

10-year Budget 2018-2028 and Auckland Plan 2050 consultation feedback report for Howick Local Board

1. Purpose

This report summarises feedback relating to the Howick Local Board received through the 10-year Budget 2018-2028 and Auckland Plan 2050 consultation. This includes:

- Feedback on the Howick Local Board priorities for 2018/19.
- Feedback on regional proposals in the 10-year Budget 2018-2028 and Auckland Plan 2050 from people or organisations based in the Howick local board area.

The feedback received will inform the Howick Local Board decisions on allocation of their local budgets in their local board agreement for 2018/2019. It will also inform the Howick Local Board input and advocacy on regional budgets and proposals that will be agreed at their business meeting on 10th May and subsequently discussed with the Finance and Performance Committee on 17/18 May.

2. Executive Summary

This report summarises consultation feedback on the 10-year Budget 2018-2028 (including on local board priorities for 2018/19) and the Auckland Plan 2050.

Council received feedback in person at community engagement events, through written forms (including online and hard copy forms, emails and letters) and through social media.

Feedback on Howick Local Board priorities for 2018/2019

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- **Priority 6:** Undertake a stocktake of all council-owned and externally-managed community facilities in the area

1301 written submissions were received on Howick local board priorities for 2018/19, showing that the majority of people either partially support (45%) or support (32%) the local board’s priorities.

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Key themes across all feedback received (through written, event and social media channels) were:

- Support for the AMETI project, including requesting the Board to advocate to bring the project forward and widen its scope to address additional concerns eg including Pakuranga Highway
- The need take action in relation to coastal management and develop a plan in this regard
- Mixed feedback re dog exercise parks – supported by some but seen by others as having low priority in relation to more pressing issues
- The need to review the bus network in the east and requests to the Board to advocate in this regard
- Requests for more (and better) playgrounds, and shade over existing playgrounds
- Requests for cycling infrastructure including to Half Moon Bay ferry and across Panmure Bridge, as well as off road cycle networks
- Support for community facilities at Flat Bush, as soon as possible – including requests for the Board to advocate for the design of the aquatic centre to have a large deepwater pool suitable for water sports (swimming) and diving, as well as adequate parking for the library.

- Request for funding to support a multi-use indoor sports facility at Lloyd Elsmore Park
- The need for the Board to advocate to bring forward other roading projects also to support business in the Greater East Tamaki area
- Support for additional improvements to Barry Curtis Park – stage cover, lighting, concreting the paths
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- Significant concern about levels of maintenance of public spaces

Feedback on regional proposals in the 10-year Budget 2018-2028 from the Howick local board area

Out of the 26556 written submissions received on the regional proposals in the 10-year Budget 2018-2028, 1301 submissions were from people living in the Howick local board area.

Issue 1: Transport

Feedback shows local people do not support the regional fuel tax – 54% of written submitters were opposed to this proposal, with 39% in support. 7% preferred another option.

Issue 2: Natural Environment

Feedback shows local people support the targeted rate for water quality – 57% of written submitters support this proposal, while 37% are opposed. 7% preferred another option.

Feedback shows local people support the targeted rate for environmental initiatives – 31% of written submitters support Option A (\$21 p.a.), 25% support Option B (\$47 p.a.), while 44% do not support the rate. 15% of people prefer another option.

Issue 3: Rates and charges

Feedback shows local people do not support the proposed rates increase of 2.5% of the first two years and 3.5% for years three to ten – 50% of written submitters were opposed to this proposal, with 40% in support. 10% of preferred another option.

Issue 4: Other changes and budget information

Feedback shows local people support the proposals in relation to online accommodation providers – 67% of written submitters were support this proposal, while 26% are opposed. 7% preferred another option.

Feedback on the Auckland Plan 2050 from the Howick local board area

Out of the 26,556 submissions received on the Auckland Plan 2050, 1301 submissions were from people living in the Howick local board area.

Outcome area 1: Belonging and participation

Feedback shows 47% of local submitters believe the six focus areas identified in Belonging and Participation will achieve an inclusive Auckland. 36% do not support the focus areas, while 17% partially support the focus areas.

Outcome area 2: Māori identity and wellbeing

Feedback shows 38% of local submitters believe the seven focus areas identified in Maori Well-being and Identity will advance Maori well-being. 32% do not support the focus areas, while 30% partially support the focus areas.

Outcome area 3: Homes and places

Feedback shows 36% of local submitters believe the five focus areas identified in Homes and Places will lead to affordable housing. 24% do not support the focus areas, while 41% partially support the focus areas.

Outcome area 4: Transport and access

Feedback shows 45% of local submitters believe the seven focus areas identified in Transport and Access will make it easier to move around Auckland. 19% do not support the focus areas, while 37% partially support the focus areas.

Outcome area 5: Environment and cultural heritage

Feedback shows 55% of local submitters believe the six focus areas identified in Environment and Cultural Heritage will protect and enhance Auckland's environment. 10% do not support the focus areas, while 35% partially support the focus areas.

Outcome area 6: Opportunity and prosperity

Feedback shows 46% of local submitters believe the five focus areas identified in Opportunity and Prosperity will contribute to opportunity and prosperity. 17% do not support the focus areas, while 37% partially support the focus areas.

Outcome area 7: Shaping our growth

Feedback shows 45% of local submitters believe the proposed approach for enabling growth will effectively provide for Auckland's future. 18% do not support the proposed approach, while 37% partially support the focus areas.

3. Context

Auckland Council consulted on its 10-year Budget 2018-2028 and the Auckland Plan 2050 between 28 February and 28 March 2018.

The 10-year Budget 2018-2028 sets out our priorities and how we're going to pay for them. The Auckland Plan 2050 sets our long-term direction and looks at the important challenges we need to address.

The 10-year Budget also includes information on each local board's priorities for 2018/19. These priorities have been informed by in the development of the Howick Local Board Plan 2017.

Auckland Council also consulted on the Regional Pest Management Strategy and the Waste Management and Minimisation Strategy at the same time. The feedback received on the Waste Management and Minimisation Strategy is presented in a separate report. The feedback received on the Regional Pest Management Strategy will be presented later in the year (following decisions on the 10-year Budget).

Types of feedback

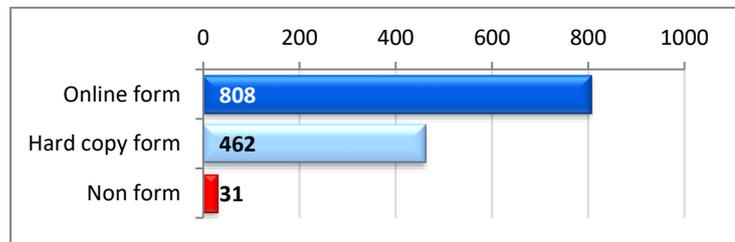
Overall Auckland Council received feedback through the following channels:

- Written feedback – 26,556 hard copy and online forms, emails and letters.
- In person – council interacted with a total of 5,374 people through 39 have your say events and 61 community events.
- Social media – 114 comments were received through Facebook and Twitter.

