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

Purpose

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

Executive Summary

Overall, 57 submissions were received on the draft Auckland Waste Management and Minimisation 2018 Plan from the board area. This represents three per cent of the total submissions received. Responses suggested that the majority of submitters supported the overall direction of the draft plan with:

- 86 per cent supporting expanding council's focus to non-domestic waste
- 91 per cent supporting working with businesses to reduce construction and demolition, plastic and organic waste
- 91 per cent supporting the expansion of the council's network of Community Recycling Centres
- 91 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, and the importance of focussing on business and commercial waste, in particular 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 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. These did not answer feedback form questions and did not include an address. They are therefore not included in the statistics for the local board below.

The total number of submissions which specified a board area is shown below in Table 1. 57 of these (three per cent) were from the Franklin 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%
Upper Harbour Local Board	57	3%

Local board	Number of submitters	Percentage of submitters
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	12%	9%
	Reducing waste to landfill and carbon emissions	27%	26%
	Reducing environmental and marine pollution	24%	26%
	Tidy public places	12%	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 priority was creating jobs in resource recovery and processing.

Table 5. Board Support for Key Directions in Draft 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 to landfill. Now we	Strongly agree	68%	57%
	Agree	18%	27%
	Neutral	9%	5%
	Disagree	2%	2%

<p>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?</p>	Strongly disagree	4%	5%
	Don't know	0%	2%
<p>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?</p>	Strongly agree	68%	60%
	Agree	23%	27%
	Neutral	7%	4%
	Disagree	0%	1%
	Strongly disagree	0%	7%
	Don't know	2%	1%
<p>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?</p>	Strongly agree	70%	59%
	Agree	21%	27%
	Neutral	4%	5%
	Disagree	0%	1%
	Strongly disagree	5%	7%
	Don't know	0%	1%
<p>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?</p>	Strongly agree	70%	61%
	Agree	21%	23%
	Neutral	5%	4%
	Disagree	0%	2%
	Strongly disagree	4%	8%
	Don't know	0%	2%
<p>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 Waiheke, Aotea Great Barrier, Rakino and Kawau Islands. What do you think about the approach outlined in this plan and why?</p>	Strongly agree	29%	27%
	Agree	27%	24%
	Neutral	15%	16%
	Disagree	0%	1%
	Strongly disagree	0%	4%
	Don't know	29%	28%

Additional comments about the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan:

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

Food Scraps Collection

Bring the food scraps bins to more of Auckland! We want it, we need it!!!

I disagree that rate payers should be billed for a food waste bin if it is not needed this should be optional as some of us gave chickens or compost or do both so it would be unfair to charge on a cost to a family if that family does not require one

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.

Business and Plastic Waste

We can't rely on individuals or businesses to sort their waste properly so systems that are easier for all need to put in place, then I believe our zero waste scheme will work.

I strongly agree that anything and everything should be done to minimise waste. However a huge amount of the emphasis here is on diverting waste from landfill rather than stopping the creation of the waste in the first place. I would suggest that Auckland Council look at by-laws that ban the use of single use plastics in the region (water bottles, food packing, plastic bags etc.). Anything that can be returned, cleaned and reused should be allowed and promoted. Bottle take back schemes should be implemented and we should be promoting a return to glass milk bottles. In general I feel that Auckland would be best to start focusing at the top end of the waste chain (which is mostly packaging) and start to introduce packaging stewardship rules and laws that require companies to take back their packaging and reuse it or recycle it if it can't be reused. Excess packaging is now prevalent in supermarkets and it feels like this plan does nothing to address these issues. In medical terms you are treating the symptom rather than the cause. You need to find the cause and start treating that instead.

Plastic bags. I would love to see here what they do in the UK where people are charged 5p for every single use plastic bag they buy, not just from the big supermarket chains but the gift shop and the dairy too. Let's be the first city in NZ to put on this "tax" on EVERY single use plastic bag to stop them being used so much.

All recycling needs to be processed here, not shipped overseas. Jobs would be created. Repurposing plastic and other materials is so important. Incentives such as a refund for cans are a great idea. In public places, there needs to be more recycling bins as opposed to rubbish bins. People need to be educated as to what can be recycled. Community recycling centres like in Seoul, South Korea are great.

Central government should control how much soft plastic is generated by supermarkets.