
Draft Auckland Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018 – Briefing Report on feedback received from the Albert-Eden Local Board Area

Purpose

To summarise feedback received from residents of the Albert-Eden Local Board area on the draft Auckland Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018.

Executive Summary

Overall, 172 submissions were received on the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan from the board area. This represented eight per cent of the total submissions received. Responses suggested that the majority of submitters supported the overall direction of the draft plan with:

- 81 per cent supporting expanding council's focus to non-domestic waste
- 85 per cent supporting working with businesses to reduce construction and demolition, plastic and organic waste
- 86 per cent supporting the expansion of the council's network of Community Recycling Centres
- 83 per cent supporting advocacy for product stewardship and container deposit schemes

Submitters also included a number of comments on topics of interest to them, such as the food scraps collection, the council goal of Zero Waste by 2040, the waste levy, community recycling centres and reduction of plastics.

Context

This report is provided to the local board summarising the consultation feedback received on the draft Auckland Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018 from their area. The report covers the key consultation topics raised, primarily, through feedback form.

This report only covers formal submissions received by 28 March 2018. Late or informal submissions have not been included in the analysis due to time constraints.

Waste-related feedback given through the Long-term Plan consultation process is not described in this report. This is covered in attachment A which summarises all feedback received from the board area on the long-term plan, including on waste issues.

A report summarising all submissions from across the region to the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018 is available on the Auckland Council website: <https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/have-your-say/hearings/find-hearing/Pages/Hearing-documents.aspx?HearingId=202>. The Waste Hearings Panel will consider this report when they meet from 30 April to 11 May.

The final plan will then be approved by Environment and Community Committee on 12 June 2018.

Overview of Submissions

At the close of the submission period on 28 March 2018, 6,758 submissions had been received online and in hard copy form. 96 submissions were provided by video and drawings.

4,605 of the submissions received were pro forma submissions from the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance. The pro forma submissions from the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance did not answer feedback form questions and did not include an address. They are therefore not included in the statistics showing responses from the local board below.

The total number of submissions which specified a board area is shown below in Table 1. 172 of these (eight per cent) were from the Albert-Eden Local Board area.

Table 1: Submitters by Local Board Area

Local board	Number of submitters	Percentage of submitters
Albert-Eden Local Board	172	8%
Devonport-Takapuna Local Board	97	5%
Franklin Local Board	57	3%
Great Barrier Local Board	7	0%
Henderson-Massey Local Board	99	5%
Hibiscus and Bays Local Board	114	5%
Howick Local Board	173	8%
Kaipātiki Local Board	97	5%
Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board	51	2%
Manurewa Local Board	112	5%
Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board	100	5%
Ōrākei Local Board	85	4%
Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board	50	2%
Papakura Local Board	68	3%
Puketāpapa Local Board	35	2%
Rodney Local Board	190	9%

Local board	Number of submitters	Percentage of submitters
Upper Harbour Local Board	57	3%
Waiheke Local Board	75	3%
Waitākere Ranges Local Board	96	4%
Waitematā Local Board	130	6%
Whau Local Board	88	4%
Regional	1	0%
Not Supplied (non ARA)	174	8%
Outside Auckland	25	1%
*Not Supplied ARA	4,605	

Breakdown by submission type

As shown in Tables 2 and 3 below, submissions were received in various forms, including on the feedback form (on-line and written), long-form submissions, pro forma submissions and informal submissions including videos and drawings.

Table 2. Regional Breakdown by Formal Submission Type

Formal submission type	Number of submissions	Percentage of submissions
Council's submission feedback form (online and hard copy)	1,834	27%
Long form submissions	80	1%
Pro forma - Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance	4,605	68%
Pro forma submissions (non-Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance)	239	4%
Total	6,758*	100%

Table 3. Types of Informal Submissions

Informal submission type*	Number of comments
Videos and drawings	96
Other informal submissions	1,478
Have your say event feed back	449
Total	2,023

Board Responses on Key Directions

The consultation feedback form asked respondents to answer seven questions. Responses to each from residents of the board area are summarised below in Tables 4 and 5.

Table 4. Priority Outcomes for Board Residents

Question	Response	% submissions local board	% submissions regional
1. Auckland Council is responsible for managing and minimising waste across the region. When we make decisions about waste, which outcomes are most important to you. (Please select up to 3 options.)	Delivering value for money for ratepayers and Aucklanders	13%	14%
	Reliability of collection services	9%	9%
	Reducing waste to landfill and carbon emissions	28%	26%
	Reducing environmental and marine pollution	29%	26%
	Tidy public places	10%	13%
	Creating jobs in resource recovery and processing industries	9%	9%
	Other	2%	3%

Results showed that the highest priorities for residents of the board area were reducing waste to landfill and carbon emissions and reducing environmental and marine pollution. The lowest priorities were reliability of collection services and creating jobs in resource recovery and processing.