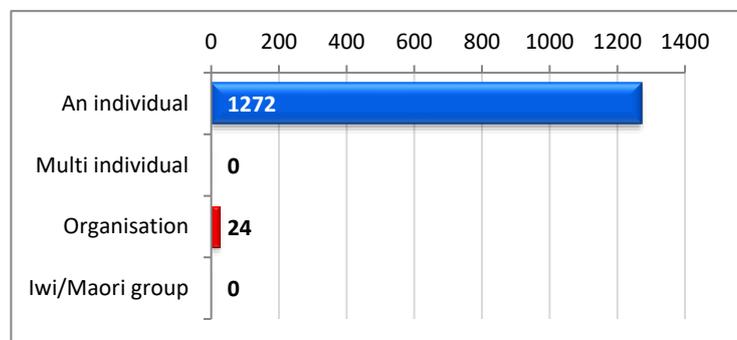
3. Feedback received on Howick Local Board priorities for 2018/19

Howick Local Board received 1301 written submissions. The source of these submissions can be seen in the tables and graphs below. Online submissions and submissions from individuals made up the highest numbers of submitters:

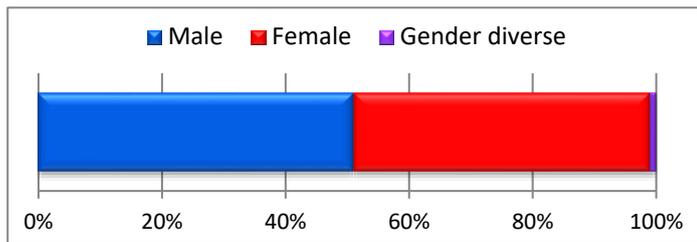
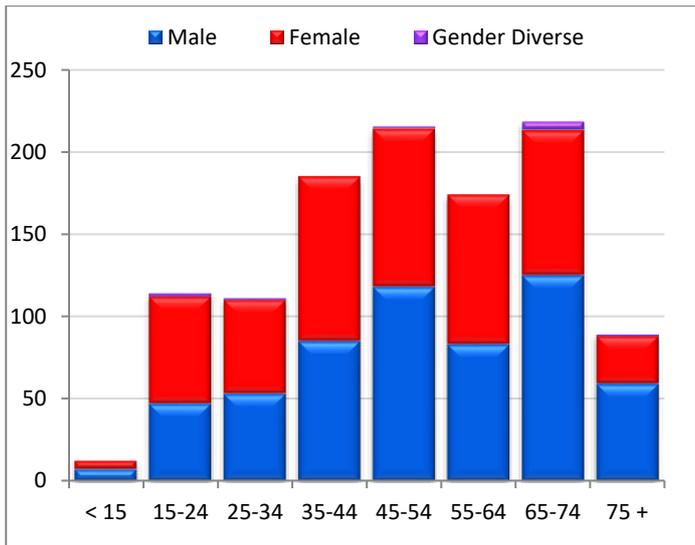
Submission type	No.	%
A. Online form	674	52%
B. People's Panel form	134	10%
C. Email form	31	2%
D. Email Our Auckland form	10	1%
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F. Post form	332	26%
G. Post Our Auckland form	89	7%
H. Post non form	1	0%
Total	1301	100%



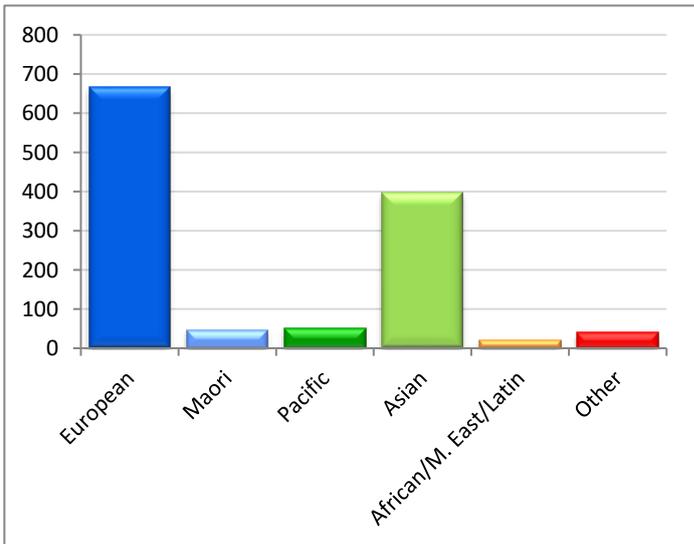
Submitter group	No.	%
An individual	1272	98%
Multi individual	0	0%
Organisation	24	2%
Iwi/Maori group	0	0%
Total	1296	100%



The breakdown of written submitters by ethnicity, age and gender can be seen in the graphs below. The majority of submissions were made New Zealand Europeans (49%), 50% submissions were made by people aged 35-64 yrs and 51% of respondents were male.



Ethnicity	#	%
European	675	55%
NZ European	595	48%
Other European	80	7%
Maori	47	4%
Pacific	53	4%
Samoan	31	3%
Tongan	8	1%
Other Pacific	14	1%
Asian	409	33%
Chinese	315	26%
Indian	47	4%
Other Asian	47	4%
African/Middle Eastern/Latin	21	2%
Other	23	2%
New Zealander/Kiwi	19	2%
Other	4	0%
Total	1228	100%



The Howick Local Board held 3 have your say events and 4 community events. During these events 177 local residents were engaged with, resulting in 85 feedback points. Demographic data was not collected at these events.

Howick Local Board received no feedback from social media channels directly relating to local priorities.

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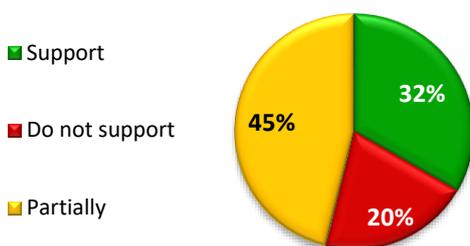
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A summary of the feedback received through each channel is provided below.

Feedback received through written submissions

Of the 1301 written submissions received from residents in the Howick Local Board area, 1091 made feedback points in relation to the local priorities. The majority of submitters (500) partially supported the priorities, while 361 gave their full support. 222 did not support the local priorities. This is summarised in the graph below:



A selection of general verbatim comments from respondents are below:

“There is appears to be a lack of clarity as to just what the Howick Local Board's priorities are. For example, in the message from the Chair is that the Board's priorities are to meet growth issues and ensure that transport, local service, infrastructure and community services are in place. BUT there is no mention of AMETI or transport under Board Proposals or key advocacy projects. We would also acknowledge that, while the multi-use facility at Flat Bush/Ormiston is important, fixing flooding and erosion is even more critical. We feel the Board needs to get out and drive this issue with funding proposals and key deadlines. Advocating is good for the warm and fuzzies but dodges accountability. The Board has also failed to address storm water and waste water issues, and the impact on over intensification in areas like Bucklands Beach”

