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

Purpose

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

Executive Summary

Overall, 114 submissions were received on the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018 from the board area. This represented five per cent of the total submissions received. Responses suggested that the majority of submitters supported the overall direction of the draft plan with:

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

Submitters also included a number of comments on key topics of interest, such as, the foods scraps collection, education for waste minimisation and the goal of Zero Waste by 2040.

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 2012-2028 consultation process is not described in this report.

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 – 11 May 2018.

The final Auckland Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018 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 in the form of videos and drawings.

Of these written submissions, 4,605 were pro formas 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. Their responses are, therefore, not included in the statistics for the board shown below.

Submissions by Board Area

The total numbers of submissions which specified a board area are shown below in Table one. 114 (five per cent) of these were from Hibiscus and Bays Local Board area.

Table 1: Breakdown 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%

Local board	Number of submitters	Percentage of submitters
Rodney Local Board	190	9%
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	4605	

Breakdown by Submission Type - Regional

As Tables Two and Three show, submissions were received in various forms, including the feedback form (on-line and written), long-form submissions, pro forma submissions and informal submissions including videos and drawings.

Table 3 – 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 4 – Regional 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

Responses to Consultation Questions for Board Area

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 Residents of the Board Area

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	17%	14%
	Reliability of collection services	9%	9%
	Reducing waste to landfill and carbon emissions	26%	26%
	Reducing environmental and marine pollution	29%	26%
	Tidy public places	11%	13%
	Creating jobs in resource recovery and processing industries	7%	9%
	Other	1%	3%

Results showed that the highest priorities for residents of the board area were reducing environmental and marine pollution and reducing waste to landfill and carbon emissions. The lowest priority was reliability of collection services.

Table Five. 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	65%	57%
	Agree	27%	27%
	Neutral	3%	5%
	Disagree	0%	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	5%	5%
	Don't know	1%	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	66%	60%
	Agree	24%	27%
	Neutral	1%	4%
	Disagree	1%	1%
	Strongly disagree	8%	7%
	Don't know	1%	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	63%	59%
	Agree	29%	27%
	Neutral	4%	5%
	Disagree	1%	1%
	Strongly disagree	4%	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	64%	61%
	Agree	24%	23%
	Neutral	6%	4%
	Disagree	1%	2%
	Strongly disagree	5%	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	27%	27%
	Agree	24%	24%
	Neutral	11%	16%
	Disagree	0%	1%
	Strongly disagree	4%	4%
	Don't know	35%	28%

Additional comments about the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan:

In addition to the responses above, some of the key themes arising from submissions in the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board area are highlighted below with some typical comments:

Food Scraps Collection

We already compost but can't wait for our food-scrap bin to be delivered – the sooner the better

The food scraps service has been one I have utilised over the last two years, as my area has been lucky enough to have the trial run. This is a great service, and a straight forward way for local residents to make a difference. It has reduced our general waste noticeably. With the food scraps and recycling services in place, residents are really able to reduce the amount of household waste going to landfill. Such a positive change!

Opting out of the collection if already composting own organic waste

Support for decentralised community composting hubs as the primary way to manage food waste

Households who choose to compost their own organic waste at home should be able to opt out of future food scrap collection for commercial composting. While this is a great option for those who cannot compost at home, we should encourage households to compost on-site as it saves on transport emissions, road congestion and encourages direct engagement with waste minimisation and local food gardening.

Education on Waste Minimisation

Continued support for community and school waste minimisation education.

More pressure need to go on the likes of McDonald to prevent their consumers disposing of rubbish out car windows. We used to be tidy kiwis. More education about disposing of rubbish correctly at schools would be a good move

Education programme for people to keep the sea & estuaries & storm water drains clear of rubbish & pollutants

Support for Zero Waste by 2040 Goal

I want Auckland to be Zero Waste by 2040. Our present system is not sustainable and does not do everything possible to minimise our city's impact on the environment we should be protesting for our children.

I want Auckland to be Zero Waste by 2040. Because our wasteful culture is not sustainable and we are seeing the effects of it on our precious oceans. We are stealing this taonga and its fragile ecosystems from our children and future generations. We need Auckland Council to step up and push through the systemic changes required to drive and sustain social change.

Other Comments

Phase out single use plastic bags

Fully support the focus of many small initiatives (such as community recycling centres) where the community can take part and feel involved with the reduction of waste