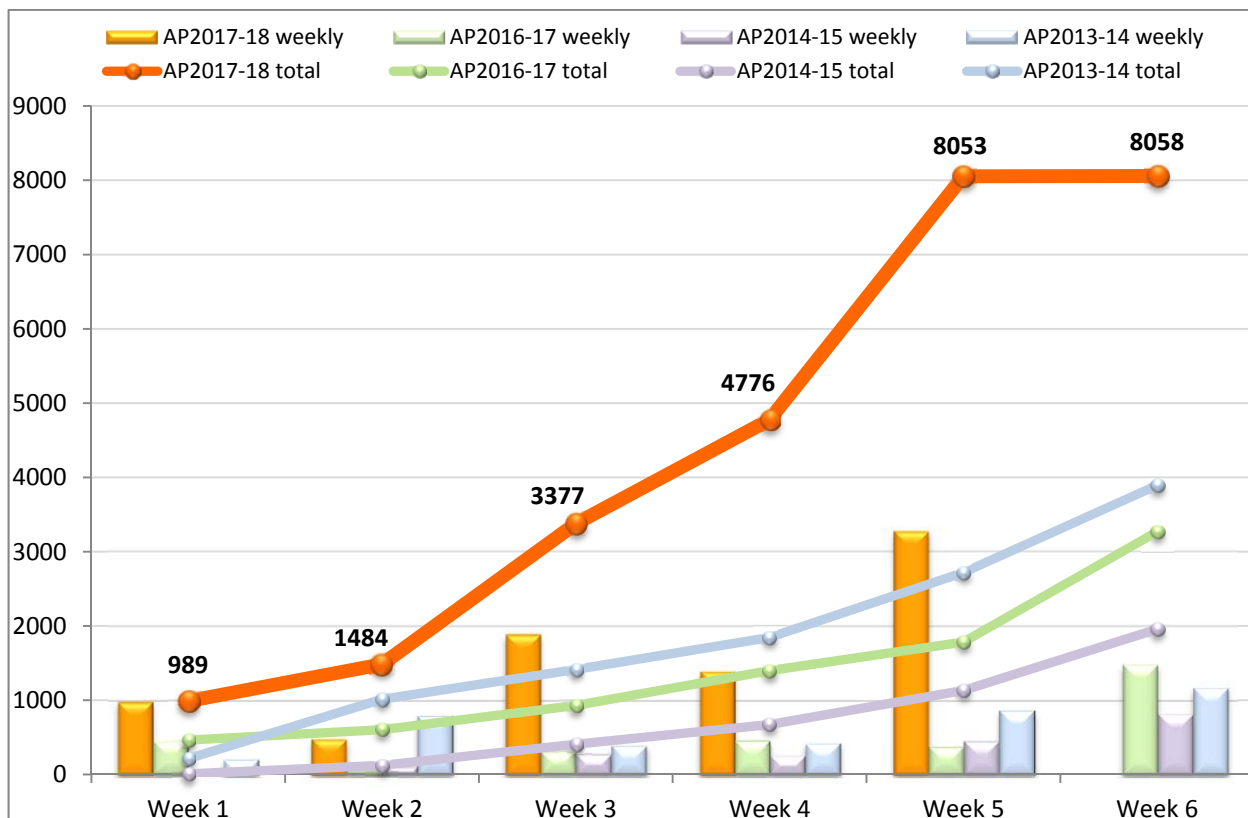
The following information relates to Annual Budget 2017/2018 submissions received and processed prior to 7 April 2017. This includes submissions via online form, hard copy form, letters or emails. Please note – 48 submissions were received late and that feedback was not coded for analysis, however these submissions will still be available for consideration.