“Coastline Management - there is not continuing management , there is no management worthy to say this, our council is very inactive and are not working hard enough to pull money out to help our coast! See Bucklands Beach Restoration project FB page for community ideas on this matter. Bring this project forward. We also need to encourage repopulation of young fish and cockles into the inlet which will help with water quality and beach replenishing. There are too many people fishing on Tamaki River - this needs to be controled, people are taking undersize fish and anything living on rocks. we saw someone killing a sting ray they caught then left it on the beach to die. Not Sustainable. Tamaki River replenishment please use the money for the festival to look after the River Dog Exercise Area? - How about Kids and Older People exercise areas, How about shade cloths over local playgrounds and play ground up keeping! How About public toilets for Little Bucklands Beach so people dont go in the sea and Eastern Beaches, these are crammed in summer ! At lease [sic] Redo Grangers point toilets they are revolting and falling apart , no sink etc. Public Transport and Cycleways - Where are they? Prioitise this over Roads so more people will walk or ride, it is currently

dangerous in many areas or unpleasant. Wider foot paths and cycleways, Bikes dont belong on roads its far too dangerous”

“Priority should be for existing facilities like footpaths, and smooth roads in the already developed areas, plus keeping low rise housing only so that Howick can retain its beautiful views. We pay some of the highest rates and consequently the money should be spent in our area”

Priority 1: Barry Curtis Park stage covers

“I particularly support more shelters at Barry Curtis Park. The current one is only practical under good summer weather conditions but when it rains for example the shelter is of no use to anyone but nature. There must be shelter on the stage as described in the priorities”

Priority 2: Dog exercise areas – supported by many:

“I am in full support of a dedicated dog exercise area, it is needed, especially in summer when our beach hours are restricted, and then further restricted by tidal fluctuations”

“Most objectives are things that the majority would want to see as improving our environment however, such things as dedicated dog-walking areas would seem to be completely unnecessary. I walk in Lloyd Elsmore Park every day as do dozens of dog-walkers. There is no conflict of interests and I have never seen dog-walkers not pick-up after their dogs defecate, so cannot think why they would travel to a special area when the park is right on their doorstep and is ideal for everyone. Why spend more money?”

“Dog exercise areas. It is great to see that the council are putting in purpose built dog exercise areas. I would hope that these take the form of the ones we saw in Christchurch, with good facilities and a high fence surrounding them”

Other submitters were not in support:

“Dog exercise areas should not be on the priorities list; if people want to have a dog and exercise with it, they can go to a beach or a park or along the road. Not a council task to provide dog owners with dedicated facilities”

"provide dedicated dog exercise areas..." SERIOUSLY!! This is a top 5 priority??!! There are far bigger issues to resolve. Get this one OFF the top 5 list!"

“Absolutely absurd you are putting Dog play areas ahead of footpaths and roading and even making people have to pay at their local swimming pool which is an essential skill”

Priority 3: Pest Management projects:

“No point in making an area pest free if the public can't enjoy it - park maintenance needs to be part of the essential package too”

Priority 4: Improvements for sports fields had a general level of support:

“From a sport & Rec viewpoint we believe the priorities are right and that investment in sport and rec fields and facilities, along with the development of multi-use facility and aquatic [sic] centre in Flat Bush is much needed investment for the community. The Howick LB region continues to show

population growth and we know that the vehicle of sport and rec leads to social cohesion, healthy and active lifestyles. Sport and Rec helps address wellness issues and will lead to the overarching outcome of aspirational Auckland Plan where all Aucklanders can have a "Sense of Belonging and Participating".

"Working towards providing Clubs like ours with an artificial pitch will only improve our playing numbers and other sports associated with us" (Pakuranga United Rugby Club).

Others recognised that the area already has great facilities, although the availability of sports facilities across the entire Board area is not even:

"I like the inclusion of dog-friendly exercise areas, and I think improving drainage at parks around East Auckland will be appreciated, as they can get very water-logged. Not sure we need more dedicated sports areas though - what about a focus on cycle-ways? Moving people around naturally? So many of the other boards are looking at cycle-ways and infrastructure that doesn't seem so frivolous, I think Howick should follow suit. We already have great sports fields"

"We need more sports facilities our [sic] Botany, right now, my kids have to go to Papakura for basketball games, there's lots of soccer & rugby fields popping up but what about other sports, say a public swimming pool. Flat Bush area has grown up so rapidly, Lloyd Elsmore facilities seems far & you struggle to find parking most of the time. Sir Barry Curtis Park also has less parking space, especially when there is [sic] special functions. We live walking distance to this park & sometimes people block our driveways when there are functions or block part of the road"

Priority 5: Coastal management was of significant concern for submitters, with more than one submitter identifying a lack of action in this regard:

"We are extremely disappointed and dissatisfied with the performance of the Howick Board. The proposed priorities continue to be about receiving reports, not getting on and remedying urgent failures, such as coastal erosion, which have been on the "required action" list for some years"

"There is far too much emphasis on inputs, not outputs and results. the Local Board is a huge disappointment, and has failed continuously to act on essential needs like prevention of coastal erosion. they have known about these issues for years, but are still only calling for reports, not funded remedies"

Other submitters emphasised the need for long term planning and questioned the validity of ongoing coastal management:

"Coastal erosion is going to increase so make this a managed retreat, not a futile attempt to hold back natural processes - that becomes a waste of money"

"Agree with most, but the coastal erosion needs to treat the cause and not just the symptoms. We cannot keep bringing in sand that then washes away in the following storm. We need to stabilise the coast with gabion baskets or similar, now that whatever is causing the current that strips the beaches is firmly in place"

"Waste of money working against nature"

Priority 6: Stocktake of council owned facilities

There was no feedback on this priority.

Key Advocacy Item: Flat Bush Community Facilities & Aquatic Centre

There was a high level of support for building the community facilities at Flat Busy, with more than one respondent also suggesting the projects be bought forward:

“The facilities planned for Flat Bush sound like a great improvement for the area. To create a smaller township much like Howick & Pakuranga will form a sense of community and potentially reduce the strain on the facilities in the surrounding areas”

“2022 and 2023 is far too long. Bring forward as much as possible. It's been disappointing to see the vacant land in Ormiston Township (next to Pak N Save) since 2016. Every single day vacant is a missed opportunity for a budding swimmer, a community event, or a retail business”

“ I would want to see the aquatic centre built and ready by 2020 or sooner”

Submitters also made specific requests in relation to the design of the pool and parking facilities for the library:

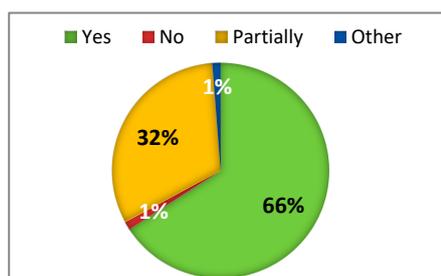
“Please note when developing a aquatic centre at flat bush please don't make the mistakes that the community has to live with at Lloyd Elsmore. I refer to the depth of the pool at Lloyd Elsmore and how some sports cannot be attend at that pool as it is too shallow. We can always make a deep pool shallow but we can never make a shallow pool deep. 2.2 Meters Plus”

“The growth in the Flat Bush area supports an aquatic centre and multi-use library for the growing number of families in the area and also considering the schools already established on Ormiston Road. Please ensure the site of both and relevant parking is well thought out, specifically accommodating short term parking for dropping off and collecting books. I find most of the time at Howick that the car park is full of patrons using the hall facilities or groups using the library and it is very frustrating when all I wish to do it return or collect book requests”

“Please consider a High Diving Well at the Barry Curtis Park Aquatic Centre. Please contact Auckland Diving Board, they have done a comprehensive study on the future of Deep Water Sports”

Feedback received through events

The Howick Local Board held three have your say events and four community events. These events resulted in engagement with 177 people and 85 feedback points were recorded in relation to the local priorities. 66% of local residents who attended an event supported the local priorities overall, while 32% gave their partial support. This can be seen in the graph below.



