

Annual Budget 2017/2018 consultation feedback report for Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board

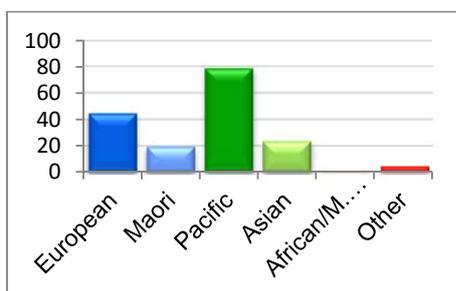
1. Purpose

- A. This report summarises all feedback received through the Annual Budget 2017/2018 consultation on Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board proposals. It also summarises feedback on the regional proposals from people or organisations based in the Ōtara-Papatoetoe local board area.
- B. The purpose of this report is to inform the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board of the views of their local community on the annual proposals. This will build on the boards understanding of community priorities and preferences as established in the development of the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board Plan 2014.
- C. The feedback received will inform the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board decisions on allocation of their local budgets in their local board agreement for 2017/2018. It will also inform the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board discussions with the Finance and Performance Committee on 9 May on advocacy and local priorities in relation to the regional budgets and proposals.

2. Summary

Out of the 8,058 submissions received on the Annual Budget 2017/2018, 175 were submissions from people living in Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area or concerning Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board local proposals (166 from individuals and 9 from organisations).

- A. Responses are categorised in terms ethnicity below:



	#	%	
European	45	29%	
Maori	20	13%	
Pacific	79	51%	
Asian	24	15%	
African/M. E...	1	1%	
Other	5	3%	

- B. Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board local proposals consulted on for 2017/2018. What we planned to do:

- New multi-sport facility at Ngati Otara Park
- Community facility upgrade, including Te Puke O Tara Community Centre
- Renewal of existing assets, including Allenby Park Skate Park renewal
- A wide range of programmes for economic development, community facilities and environmental initiatives
- Other local capital projects

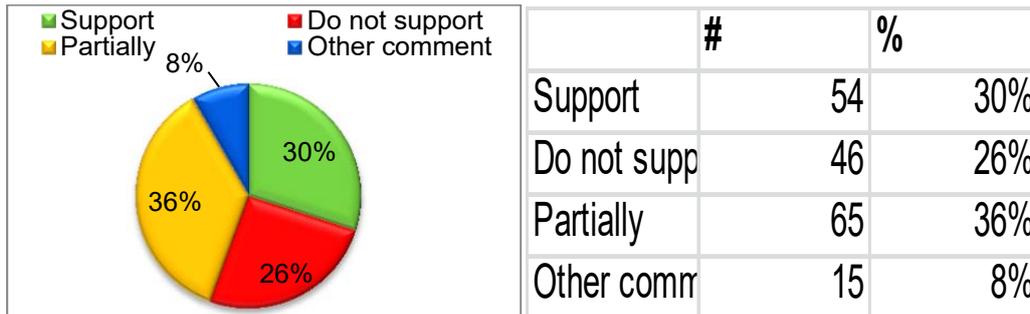
- C. Proposing the following priorities in addition to what is planned

- local events fund
- local community grants

- Skills Sheds operations
- Ōtara Lake and Waterways Vision
- local economic development planning - BID top-up

D. Feedback received on all local proposals

- Most submitters either support (30%) or partially support (36%) the board's key priorities:



Of the 180 people in Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board that gave feedback on the overall local board priorities: 36% (65 respondents) indicated that they partially support their local board. 30% (54 respondents) support the local board priorities and 26% (46 respondents) did not support. 8% (15 respondents) made other comment.

Verbatim comments:

- **Partially support:**
 - *"We have a high rate of homeless people and there is an issue with windscreen wipers problems which is dangerous to drivers and to them."*
 - *"More resources need to be put into dog management especially in getting through the backlog of 1,000 dog owners who took advantage of the amnesty on menacing dogs. A neighbour's dog is on this waiting list and nothing has been done about this dog for over 9 months. Another distant neighbour recently threatened to set his pit bull terrier on me for daring to come on his property to offer to kill his moth-plant infestation for free!"*
 - *Utilise the water way/ creek area behind Ngati Otara Park*
 - *"The OPLB talks about inclusion however despite previous support since 2015 the establishment of a museum & arts facility has rapidly reduced to advocacy while other projects level pegging with the establishment of such a facility have made it to the priority list even though their own commissioned report states there is a demonstrated need in the district. Inclusion means 'me too' not exclusion and pushing one group over another which it looks like here when reading all the OPLB reports etc."*

- **In support of priorities:**
 - *“Though would like to see more emphasis on keeping the whole area neat and tidy-litter free”*
 - *Support Otara Lake and Waterways vision”*
 - *“I think we're doing fine and that what we're doing is fine.”*
 - *“Support Facility upgrade Te Puke O Tara Com Centre”*
- **Do not support priorities:**
 - *“More shops, more jobs and widen the roads”*
 - *“Needs more opportunities for schools”*
 - *“No apparent from bullet lists what the local board is doing in the Old Papatoetoe area”*
 - *“Public security should be improved.”*