Processing as at 7 April 2017	
Submissions processed since 27 March	4,488
Submissions processed total	8,058



HISTORICAL COMPARISONS

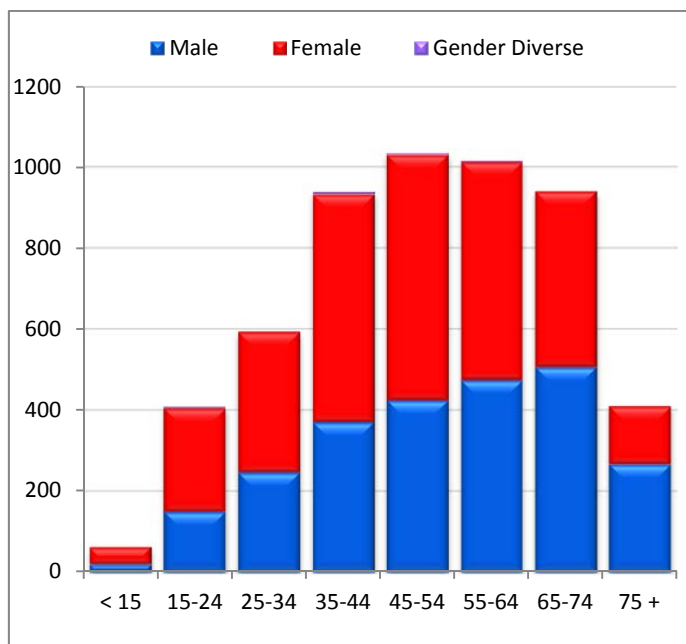
The graph below compares submissions received to the three previous Annual Budget/Plan consultations.



DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

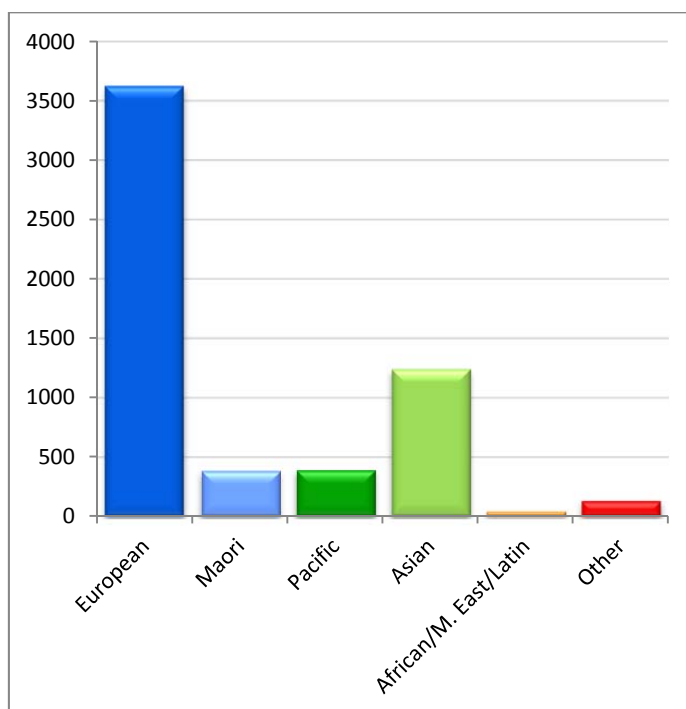
The tables and graphs on this page indicate what demographic categories people identified with. This information only relates to those submitters who provided demographic information (e.g. 5,523 people out of 8,058 gave a gender response).

GENDER	#	%
Male	2,520	46%
Female	2,985	54%
Gender diverse	18	<1%
Total	5,523	100%



AGE	Male	Female	Diverse	Total	%
< 15	20	43	1	66	1%
15 – 24	150	256	4	416	8%
25 – 34	247	347	0	608	11%
35 – 44	371	563	5	957	17%
45 – 54	425	606	4	1,049	19%
55 – 64	475	539	2	1,026	19%
65 – 74	507	434	0	956	17%
75 +	267	144	1	426	8%
Total				5,504	100%