Local residents who gave their partial support emphasised areas that they would like to be prioritised by the local board including:

- management of coastal erosion including a plan of specific actions
- advocating for the local community in relation to AMETI
- shade over local playgrounds
- advocating for improvements to the east bus network
- supporting employment and mental health programmes for youth
- maintenance/improvements at Mangemangeroa Reserve

A summary of submitters verbatim comments is below:

“Coastal erosion is more important and timely than developing a new library/astroturf/dog parks etc - nature is taking its toll and the effects can be non-reversible so dealing with coastal issues needs to be prioritised over other developments - coastal erosion should be a high priority”

“Like to see additional funding to coastal managements to bring in additional funding from other sources”

“Coastal management - like to know why council is not engaging with community re plans for coastal repairs? - feel shut out - would like to know why local board is not making decisions about coastal management? - like to see better communication”

“Need to bring forward AT plan to fix sea wall at Little Bucklands Beach and AC funding to resand the beach”

“Like to see a management plan for coastal area that includes actions”

“Like to see a local focus on transport/AMETI in local priorities - concerned about the number of lanes on Panmure Bridge/Lagoon Drive, would like the LB to address the shortcomings of AMETI”

“Local Board should put shade over high use playgrounds”

“Would like Howick LB to prioritise: mental health for young people; better bus routes; better private transport infrastructure; youth employment; sports and leisure programmes and facilities, public transport options for Ormiston; support AMETI, fix up Mangemangeroa reserve”

“Better Auckland/ East Auckland bus routes. Less money on artificial turfs”

Feedback received through social media channels

No feedback was received through social media channels specifically relating to Howick, however the following comments are relevant to Howick:

One LRT Line, 16 stations, 16 Transit Orientated Developments between Airport and Botany Can the Airport to Manukau section of the Southern Airport Line be funded years 1-4 in the LTP and Manukau to Botany in years 5-10 please [@AkiCouncil#akhaveyoursay #AucklandPlan2050](#)

Feedback on other local

Local Planning

One submitter emphasised the need for planning at Half Moon Bay:

“The major priority for Howick local board is to sort out the shambles that is Half Moon bay, with the wide range of activities occurring in a small space”

Another requested a plan to address coastal management in the Bucklands Beach area:

“This is what we could have at the Northern end of Little Bucklands Beach. The break water of Grangers Point stops the NW quarter wave action “We request Local Council & Auckland City Council to 1. Advocate to Auckland Transport to bring forward repairs to the Little Bucklands Beach sea wall. 2. Advocate to Auckland Council to re sand Little & Big Bucklands Beach, covering all black rock walls and build a break waters off Grangers Point as per the Auckland City Council Coastal Management Doc written by Paul Klinac & the Bucklands Beach Restoration & Upgrade Plan. 3. Howick Council to put a staged plan together with date targets, along with Auckland City Council Coastal Erosion team with Residents & Rate payers associations”

Local Economic Development

Another submitter requested funding to support the Howick Village Association:

“More financial support needs to be given to the Howick Village Association. Also the board should include those businesses in Howick which are excluded from the Village Association”

Local parks, sport and recreation:

Submitters requested support for a multi-sport facility at Lloyd Elsmore park as well as improvements to existing facilities. New playgrounds and improvements to existing playgrounds was also a priority:

“We need better maintenance of our roads, better public transport and more funding for sporting facilities in our area. There has been a lot of growth in the last 10 years but our facilities have not kept up. For example a proper Gymnasium like the one in Bruce Pullman park is desperately needed, the local pool needs an upgrade, and an indoor tennis court facility would not go amiss”

“Because the local board covers a very big area with diverse needs. The developments at Flat Bush really only cover a small part of the Board's area. In Howick and Pakuranga there are similar needs, or many of the facilities are old and run down”

“Artificial turf for football at Riverhills (Ti Rakau Dr) Improved athletic facilities at Lloyd Elsmore (stand and shelter by track)”

“Include a Multi Sports Complex on Lloyd Elsmore Park, for Gym Sports, Tennis & Bowls”

"Lloyd Elsmore still needs further development to include more clubs for sport, running and walking tracks and club rooms for sports like the gymnastics club. I don't believe this area has been maximised yet"

"Need more updated playgrounds for our kids and a community bike track would be fantastic"

"We need some FANTASTIC playgrounds in east auckland like re Centeal [sic] city has already got"

"Don't lose sight of children's playgrounds! Our area is not well endowed with these. Pleased to see the flying fox well used at Macleans Park and the recent upgrade"

Local arts, culture and events

A number of submitters requested ongoing support for arts and culture. Concern was expressed that existing facilities/groups be supported:

"Generally need more support for libraries and arts especially opera and classical music"

"I support the development planned for Flatbush as this area needs more facilities to keep pace with the growing population in this area. However, we need to ensure that our existing libraries and swimming pools are adequately funded and that Uxbridge is managed and funded effectively for it to remain a key 'going concern' within the community"

"Te Reo Maori activities to introduce the culture into our communities such as POI making, wearing, ti rakau skills etc. The culture into our communities such as poi making, wearing ti rakau/au rakau skills, te reo classes etc"

"Increased funding to support the arts as a vehicle to engage and develop communities"

"please advocate for other hobbies that are not fully based on sports and the outdoors"

"More funding towards art that supports local artists to thrive and be innovative"

"Love the dog thing, but want some focus on youth and health/ well being"

Local governance & support

A number of submitters made comments in relation to the need to focus on the entire Howick ward:

"stop focusing on Howick there are other suburbs and communities in your Ward"

"pakuranga heights is treated like the poor relative"

"There is a huge focus on the Flat Bush development which provides little for the more central areas of the Howick Local Board such as Sunnyhills, Farm Cove, Pakuranga"

"They have left Pakuranga out. We are constantly told by the local board that there are big plans for Pakuranga - all based around the Plaza - but nothing is happening. Meanwhile the rest of Pakuranga - where the residents actually live - is being allowed to turn into a slum with unkempt houses and berms. Rubbish in the gutters. Pakuranga is being sacrificed for some big development so that people living further out - Howick and Botany - can continue to drive their cars"

"I would love to see more work with Tangata Whenua. Howick is so strongly represented by the fencibles - where are they honouring the treaty? Where is the representation of Te Ao Maori?"

