
Draft Auckland Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018 – Briefing Report on Feedback Received from the Henderson-Massey Local Board Area

Purpose

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

Executive Summary

Overall, 99 submissions were received on the draft Auckland 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:

- 79 per cent supporting expanding council's focus to non-domestic waste
- 87 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
- 82 per cent supporting advocacy for product stewardship and container deposit schemes

Submitters also included comments on themes such as the food scraps collection, support for the council's vision of Zero Waste by 2040 and other waste issues.

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 also not described in this report. This feedback 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 – 11 May.

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

Table 1: Number of 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%
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%

Local board	Number of submitters	Percentage of submitters
*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

Informal submission type*	Number of comments
Videos and drawings	96
Other informal submissions	1478
Have your say event feed back	449
Total	2023

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

Support for Key Directions in Draft Plan

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	Delivering value for money for ratepayers and Aucklanders	17%	14%

region. When we make decisions about waste, which outcomes are most important to you. (Please select up to 3 options.)	Reliability of collection services	9%	9%
	Reducing waste to landfill and carbon emissions	23%	26%
	Reducing environmental and marine pollution	25%	26%
	Tidy public places	14%	13%
	Creating jobs in resource recovery and processing industries	11%	9%
	Other	1%	3%

Results showed that the highest priority for residents of the board area was reducing environmental and marine pollution. The lowest priority was reliability of collection services.

Table 5. Local and Regional 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 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 agree	47%	57%
	Agree	32%	27%
	Neutral	7%	5%
	Disagree	4%	2%
	Strongly disagree	4%	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	48%	60%
	Agree	39%	27%
	Neutral	2%	4%
	Disagree	0%	1%
	Strongly disagree	9%	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	45%	59%
	Agree	41%	27%
	Neutral	1%	5%
	Disagree	0%	1%
	Strongly disagree	12%	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	Strongly agree	58%	61%
	Agree	24%	23%
	Neutral	0%	4%
	Disagree	3%	2%

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 disagree	13%	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 Waiheke, Aotea Great Barrier, Rakino and Kawau Islands. What do you think about the approach outlined in this plan and why?	Strongly agree	17%	27%
	Agree	31%	24%
	Neutral	10%	16%
	Disagree	0%	1%
	Strongly disagree	5%	4%
	Don't know	37%	28%

Additional comments about the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018:

Some of the key themes from submissions in the Henderson-Massey Local Board area are highlighted below with some typical comments:

Food Scraps Collection

Food Scraps/Para Kai bin for every household.

Organic waste bins are a great idea for food waste - so much can be done with it!

The planned annual fee being added to residential rates for food waste collection should be an opt out model. 35% of residential Auckland properties already have their own compost systems and not require this service.

Don't charge extra fees to people who already minimise their food waste by composting and/or use the bokashi system.

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.

I support investment into decentralised community composting hubs as the primary way to manage food waste in Auckland, with community garden facilitators funded to support composting.

Support for the Council's Vision of Zero Waste by 2040

I want Auckland to be Zero Waste by 2040. Less waste in our bins means less at the landfill and less waste in our oceans.

I want Auckland to be Zero Waste by 2040. Because NZ is a laggard, and policy levers are needed to trigger systemic change.

I want Auckland to be Zero Waste by 2040. I want my kids and grandkids to have a better chance of enjoying the beautiful NZ we have been blessed to enjoy as kids. A zero waste Auckland would be a great step in the right direction to a healthier city.

I want Auckland to be Zero Waste by 2040. We hide our rubbish under the ground in landfill sites but because it can't rot down it's not solving any problems. We look down on poorer countries where waste is visible on top of the ground, on beaches & in rivers but we are doing no better. China is refusing to accept our rubbish, we need to work on our own sustainable solutions.

Other Comments

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

I support the completion of the Resource Recovery Network so that Community Recycling Centres across Auckland can divert useful inorganic resources from landfill. I would like to see them become community composting hubs too.

Think there needs to be a plan to educate the fast-food/takeaway businesses to only use recyclable containers, bags, straws etc. Many are still using polystyrene.

I suggest all the supermarkets, be it big or small, cancel the use of plastic bags.

NZ zero plastic and polystyrene policy effective NOW.

Stand metres away from WRTS Gate 8 tipping floor or any other tip for that matter and see the volume of this stuff going to landfill. I'm also sure many of you have seen the videos appearing on Facebook of massive areas of the ocean littered in plastic.

Focus on community led change.

We need more compelling videos and education within our schools, almost to the point of having recognised certificates of achievement for any youngster/school/workplace that wants to participate.