ETHNICITY	#	%
European	3,630	66%
NZ European	3,356	61%
Other European	274	5%
Maori	390	7%
Pacific	395	7%
Samoan	226	4%
Tongan	93	2%
Other Pacific	76	1%
Asian	1,245	23%
Chinese	729	13%
Indian	147	3%
Other Asian	369	7%
African/Middle Eastern/Latin	47	1%
Other	136	2%
New Zealander/Kiwi	83	2%
Other	53	1%
Total	5,470	NA*



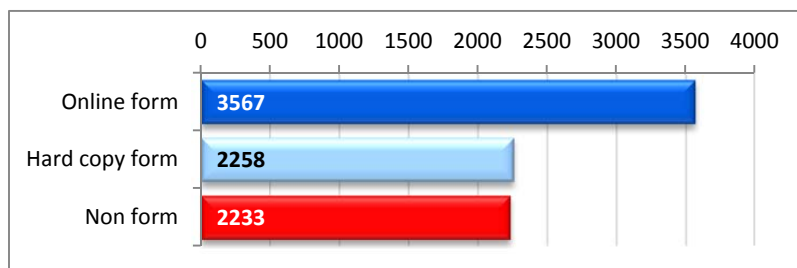
* Does not add to 100% due to some people selecting more than one ethnicity

SUBMISSION TYPE

256 submissions (3%) received were from organisations. The high number of non form submissions is largely due to a pro forma campaign from the Living Wage Aotearoa who generated 1,903 submissions to their pro forma submission in support of the living wage policy.

SUBMISSION TYPE		
Online form	3,567	44%
Hard copy form	2,258	28%
Non form*	2,233	28%
Total	8,058	100%

* Feedback received via anything other than a Council form (e.g. letter, email, pro forma)



SUBMISSION BY LOCAL BOARD

The table below indicates the number of submissions processed by the local board that each submitter lives in.

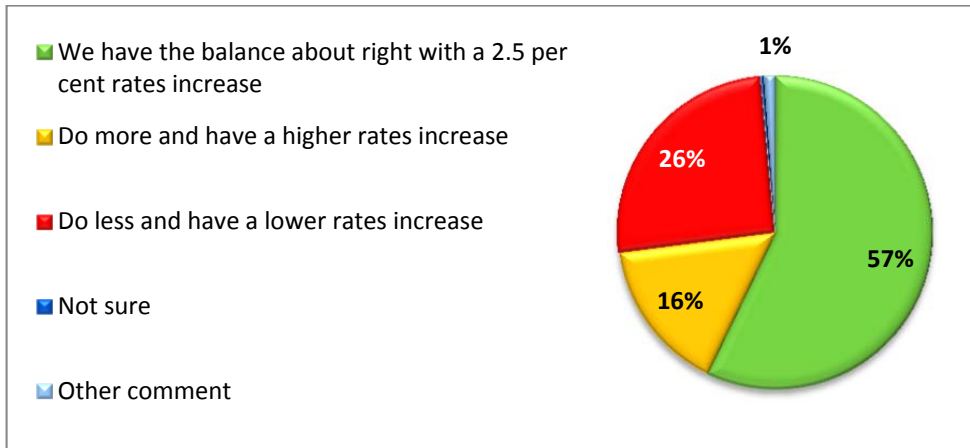
	Local Board	Total	Percentage
NORTH	Devonport-Takapuna Local Board	257	4%
	Hibiscus and Bays Local Board	351	6%
	Kaipatiki Local Board	316	5%
	Rodney Local Board	354	6%
	Upper Harbour Local Board	218	3%
WEST	Henderson-Massey Local Board	328	5%
	Waitakere Ranges Local Board	228	4%
	Whau Local Board	247	4%
CENTRAL	Albert-Eden Local Board	482	8%
	Great Barrier Local Board	14	<1%
	Maungakiekie-Tamaki Local Board	227	4%
	Orakei Local Board	397	6%
	Puketapapa Local Board	94	2%
	Waiheke Local Board	54	1%
	Waitemata Local Board	472	8%
SOUTH	Franklin Local Board	198	3%
	Howick Local Board	463	7%
	Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board	211	3%
	Manurewa Local Board	182	3%
	Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board	175	3%
	Papakura Local Board	152	2%
OTHER	Regional (i.e. organisations whose views are not specific to a local area)	53	1%
	Not Supplied (i.e. local board not supplied and unable to be determined)	686	11%
	Outside Auckland	89	1%
	TOTAL	8,058	100%

CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

The graphs below summarise responses to the consultation questions.