Local – transport related:

Transport generated a significant number of comments from submitters which have been grouped into themes. A number of submitters were unhappy with the East bus network, there was a significant number of comments supporting cycleways, and also requests for AMETI to be brought forward and include provision to Howick up Pakuranga Highway:

Public Transport:

"Public Transportation in East Auckland is Poor. The new bus timetable for getting into the city is ridiculous! Congestion in East Auckland around rush hour is even worse"

"We need better transport in the east Auckland area which leads us straight to town instead of taking 2 buses"

"I think the main problem in this area is the changes to public transport system - if the board can do anything at all on this, that should be the first priority"

"There is nothing in your priorities about advocating with AT to review and improve the public transport services in our area"

"AMETI and the Howick board priorities all seem to be focused on the Botany and Flat bush parts of Howick. There is no discussion about improving the facilities at Lloyd Elsmore or extending the busway to Howick. A large part of the congestion for Howick residents is the Pakuranga highway, yet there is no indication even in the 10 year plan that there is any thought to improving this"

"Transport (Promote more Bus Lanes, connections to Railway Stations should be smoother) From Ormiston to Manukau Station takes an hour to travel on bus"

"My number one recommendation is to establish a wharf operation at Musick Point so as to cut ferry trips to Auckland to 20minutes. Have hookups with Waiheke and beach lands ferries and provide land based shuttle services/busesto make this possible. I envisage ferries capable of carrying the same numbers as a train"

"Ormiston town centre needs to move along faster than it has been. If you want people to use public transport the bus interchange at Ormiston needs to be fast tracked. The population is boomign [sic] but the infrastructure is not keeping up"

Walking & Cycling:

"We have no bike lanes in this area - we are behind the rest of Auckland on this front. I'm disappointed that with all the congestion in this area, cycle lanes to all major transport hubs are not a priority"

"There is no mention of safe cycling initiatives in the area, nor of dedicated bus lanes connecting Howick/Highland Park to Pakuranga (New Transport Hub). This is a huge oversight. Botany, Pakuranga and Panmure will be transformed by 2025 but Howick will be left out. Dog exercise

areas...a priority, honestly? More sports fields? I wonder what criteria Howick Local Board use to establish 'priority'. How does the local board see the future of the areas transport? Has it been considered? I will tell you - cars, cars, cars, jams, jams, jams. Number one priority is getting people out of cars”

“While all of the priorities are great, I think it would be amazing if there were more bicycle paths that were meant both for leisure rides as well as when you need to get to places. As the road can be dangerous and I feel unsafe. This will compliment the gas tax Auckland is proposing as it will limit pollution if people have the option to ride their bikes. It will also get more people up and out doing exercise. It is a fantastic alternative to people who don't care for the traditional sports that sport fields are used for”

“There needs to be a larger focus on encouraging walking and cycling through providing cycle lanes and more walking shortcuts to make it more desirable than driving a car”

“My teenage son cycles everyday in our local area, there are no safe cycle lanes on the roads that he can use. He rides on the footpaths – this is not an ideal option. It would be great if his bike use could allow him a fuller independence - been able to ride safely to the Half Moon Bay ferry and to the Panmure Train Station”

“Enhancement of cycling facilities to catch up on poor infrastructure in this ward. Our ward does well on recreational routes, but offers a poor choice to commuters. The board should be pushing for a timely AMETI construction, particularly the proposed two-way protected cycleway over Pakuranga Bridge”

“Safe bike links to major transport hubs like the Half Moon Bay Ferry and Panmure Train Station. An integrated system includes safe travel for people on bikes, because bike-and-ride is the most efficient park-and-ride, freeing up space and decongesting local streets. Fix the Rotary walkway on Tamaki estuary damaged in storms during 2017”

“There needs to be a great focus on commuter public transport options and cycle routes. The network is not connected well and does not provide safe or reliable options. A greater focus on cycle ways will help to decrease congestion and give people options other than driving, especially to the East Tamaki business area”

GETBA also made a submission requesting intersection improvements be brought forward:

“Please see submission document for details on prioritising the funding for road widening and intersection improvement on Smales/Allens/Springs/Harris Roads”

Other priorities for consideration

Pakuranga Community Centre:

“The Pakuranga community activity center [sic] is too crowded. There are more than 500 members, but the space is too small. Can we build a large activity center [sic] so that many people can enjoy themselves? “

"I hope the government can be aware of the limited space of Pakuranga Chinese Community. The current small venue cannot allow over 600 old people to take part in activities. Also, the space restriction will be inconvenient for the old to carry out activities and it is also a big problem for the old people's health. I hope the government can support the community in terms of the venue and community building"

Barry Curtis Park:

"We request that the 'Mayor Park' [Barry Curtis Park] have lights installed and the small dirt roads be paved with concrete"

"I hope the public toilets in the 'Mayor Park' [Barry Curtis Park] have rain shelters to prevent people from being drenched"

"Please build a pedestrian road that links 'Mayor Park' [Barry Curtis Park] and Pak'nsave as soon as possible"

General and central government issues:

"Control "food gathering" along the foreshore - shellfish depletion, anglers collecting undersized catch from coastal casting & catching endangered bird species (Pied Shag) in lines & hooks"

"The Pakuranga plaza is too crowded. I suggest the government upgrade the area as soon as possible. 2. I suggest building 'a daycare centre for the old' in the Botany area like the one in Howick. (During 9:30am-3pm Monday to Friday, the old who cannot afford to live in the nursing home will have somewhere to go)"

"Howick Special Character statement, Advance Howick Village Canter [sic] Plan, Do not demolish War Memorial Infomation Centre"

Requests for local funding

Requests for local funding included:

- Multisport facility at Lloyd Elsmore to cater for Howick Gymsport, Pakuranga Bowls Club, Pakuranga Tennis Club and BMX Club.
- Uxbridge funding
- More financial support for Howick Village Association
- Crossnet requesting assistance to develop 34 Moore St as a Community Hub

4. Overview of feedback received on the 10-year Budget from Howick Local Board area

The 10-year Budget 2018-2028 sets out our priorities and how we're going to pay for them. The regional consultation on the proposed 10-year Budget focused on four key issues:

- Issue 1: Transport
- Issue 2: Natural Environment

- Issue 3: Rates and charges
- Issue 4: Other changes and budget information

The written submissions received from the Howick Local Board area on these key issues is summarised below, along with an overview of any other areas of feedback on regional proposals with a local impact.

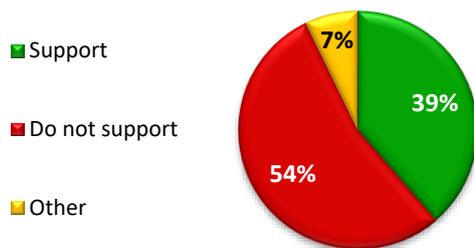
Issue 1: Transport

Aucklanders were asked their opinion on whether they would support a regional fuel tax to help pay for improvements to the transport system.

Question 1: We want to improve our transport system. As the population grows, congestion (and the pollution it creates) is getting worse, safety is declining and businesses are struggling to move freight and people. We are proposing that a regional fuel tax of 10 cents per litre (plus GST) be used to raise more funding for transport projects and services.

What is your opinion on the proposal to introduce a regional fuel tax to help pay for improvements to the transport system?

The graph below gives an overview of the responses from the Howick Local Board area. Of the 1301 submissions received, 12225 respondents provided a response to this question. Of these, 54% do not support the proposal while 39% support the proposal.



A review of submitters comments suggested people are opposed the tax due to the cost and concerns about lack of investment in infrastructure in the east Auckland area, with perceived lack of public transport options. Others supported that tax on the basis that transport issues need to be addressed and the tax allows this, provided it is spent on transport. Other submitters also suggested congestion charges as a fairer method of raising funds.

