

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Feedback on Regional Issues

Key Issue / Plan	Summary of Feedback
10-year Budget	
<p>1. Transport - Regional Fuel Tax</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports a regional fuel tax because it is more efficient and cheaper to implement than any other proposals. The local board do however believe that the proceeds of the fuel tax must be equitable and fund projects across the Auckland region so that our residents can see improvements at the local level. • Supports a further source of funding for transport and other infrastructure requirements as an investment and/or private partnership model, including Crown Infrastructure Partners. The local board supports Penlink as one of the projects identified in the Auckland Transport Alignment Project (ATAP) report that recognises accelerated infrastructure to support and address growth within the Hibiscus Coast, Silverdale and Wainui areas. • Supports a regional fuel tax in that it will provide more funding to ensure local projects can be achieved and ensure the ATAP proposal projects are delivered. • Supports the development of criteria to ensure projects will be delivered locally across the Auckland region to ensure that it doesn't all go to 'approved priority' areas. The spread must be equitable across the 21 local board areas. • Expresses concern that there was no list of priorities/projects that were consulted on as part of the 10-year Budget consultation material for the community to review and comment on. • Written submissions received from the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board area on regional proposals as part of the 10-year Budget indicated that 49% do not support the regional fuel tax proposal, 44% support and 8% as indicated 'other'. • Expresses concerns that consultation on the regional fuel tax was done prior to the government's announcement on their fuel tax proposals and this may have changed the views of the community on the council's regional fuel tax proposals.

<p>2. Natural Environment - Water Quality Targeted Rate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hibiscus and Bays Local Board support the proposal to accelerate the water quality work programme over 10 years, using a targeted rate based on capital value. • Expresses concern as both Hibiscus Coast and East Coast Bays currently have stormwater outfall pipes direct to beaches which is not acceptable and needs to be rectified. (The local board values our beaches and streams and our natural environment and believe that programmes are required to maintain these assets to ensure they are enjoyed now and by generations to come). • Acknowledges that feedback on the 10-year Budget clearly showed that our people value the water quality and receiving environment and that they support a targeted rate. • Supports improved regulation and investment for stormwater intervention projects that are enforced by sedimentation rules to ensure our environment is protected. • Support the safe swim real time data for monitoring but want to see it more widely tested across the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board area. • Considers that a targeted rate needs to be targeted to the area/s that will benefit the most and must be equitable in funding projects where required across the Auckland region so that our residents can see improvements at a local level. • Requests more detail and options on the targeted rate and how people's ability to pay this rate is factored in. The local board agree that water quality improvements programmes are required but need to ensure that this is provided across the region and make our water safe for our community. • Expresses concerns about water quality and safety along the coastal areas and requests that funding is set aside to provide better services to protect our natural environment. • Written submissions received from the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board area on the 10-year Budget on regional proposals showed that 64% support the water quality programme targeted rate proposal, 28% does not support and 8% indicated 'other'.
---	--

<p>2. Natural Environment Targeted Rate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hibiscus and Bays Local Board supports Option A – a targeted rate of an average \$21 per residential ratepayer proposal to invest more in environmental initiatives. • Supports the pest free projects in our local board area being financially supported including areas where Kauri dieback is happening (Okura Reserve), one of the last known Kauri coastal areas in the region. The local board would like to see boardwalks along access ways in the right places to ensure that this popular walkway is kept open for our community and visitors. • Supports keeping our estuaries as pristine as possible and providing funding for the approved Orewa Estuary Restoration plan. • Supports stronger monitoring and enforcement through improved regulation outcomes to protect our estuaries and to ensure that they are well maintained and not choked with sedimentation. • Supports and encourages volunteer groups to help improve our natural environment and water quality in a timely and cost effective way. The local board finds working with volunteers to be a more effective tool. • Expresses concern that the highest funding option does not help fund volunteer programmes that are achieving the same objectives as the council programme in a more cost effective manner. • Written submissions received from the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board area on the 10-year Budget on regional proposals showed that 29% support Option A, 35% support Option B, with 37% indicating they do not support investing more in environmental initiatives through a targeted rate and 17% indicated 'other'.
---	--

<p>3. Rates and Charges – proposed rates increase</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hibiscus and Bays Local Board supports a general rate increase of 2.5% for the first two years and then 3.5% for years three to 10. • Notes that we have a high percentage of people on fixed incomes and elderly people within our local board area that would be greatly impacted if the rates were to rise. • Reiterates feedback from Hibiscus and Bays Local Board residents that they would like to see more of their rates being spent locally and wish to have a greater say on how their money is spent locally. • Written submissions received from the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board area on the 10-year Budget on regional proposals showed that 43% support a 2.5% rate increase for the first two years and then 3.5% for years three to 10, 46% do not support and 11% indicated as 'other'.
<p>3. Rates and Charges – Accommodation Provider Targeted Rate for online accommodation providers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hibiscus and Bays Local Board supports council introducing a new targeted rate on property used for commercial accommodation providers. • Written submissions received from the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board area on the 10-year Budget on regional proposals showed that 66% support a new targeted rate on property used for commercial accommodation, 27% do not support and 7% indicated as 'other'.
<p>4. Other budget information</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The local board expresses concern that Auckland Council are selling strategic assets; would like a clear definition of 'strategic assets', and request council ensure that local boards are part of the decision making process for proposed disposals that affect the local board area. • The local board do not support Land Advisory Services introducing a new charging regime for council-owned land applications unless it excludes community groups. • The local board is concerned that Regional Facilities Auckland is charging groups e.g. Harbour Sport at commercial rental when previously only charged \$1 peppercorn rental. The local board has a concern that this extra charge will then come at the cost of the programme and that council will have to pick up the charges/shortfall. Harbour Sport play an important role in local Recreation and Sport.