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## **Draft Auckland Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018 – Briefing Report on Feedback Received from the Howick Local Board Area**

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### **Purpose**

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

### **Executive Summary**

Overall, 173 submissions were received on the draft Auckland Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018 from the board area. This represented eight per cent of the total submissions received. Responses suggested that the majority of submitters supported the overall direction of the draft plan with:

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

Submitters also included a number of comments on themes such as the food scraps collection 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 not described in this report. This 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 to 11 May.

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

## Overview of Submissions

At the close of the submission period on 28 March 2018, 6,758 submissions had been received online and in hard copy form. 96 submissions were provided by video and drawings.

4,605 of the submissions received were pro forma submissions from the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance. These did not answer feedback form questions and did not include an address. They are therefore not included in the statistics for the local board below.

The total number of submissions which specified a board area is shown below. 173 of these (eight per cent) were from the Howick Local Board area.

**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%

<b>Local board</b>	<b>Number of submitters</b>	<b>Percentage of submitters</b>
Waiheke Local Board	75	3%
Waitākere Ranges Local Board	96	4%
Waitematā Local Board	130	6%
Whau Local Board	88	4%
Regional	1	0%
Not Supplied (non ARA)	174	8%
Outside Auckland	25	1%
*Not Supplied ARA	4,605	

### **Breakdown by Submission Type**

As shown in Tables 2 and 3 below, submissions were received in various forms, including on the feedback form (on-line and written), long-form submissions, pro forma submissions and informal submissions including videos and drawings.

**Table 2. Regional Breakdown by Formal Submission Type**

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

**Table 3. Types of Informal Submissions**

<b>Informal submission type*</b>	<b>Number of comments</b>
Videos and drawings	96
Other informal submissions	1,478
Have Your Say event feed back	449
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,023</b>

## Support for Key Directions

The consultation feedback form asked respondents to answer seven questions relating to key directions in the waste plan. Responses to each from residents of the board area are summarised below in Tables 4 and 5.

**Table 4. Priority Outcomes for Board Residents**

Question	Response	% submissions local board	% submissions regional
1. Auckland Council is responsible for managing and minimising waste across the region. When we make decisions about waste, <b>which outcomes are most important to you.</b> (Please select up to 3 options.)	Delivering value for money for ratepayers and Aucklanders	20%	14%
	Reliability of collection services	10%	9%
	Reducing waste to landfill and carbon emissions	21%	26%
	Reducing environmental and marine pollution	23%	26%
	Tidy public places	15%	13%
	Creating jobs in resource recovery and processing industries	9%	9%
	Other	2%	3%

Results showed that the highest priority for residents of the board area was reducing environmental and marine pollution. The lowest priority was creating jobs in resource recovery and processing industries.

**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 <b>we want to expand our waste minimisation efforts to include the 80 per cent of waste that comes from businesses and commercial activities.</b> What do you think of this approach and why?	Strongly agree	43%	57%
	Agree	41%	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). <b>We want to work with</b>	Strongly agree	46%	60%
	Agree	33%	27%
	Neutral	10%	4%
	Disagree	2%	1%
	Strongly disagree	5%	7%
	Don't know	3%	1%

<b>businesses to try new approaches to reduce this waste.</b> What do you think of this approach and why?			
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 <b>Community Recycling Centres</b> 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	44%	59%
	Agree	41%	27%
	Neutral	6%	5%
	Disagree	1%	1%
	Strongly disagree	7%	7%
	Don't know	1%	1%
5. We want to encourage central government to introduce product stewardship schemes. This includes a <b>container deposit scheme</b> 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?	Strongly agree	54%	61%
	Agree	32%	23%
	Neutral	5%	4%
	Disagree	2%	2%
	Strongly disagree	7%	8%
	Don't know	1%	2%
6. <b>The Hauraki Gulf Islands</b> 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	20%	27%
	Agree	28%	24%
	Neutral	22%	16%
	Disagree	2%	1%
	Strongly disagree	2%	4%
	Don't know	26%	28%

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

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

#### **Food Scraps Collection**

*Maybe some discounts available for those composting at home eg discounts for buying hungry bins and other systems.*

*Am not impressed to have another \$67 added to my rates to get rid of rubbish I can compost on my section. This should apply to apartment dwellers only.*

*We need to roll out the food waste collection soon.*

*Organic food waste bin essential*

*I do not agree with the kerbside collection of food scraps.*

*Yes the proposal for small containers for organic waste is unjust and quite comic. Most households, as i have stated before, compost or use waste disposal sink units. I would imagine very little organic waste goes into the red lid bins, I for one object strongly to having to pay for a service i would not use,*

### **Other Comments**

*I think we need More and more accessible soft plastic recycle or that be part of the recycling scheme And have more education in school about soft plastic recycling More no waste shop in all area*

*Fabulous, businesses have the most food waste and introduce the most plastic packaging into households, there should be a phase out on all plastic bags and reduction single use plastic as well.*

*Howick is becoming very untidy and dirty. It is often the businesses that contribute to this. They seem unaccountable. It is a pity that Howick is becoming so unloved*

*The traditional way of dealing with these 'wastes' are not working for Auckland - they are imposing financial and environmental costs. This is not necessary as these wastes can be used as resources, but the business perception and ease of disposal of these products needs to change. Levies and bans are regulatory tools that Council should consider at a regional scale for these wastes; along with investing in capacity building and training schemes, new market stimulation - in conjunction with lobbying central government to enact priority products in the WMA (but don't just leave it to them, as it may still never happen). Organic waste needs to be addressed immediately for multiple reasons - food accessibility and carbon reduction in particular.*

*I fully support the idea of more CRCs, they create jobs and provide upskilling opportunities for locals. They also make it easier for people to dispose of their waste if they don't have a vehicle.*

*Community recycling centers do not always take all items that can be recycled. They may be difficult to access if you do not have a trailer to transport larger items.*

*More choices but also easy access so people don't 'dump' stuff because its too far or travel time expensive. Make it rewarding like in the past ... with beer bottles or 'rewards of some kind, even if its local recognition.*