“Regional tax will only be beneficial if all the areas in Auckland get benefit. Public transport connectivity and frequency is non reliable in Howick area”

“This will affect businesses that use personal transport to work however it may cause road users to rethink their use and through efficiency reduce their time on the road. Until road users reduce road use then the 10 cents/litre is well worth investing in transport projects and services”

“Auckland is so behind the rest of the world in terms of public transport. If adding a fuel tax to motorists speeds up the work to improve the public transport system, then fine, on the proviso that a clear end date is given for the end of the fuel tax and this date is adhered to”

“This tax will affect all motorists, even those who don’t contribute to road congestion. A fairer method would be congestion charges, collected electronically via pickups fitted to vehicles. The public transport options in our area are pathetic, no train service and an inconvenient bus service. So we are forced to travel by private car”.

"I don't mind paying more but it needs to go towards transport! Transport is the biggest issue with Auckland, and we need to implement light rail to help people get to their jobs efficiently. This means light rail to the Airport, and to East Auckland (Botany - via Te Irirangi Dr). Everybody is focusing on the other parts of Auckland, but have completely forgotten about East Auckland that is just as big. They only have buses, and buses are no good in traffic, they also create a lot of pollution!"

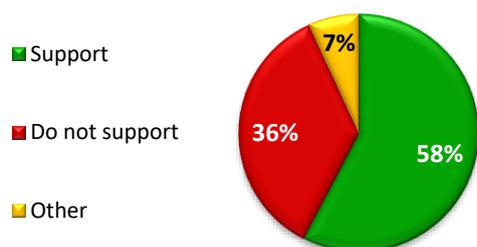
Issue 2: Natural environment

Aucklanders were asked whether they would support a water quality targeted rate

Question 2: Our harbours, beaches and streams are being polluted by overflows from ageing sewerage and stormwater systems that can't cope with heavy rainfall and from contaminants washed into natural waterways. We want to improve our infrastructure to address this problem. Under current budgets this would take 30 years to achieve. We propose to introduce a new targeted rate to increase our funding of water infrastructure and speed up delivery of cleaner harbours, beaches and streams to 10 years. Our proposed targeted rate would cost the average residential ratepayer \$66 per year (\$1.30 per week), although this will vary based on your property value.

What is your opinion on this proposed targeted rate to speed up the delivery of cleaner harbours, beaches and streams?

The graph below gives an overview of the responses from the Howick Local Board area. Of the 1301 submissions received, 1220 respondents provided a response to this question. Of these, 58% support the proposed targeted rate for water quality while 36% are opposed.



A review of submitters comments demonstrates that most people value a water quality and agree with the goals of the targeted rate. The targeted rate was seen as a small cost given the importance of water quality. However, many believe this is core council business and should be funded by existing rates. Furthermore, a targeted rate should focus on business/commercial properties and not residential. Others would prefer to flat rate as opposed to a rate based on the capital value.

"It's important to look after our environment, not just for ourselves, but for future generations"

"\$66 is not much for such an important goal"

"This is work you are meant to be doing with the existing rates take. Businesses and the council itself(with run off from roads) are the main polluters. The rate should not be residential, business only"

"Improving the infrastructure is very important but funds should be derived from other sources rather than increased rates"

"Do not support extra cost based on property value. This is a wealth tax when while the value of your property does not have any relationship to your ability to pay such as people on superannuation"

People were also asked if they supported a natural environment targeted rate. Two options (A and B) were provided for the natural environment targeted rate.

Question 3: Auckland's rapid growth is putting pressure on the environment, as is the spread of pests, weeds and diseases that are threatening many of our native species. Approximately two-thirds of Auckland's local native species are under threat of extinction.

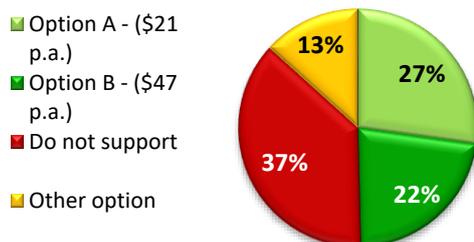
Our proposal is to invest more in environment initiatives and to fund this through a targeted rate (based on your property value) at one of two levels described below.

Option A – a targeted rate of an average rate of \$21 per year per residential ratepayer. This increase would allow us to make limited improvements to environmental protection, mainly focusing on kauri dieback disease.

Option B – a targeted rate of an average rate of \$47 per year per residential ratepayer. This increase would allow us to spend more on tackling kauri dieback disease, and allow us to better protect our native species and ecosystems.

What is your opinion on a proposed targeted rate to invest more to protect our environment?

The graph below gives an overview of the responses from the Howick Local Board area. Of the 1301 submissions received, 1221 respondents provided a response to this question. Of these, 37% do not support the targeted rate, 27% support Option A (\$21 p.a.), 22% support Option B (\$47 p.a.) and 13% prefer another option.



A review of the comments made by submitters suggests most people value the environment and support the intentions of the targeted rate. However, many questioned whether this was a local government issues and suggested central government should fund these initiatives. Some submitters emphasised the small amount of money per rater-payer compared with the benefits, while others were willing to pay more to achieve the goals of the full Pest Management Plan. Others suggested that it would be fairer for all people in Auckland to pay, not just ratepayers and that it was unfair to base the rate on property value.

“Looking after our environment should be a top priority same as the previous question we need to fix now before it's too late”

“once again, \$47 over a year comes down to barely a dollar a week for the average ratepayer... and so little can achieve so much”

“I reluctantly support this initiative. Surely this is a central government issue as it involves fauna and wildlife that serves a national interest”

“These measures should be covered by DOC. We shouldn't be asked for yet more money”

“Environmental protection is not a primary issue for the council. Focus on making the city more liveable for your residents first”

“Property value should not determine fee charged. The fee should be levied on all AKL residents and therefore would bring some degree of responsibility to all”

“I want to protect our forests from invading pests like kauri dieback, predators and weeds, therefore I want full funding for the Regional Pest Management Plan and for our natural environment”

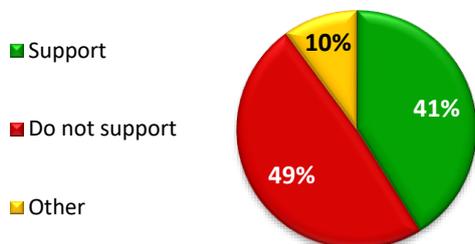
“I think that the environment is very much what makes a lot of Auckland so nice, and I would be happy to pay more to sustain it. However, if this were to become a long term rate, I could see it becoming problematic with some households. If the results were efficient and effective, I would be happy to support it, so it would be very disappointing if the extra money didn't make a significant impact”

People were asked about a proposed rates increase of 2.5 percent for the first two years and 3.5 percent for years three to 10.

Question 4: For this 10-year Budget we are proposing an average general rates increase of 2.5 per cent for the first two years and then 3.5 per cent for years three to 10. This will be used to fund our growing city. Without this level of rate increase, we would have to reduce existing service levels and defer or cut some currently planned projects.

What is your opinion on this proposed rates increase?