Q1. Delivering our planned investments and services will require an average rates increase of 2.5 per cent for 2017/2018. A higher rates increase would enable us to do more, while a lower rates increase would mean we can do less. What do you think?

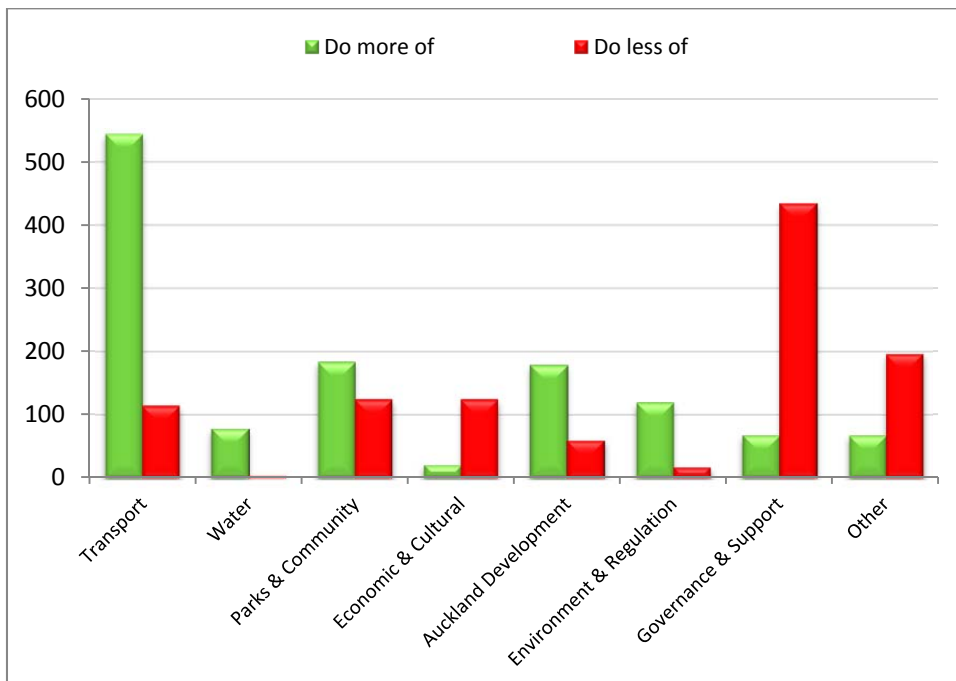
(5,504 responses)



Q1b. What should we do more/less of?

If a submitter selected ‘do more and have a **higher** rates increase’ they were asked what they thought Council should do **more** of. If a submitter selected ‘do less and have a **lower** rates increase’ they were asked what they thought Council should do **less** of. Their responses were coded to Council’s activity areas below.

(1,697 responses)



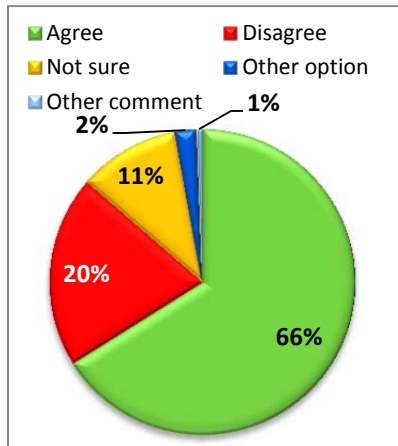
Two common themes emerged in the response to this question:

1. Submitters thought Council should do **more** to improve transport
2. Submitters thought Council should **reduce** the number of staff and/or the amount Council staff are paid.