Table 5. Support from Board Residents for Key Directions in Plan

Question	Response	% submissions Local board	% submissions regional
2. In the last plan, we focused mostly on our services to households, which handle around 20 per cent of the waste that goes	Strongly agree	55%	57%
	Agree	26%	27%
	Neutral	4%	5%
	Disagree	2%	2%

to landfill. Now we want to expand our waste minimisation efforts to include the 80 per cent of waste that comes from businesses and commercial activities. What do you think of this approach and why?	Strongly disagree	11%	5%
	Don't know	1%	2%
3. The three largest categories of commercial waste going to landfill are construction and demolition waste, plastics, and organic waste (food, green and other types of organic waste). We want to work with businesses to try new approaches to reduce this waste. What do you think of this approach and why?	Strongly agree	66%	60%
	Agree	19%	27%
	Neutral	2%	4%
	Disagree	1%	1%
	Strongly disagree	11%	7%
	Don't know	1%	1%
4. We want to make it easy for people to make better choices locally about how they dispose of unwanted items, so those items can be reused or recycled. Five Community Recycling Centres are up and running and we have plans to provide seven more by 2024. What do you think of this approach and why?	Strongly agree	64%	59%
	Agree	22%	27%
	Neutral	3%	5%
	Disagree	0%	1%
	Strongly disagree	11%	7%
	Don't know	1%	1%
5. We want to encourage central government to introduce product stewardship schemes. This includes a container deposit scheme where drink containers such as plastic, glass bottles and cans include a refundable deposit when returned for recycling. This would encourage more recycling and help to shift the costs of recovery from council and ratepayers to the producers and consumers of beverages. What do you think of this approach and why?	Strongly agree	61%	61%
	Agree	22%	23%
	Neutral	4%	4%
	Disagree	1%	2%
	Strongly disagree	12%	8%
	Don't know	1%	2%
6. The Hauraki Gulf Islands have unique waste management and minimisation requirements. The <i>Tikapa-Moana Hauraki Gulf Islands Draft Waste Plan</i> sets a vision and outlines a practical approach to waste management and minimisation for the communities of	Strongly agree	23%	27%
	Agree	17%	24%
	Neutral	14%	16%
	Disagree	0%	1%
	Strongly disagree	10%	4%
	Don't know	36%	28%

Waiheke, Aotea Great Barrier, Rakino and Kawau Islands. What do you think about the approach outlined in this plan and why?			
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Additional comments about the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan:

Some of the key themes from submitters in the Albert-Eden Local Board area are provided below with some typical comments:

Food Scraps Collection

What has happened to food collection bins for residents? This is overdue is it not?

We are a family of 7 and are avid recyclers...we have 2 hungry bin compost systems and would like to opt out of the food waste collection...will this be possible?

ANY organic waste to landfill, but compost it all on our section. We do not need an organic waste pick-up. I am very disappointed that my household, and the 35% of other Auckland households that already have an organic solution in place, will be charged for a solution we don't need via a targeted rate. I submit that not only should households like ours be allowed to opt out of this charge, but that the ability to opt out will encourage households that are not composting already to do so, saving the Auckland Council money. I think the unilateral application of a kerbside pick up for Auckland residents is not only unfair, but also needlessly wasteful, and cannot be supported by a robust business case.

I support a food waste collection in Auckland.

I support a short-term targeted rate to pay for the initial coordination of food waste management, but would like a pay-as-you-throw food waste collection within five years. Food should not be considered as waste unless it's inedible, and more of it should be rescued instead of thrown away, by means of such initiatives as community fridges such as the one in Griffiths Gardens in Wellesley St and unrefrigerated spaces (pantries), such as the one in Brookfield Ave, Royal Oak, and public awareness about them. Every local board area could have a fridge/pantry.

Support for Zero Waste by 2040 Goal

I want Auckland to be Zero Waste by 2040. It is necessary in order to save the planet!

I want Auckland to be Zero Waste by 2040. If we don't live within our ecological base, we can't pass onto our children a healthy ecology. Only an unsustainable society produces waste and stores it for future generations to deal with. Given that we are also using up the available fossil fuels, future generations won't have the same options for dealing with the waste, we are simply leaving a toxic legacy for future generations. This must stop.

Waste Levy

I want to see a gradual increase in the landfill waste levy from \$10/tonne to \$140/tonne.

Our waste levy is among the lowest of any country with a similar type of levy, and doesn't take into account the environmental cost of landfills. A report by the Waste Levy Action Group shows that increasing the levy to \$140/tonne would reduce waste, increase recycling and create thousands of jobs.

Community Recycling Centres

We support all local boards seeking to reduce waste to landfill by planning for community recycling centres, supporting local zero waste groups to set up and run new facilities, and increase recycling and re-use. We support readily available information on the Council website, such as "How to get rid of unwanted items" and would like to see further useful information such as how to set up a community fridge and how to go zero waste. We are encouraged by the increase in community recycling centres. Perhaps more of these places could accept batteries. Reverse Garbage: industrial and commercial discards, off-cuts and over-runs that provide high-quality, low priced, useful and unusual materials for use in arts, craft, education, small business, home renovation and other activities

Continue to focus on community owned and operated solutions like the resource recovery centres. Reduce waste by increasing transfer station charges and increase enforcement of dumping

Other Comments

Rubbish must continue to be collected weekly. I strongly oppose reducing kerbside collections to fortnightly, which would exacerbate the problem with dumping in public places and worsen odours and infestation.

So much plastic that we use and throw out is so unnecessary or could be reused. Lets champion movements to go plastic bag and straw free in our stores, consumers need that extra nudge and if they get it they will embrace it. Less plastic used is less made, less resources taken from the planet and less space ultimately used in landfill