The graph below gives an overview of the responses from the Howick Local Board area. Of the 1301 submissions received, 1188 respondents provided a response to this question. Of these, 49% do not support the rates proposal and 41% do support the rates proposal.



A review of the comments made by submitters indicated those in support recognised there was a need, and people should be contributing if we expect high levels of services and community facilities. In contrary, others believe the council to be inefficient and were concerned about ever increasing rates while levels of service in the community (particularly in relation to maintenance, grass mowing etc) have reduced. The inability of people on fixed incomes to pay increased rates also contributed to a lack of support. Concerns were also expressed around transparency and perceived frivolous spending:

“People shouldn't demand a good level of services but not expect to pay for them!”

“We live in this city and although I may not use all the facilities - it will be better for our future community and generations”

“I'm mixed on this as evidence has not been provided as to why this rate is necessary, yes it's a growing city so more rates should be coming in from new Aucklanders, not taking off the existing ones”

“Although a rates increase may not be popular among some people, I feel strongly that it is up to each individual to contribute towards making Auckland a better place and ensuring we can keep up with future growth and sustainability”

“There is no way people like myself on fixed incomes can even contemplate this type of increase. Look at interest rates, barely 2% and the reserve bank says unlikely to increase in the medium term. Council needs to recognise that there are 10's of thousands if not 100's of thousands in this position where we cannot improve our income”

“The council needs to learn to do more with less cost, otherwise there is no end to the cost escalation. Stop wasting money on attracting tourists, etc. Stick to core functions. Split the council into smaller entities to get rid of overpaid management positions. No council or CCO employee, director or elected member should be paid more than \$100k per year. Completely eliminate all use of consultants. Until the council has eliminated all wastage, it is not in a moral position to demand more money from residents, many of whom currently can barely afford to survive in this city”

“Perhaps I'm not looking in the right place, but I often wonder where all my tax payer dollars go, especially when I see money being spent in what seems frivolous ways on things that don't benefit many people. I understand that tax increases are inevitable, but I'd like to see more accountability, more sense, more transparency go into what money is being spent on. We need to feel like our money is being well spent, in a way that the majority of the people benefit from, and agree with”

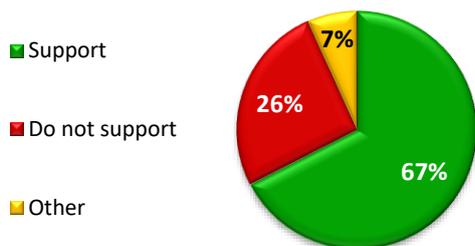
“The proposed rate increase which is quite dramatic for some properties like ours and neighbours as was the valuation increase. As the rate increase is for some obscure reason dependent on the land value the subsequent results are often ridiculous. Ours is a prime example. We live in a "transition Zone", a kilometre of road amongst residential areas surrounding us. We have no water supply, no fire hydrants, sewage, street lights, curbing and one footpath. This situation has not changed since we moved here 37 years ago. At present our rates are \$4,700 and with the new CV which has increased by 100%, the new proposed rates show an increase of \$2,000 and we will still get nothing. Quote Council website "A change in your property's value does not mean that your rates will increase or decrease by the amount of this change - instead your property's new value will determine the share of rates that you pay". Really!”

Secondly people were asked about whether online accommodation providers that meet particular thresholds should pay business rates and the Accommodation Provider Targeted Rate.

Question 5: We are proposing that online accommodation providers (e.g. Airbnb properties) who let out their whole property (not just a room) for a certain number of days per year should pay business rates and the Accommodation Provider Targeted Rate (if the property is within a certain zone). This would mean they are treated the same way as other accommodation providers.

What is your opinion on this proposal?

The graph below gives an overview of the responses from the Howick Local Board area. Of the 1301 submissions received, 1117 respondents provided a response to this question. Of these, 67% support the online accommodation provider rate, while 265 are opposed.



A review of submitters commented identified several themes:

- General support based on the level playing field – treating online accommodation as a business and applying the same rules faces by other accommodation providers
- Recognition of the impact of Airbnb on availability of normal rental housing and neighbourhoods
- Concern about the impacts on tourism and also recognition that tourists impact on the cities infrastructure
- Need for provisions to ensure people who occasionally rent out their house are treated differently from those who effectively rent a house only for online accommodation
- Need for more public discussion and clarification in relation to this proposal

“Tourism is becoming New Zealand leading industry and this change would hurt it”

“Air bnb provides the same services as a hotel (under certain conditions) so therefore should be treated like one”

“Sounds fair that they should pay business rates for what is effectively a business”

“As long as this is only applied to those who do this for a significant portion of the year, and 2 years in a row I support it. It should not apply to those who only do this occasionally, or if there is a one off longer period (eg while owners do an overseas trip)”

“Absolutely! They are running a business and should operate and pay as such. They are also undercutting the professional accommodation providers, who have to invest heavily in training/certification/compliance to met legal requirements. Whereas anyone can setup a AirBnB and not be bound by the same laws that affect (say) a motel or Hotel, for compliance of health & safety”
 Issue 4: other changes and budget information”

“I see this as closing a loophole that allowed people to profit off of a technicality, at the expense of the area as a whole. Short-term accommodation is necessary, but too much is detrimental for the neighborhood and providers should pay the cost of that”

“Landlords should not take housing away from local people. Tourism needs to grow through the proper channels and not by taking housing stock away from locals that need it”

“Absolutely - it is clear that tourists add to Auckland's issues - environment, rental cars on the road, ignorance of rubbish/recycling requirements etc”

Aucklanders were asked if they had any other feedback on matters in the consultation document.

Question 7: Please provide any other feedback on other matters in the consultation document or supporting information, such as changes to waste service charges (targeted rate to fund food waste collection service and standardisation of user-pays refuse collection), Tūpuna Maunga Authority Draft Operational Plan or the proposal to disestablish Auckland Council Investments Limited.

A small number (11) of submitters commented on the proposal to dis-establish Auckland Council Investments Limited. Eight submitters were in favour of disestablishment, and three were opposed. One submitter emphasised the importance of keeping Ports of Auckland and Airport shares, while another suggested the Airport shares be sold to fund water quality improvements.

Fifteen people made submissions on the Tupuna Maunga Authority Draft Operational Plan – of these comments the overwhelming theme was the need to retain access, including vehicle access so people with walking issues can access the maunga. Comments also related to maintenance, and opposition to the Tupuna Maunga Authority.

In relation to the Revenue and Finance Policy, four submitters supported this proposal while three were opposed.