Other comments

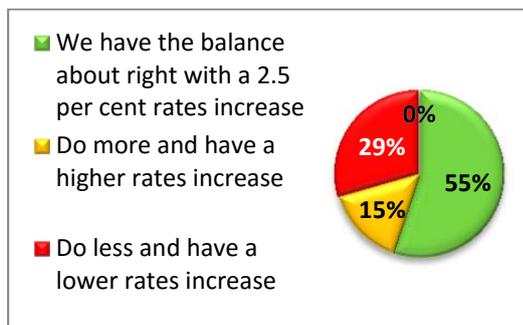
- *“It's more that I would like to see things changed back. The pools should be 100% free, and Libraries kept at full capacity and offering more services. The infill houses are becoming too intense, and as a result our kids are losing their areas to play. I would love to see inorganic rubbish collection resumed to combat the illegal dumping that goes on all over south Auckland. Some people don't have the money or the means to take their unwanted items to the tip.”*
- *“In my 21 years involvement as a businessman in Papatoetoe and involvement in local community and business groups I never saw a cent of ATEED funding for local events. If ATEED is to remain relevant it should support all of Auckland and not just the central hub”*

E. Regional proposals consulted on for 2017/2018

The bullet points below note the approval ratings for each of the regional proposals.

Issue 1: Rates increases

Of the 156 people in Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board that gave feedback on this proposal: 55% (86 respondents) indicated that council have the balance about right with a 2.5% rates increase. Doing less with a lower rates increase received 29% support (46 respondents) and doing more with a higher rates increase received 15% support (24 respondents).

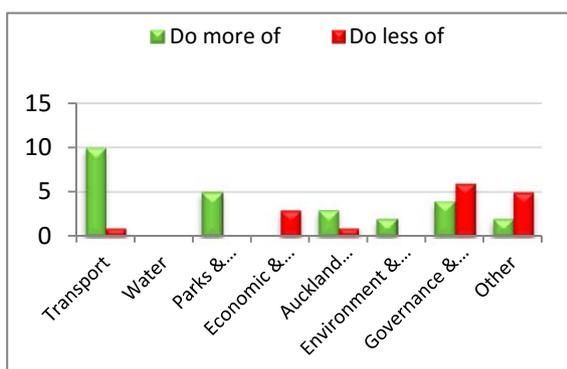


We have the balance about right with a 2.5 per cent rates increase	86	55%
Do more and have a higher rates increase	24	15%
Do less and have a lower rates increase	46	29%
Not sure	0	0%

Verbatim comments:

- **In support of 2.5% rates increase:**
 - “Fixe 2.5% for at least five years”
 - “The increase of 2.5% is about right. Spend the money on parks”
- **In support of a lower rates increase:**
 - “Auckland is already one of the hardest areas and regions in buying homes
 - “Due to the high cost of living and affording rent”
- **In support of a higher rates increase:**
 - “3.5%”
 - “Build less road structures and increase train tracks”

When asked what rates should be spent on, people indicated they would like council to do more towards transport, parks & community and environment & regulation and do less towards government & support transport .



Activity area	Do more of	Do less of
Transport	10	1
Water	0	0
Parks & Community	5	0
Economic & Cultural	0	3
Auckland Development	3	1
Environment & Regulation	2	0
Governance & Support	4	6

Verbatim comments:

- “More playgrounds for the community.”
- “Funding to community organisations to help with suburban community safety at a street level.”
- “Greater preservation/provision for green spaces in areas of increased density of housing”

• Issue 2: Rating stability

Of the 158 people in Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board that gave feedback on this proposal: 56% (88 respondents) indicated that they agree with rates increase stability. 31% (49) disagree with no reason 12% (19) were not sure and 1% (1 person) and 1 person (1%) made other comment. 10 people had no response

• Issue 3: Paying for tourism promotion

Of the 158 people in Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board that gave feedback on this proposal: 70% (110 respondents) agreed with paying for tourism promotion. 15% (23 respondents) disagree 14% (22 respondents) are unsure. 2% (3 respondents) chose other option.

- **Issue 4: Paying for housing infrastructure**

Of the 162 people in Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board that gave feedback on this proposal: 67% (108 respondents) agreed with paying for housing infrastructure. 16% (26 respondents); disagree. 15% (24 respondents) are unsure. 5% (8 respondents) made other comments.

- **Issue 5: Paying council staff a living wage**

Of the 157 people in Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board that gave feedback on this proposal: 64% (100 respondents) agree with paying council staff a living wage. 26% (40 respondents) disagree. 10% (15 respondents) are unsure. 1% (2 respondents) chose other option. 10 respondents have no response.

F. Specific request from respondents:

- *“It will be great for the Otara-Papatoetoe local board to hold symposiums for senior citizens & BOT to share information and challenges.”*
- *“Trees on Flatbush Road - ignored. Needs to be added in LB priorities.”*
- *“Museum and Arts Facility please put back on the agenda”*
- *“Main road to Middlemore Hospital (Swaffield Road) and the 2 x reserves have broken fences, rats, broken drains and rubbish. This is the gateway to the hospital and it looks like a disgrace. There is a huge park on Swaffield Road and no playground. After hours at the hospital there is no hot food and the shops in front of the park are the only place to go and they are B grade. Ashraf Choudhary offered to do a site visit and see what the issues are”*