Q2. The council has been adjusting the share of general rates between businesses and residential ratepayers over time. This has resulted in businesses having a smaller increase than residential ratepayers.

We are proposing that for 2017/2018 both should receive the same rates increase. What do you think?

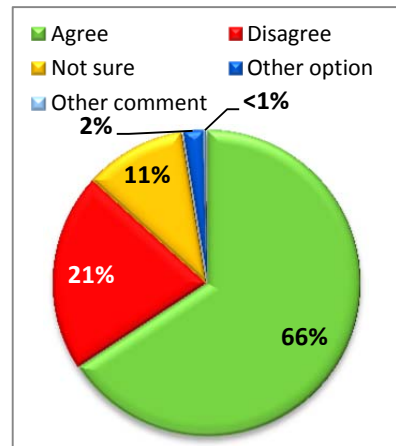
(5,564 responses)



Q3. The council spends \$20-30 million on tourism promotion and major events each year.

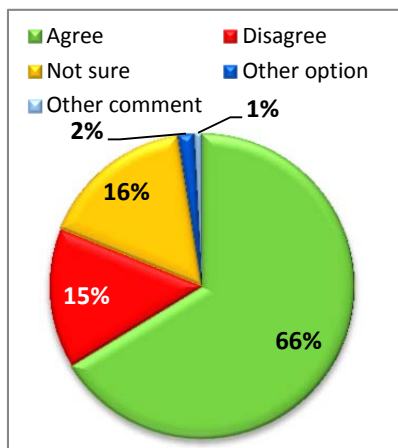
We are proposing to fund this from a targeted rate on accommodation providers rather than general rates. What do you think?

(5,626 responses)



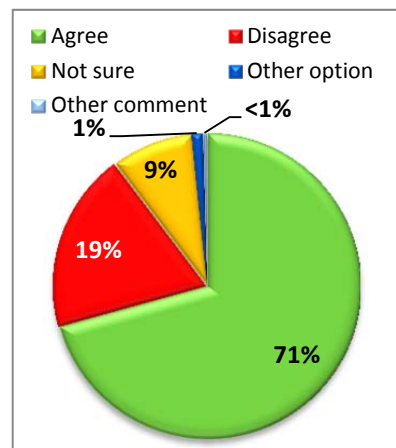
Q4. The council is proposing to change our funding policy to allow infrastructure for new housing developments to be funded by targeted rates, rather than ratepayers across Auckland. What do you think?

(5,500 responses)



Q5. The council is proposing to implement a living wage policy over the council term ending October 2019 to ensure all council staff can afford typical living costs. This would be funded from savings within the existing budgets. What do you think?

(7,411 responses)



OTHER FEEDBACK

The top themes from comments unrelated to the consultation questions are outlined below.

Rank	Theme	Topic	Comments
1	Auckland Development	Homelessness	340
2	Governance and support	Regional governance and organisational support	231
3	Transport	Roads	222
4	Transport	Travel demand management (incl. walking & cycling)	194
5	Environmental management and regulation	Environmental services	142

ADDITIONAL FEEDBACK RECEIVED NOT AS PART OF A SUBMISSION

Overall, a total of 42 events were attended or held by Auckland Council across the region whereby the general public and stakeholder organisations were given opportunities to provide feedback. The format of these events ranged from organised round table discussions with elected members, town hall style meetings where an elected member presented a topic and held a discussion with the public, to drop-in sessions at shopping malls and stalls at existing community events e.g. Pasifika. We received feedback from 1,497 members of the public or stakeholders who attended these events during the consultation period.

A total of 103 pieces of feedback were received via social media, i.e. Facebook and Twitter. In addition, nearly 60 responses were received via 'Up South' regarding the living wage.