Feedback on other regional proposals with a local impact

Feedback was received from the Howick Local Board area on other regional proposals:

- Howick Historical Village is requesting \$500000 regional funding in addition to current funding.
- GETBA is requesting planned intersection improvements/widening be brought forward in the major arterial route of Smales and Allens Roads, which feeds into Highbook Drive, particularly where it intersects with Springs and Harris Roads. GETBA is requesting this upgrade be addressed within the next three year funding period. They would also like improvements around the Gossasmer/Ti Rakau/Trugood/Cryers/Harris area promised as part of AMETI to be brought forward. Also support the Preston/Ormiston Rd intersection upgrade.
- Pakuranga Bowling, Tennis and Gymnastics Clubs seeking funding to establish a multi-sport facility at Lloyd Elsmore Park (see also local funding requests).
- *“We need to support Auckland Justices of the Peace Association’s submission for annual funding of \$100,000 per year. I am a Justice of the Peace member of AJPA. This submission supports the Outcome ‘Belonging and Participation –All Aucklanders will be part of and contribute to society, access opportunities, and have the chance to develop to their full potential.’ – ‘Focus area 2, Provide accessible services and social infrastructure that are responsive to people’s evolving needs”*

5. Overview of feedback received on the Auckland Plan 2050 from Howick Local Board area

The Auckland Plan 2050 sets our long-term direction and looks at the important challenges we need to address in the following outcome areas:

- Outcome area 1: Belonging and participation
- Outcome area 2: Māori identity and wellbeing
- Outcome area 3: Homes and places
- Outcome area 4: Transport and access
- Outcome area 5: Environment and cultural heritage
- Outcome area 6: Opportunity and prosperity.

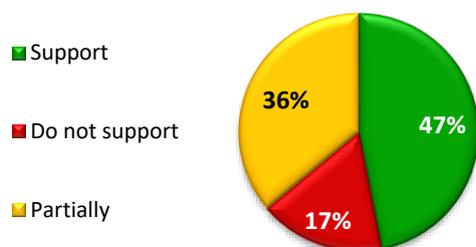
There is a question in the feedback form that relates to each outcome area. The questions and text below are directly from the feedback form. The feedback from the Howick Local Board area is set out under each question.

Question 1: An inclusive Auckland

In a fast-growing city of increasing diversity and social change, people may or may not feel included or enjoy positive life experiences. The Auckland Plan proposes an inclusive Auckland where people live together with trust and mutual respect and everyone has the opportunity to participate to their full potential

Do you think the six focus areas identified in Belonging and Participation will achieve this?

Of the 1301 submitters in the Howick area, 1065 responded to this question. The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Howick Local Board area.

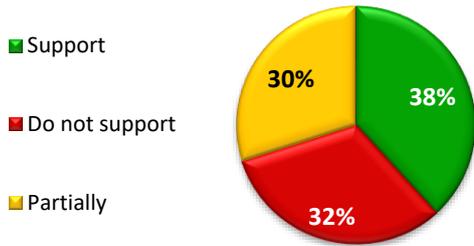


Question 2: Advance Māori well-being

The strengths and contributions Māori bring to Auckland will fuel economic growth and advance Māori well-being. With nearly a third of all Māori in Auckland aged under 15 years old, the Auckland Plan proposes investing more in tamariki and rangatahi to advance Māori well-being.

Do you think the seven focus areas identified in Māori Well-being and Identity will achieve this?

Of the 1301 submitters in the Howick area, 999 responded to this question. The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Howick Local Board area.

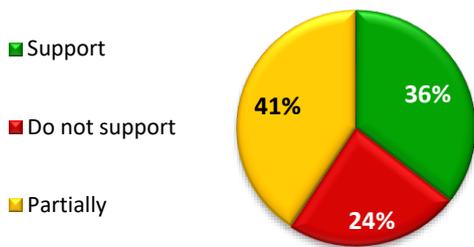


Question 3: Affordable homes

Lack of affordable housing is creating stress for many Aucklanders. It is driving some key workers out of Auckland and limiting our ability to attract and retain talent. The Auckland Plan proposes that all Aucklanders deserve healthy, affordable homes with secure tenure in well-designed places, whether they own or rent their homes.

Do you think the five focus areas identified in Homes and Places will achieve this?

Of the 1301 submitters in the Howick area, 1059 responded to this question. The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Howick Local Board area.

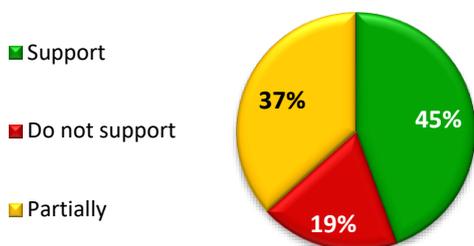


Question 4: Moving easily around Auckland

People lack choice in how they get around and it can take a long time to get where they need to go. To better connect people and places, the Auckland Plan proposes an integrated transport system that accelerates progress on walking, cycling and public transport and makes better use of existing networks.

Do you think the seven focus areas identified in Transport and Access will achieve this?

Of the 1301 submitters in the Howick area, 1074 responded to this question. The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Howick Local Board area.

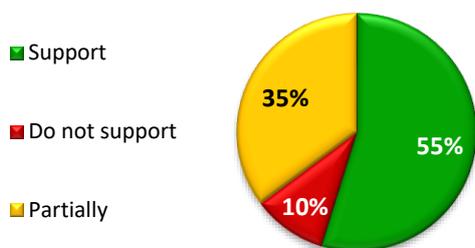


Question 5: Protecting and enhancing our environment

Unprecedented growth has required Auckland to provide for essential development, which has had an impact on our environment and cultural heritage. The Auckland Plan proposes utilising every opportunity to protect and enhance Auckland's environment as growth and development happens.

Do you think the six focus areas identified in Environment and Cultural Heritage will achieve this?

Of the 1301 submitters in the Howick area, 1022 responded to this question. The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Howick Local Board area.

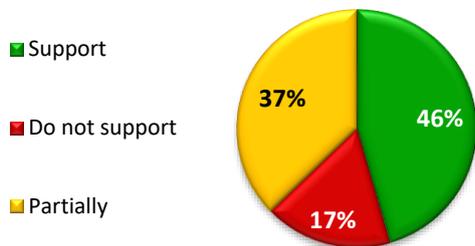


Question 6: Equipping people for future jobs

Rapid technology advances will create challenges, opportunities and change across many industries and jobs. The Auckland Plan proposes Aucklanders will need to adapt to the coming changes by investing in education, training and skills development for all.

Do you think the five focus areas identified in Opportunity and Prosperity will achieve this?

Of the 1301 submitters in the Howick area, 999 responded to this question. The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Howick Local Board area.

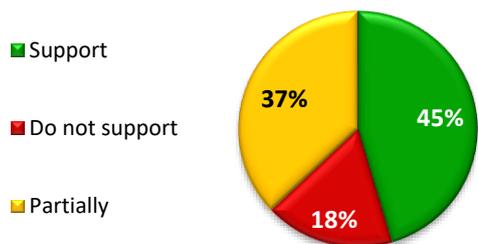


Question 7: Shaping our growth

Auckland has to provide for around 740,000 more people in the next 30 years, which would mean another 320,000 dwellings and up to 270,000 extra jobs. The Auckland Plan proposes to manage long-term population growth by prioritising development in existing urban areas and establishing new communities and new business land in future urban areas. Investment in Auckland's infrastructure will need to keep up with the pace and scale of growth.

Do you think the proposed approach for enabling growth will effectively provide for Auckland's future?

Of the 1301 submitters in the Howick area, 1009 responded to this question. The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Howick Local Board area.



Appendices

Appendix A contains a compiled PDF of all the 10 year budget and Auckland Plan submissions for the Howick Local Board Area.

Appendix B contains a regional consultation summary in relation to the WMMP plan.