

## Supporting information - local board priorities

Each year we plan the projects and initiatives we will deliver in your local board area. These are based on our 2017 Local Board Plan, which sets our three-year direction for the local board. We are seeking your input on our proposals for the 2018/2019 financial year.

### 3.1 Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

#### Message from the Chair

It's an exciting time for the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area. Year one of this Long-term Plan (LTP) enables us to start planning and delivering the projects you helped us identify as part of our recently adopted and published 2017-2020 local board plan.

We are proposing a number of innovative projects across the local board area – from delivering a new skate park in Sunnynook, to improved cycle and walkways across our area, linking our places of work, with our places of play.

We also have some challenges that we need to tackle with the community, such as securing the budget to fix congestion on Lake Road. In particular, we want your views on whether you would support targeted rate to help fund the project.

Please take the time to read and consider this document, as your input is important to helping us create a vibrant and beautiful area.

Dr. Grant Gillon

Chair – Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

#### What we propose in your local board area in 2018/2019

In developing this document, we considered your feedback from the local board plan to determine which projects are the most important to the community. You told us that we need to ensure our parks continue to meet our communities' needs, protecting our natural environment by eliminating pests, and fixing traffic congestion issues on Lake Road.

You've told us your priorities for our area - now we want your views to help inform the projects as they're developed and undertaken over the next year. These include:

- finding a suitable location for a dog park, to provide an additional dedicated space outside of our busy beaches
- commence planning for new and upgraded cycle and walkways to support the Lake Road Improvements project
- develop a pest-free strategy to enable and deliver effective eradication of pest vegetation and vermin

## Our key advocacy project

Our key advocacy project is securing the budget for the Auckland Transport (AT) Lake Road Improvements project. This project is critical to fixing congestion issues on Lake Road by improving the road corridor, as well as public transport and walking and cycling infrastructure.

We understand that fixing Lake Road is consistently the number one issue for our community. In 2017, 1,200 submissions were received as part of public consultation on the project and 85 per cent of submitters to our local board plan said that budgets should be prioritised for this.

We've been working closely with AT over the last year, and the project is now entering an important phase to ensure its budget is included in the LTP. One aspect being considered is whether a targeted rate could fund part of the project budget, or a particular component of it.

The first step in this process is to see if there is an appetite within our impacted community for a targeted rate to help fund the project, and establish how much you'd be prepared to pay on top of your existing rates bill to assist this project.

In 2017 the Automobile Association (AA) surveyed their members to gauge their views on AT's Lake Road project. One of the key findings from the survey was that people are willing to pay for a targeted rate if the project could be delivered within five years. We would like to hear what others across the local board area think about a targeted rate to help fund this project.

## What do you think?

1. Do you think we've got our priorities right?
2. Where do you think could be a suitable location for a dog park in our area?
3. Do you support the development of a pest-free strategy for our area, and which pests should we focus on eliminating first?
4. Do you support the local board focussing their transport budget cycle and walkway projects to support the Lake Road Improvements project?
5. Do you support a targeted rate to help fund traffic congestion issues on Lake Road, and if so, how much would you be willing to pay on top of your rates bill?