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## **Draft Auckland Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018 – Briefing Report on feedback received from the Kaipātiki Local Board Area**

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### **Purpose**

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

### **Executive Summary**

Overall, 97 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:

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

Submitters also included a number of comments on topics of interest to them, such as the food scraps collection, the waste levy and on a range of other 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. 97 of these (five per cent) were from the Kaipātiki Local Board area.

**Table 1: 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%                       |

| Local board                  | Number of submitters | Percentage of submitters |
|------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 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**

| Informal submission type*     | Number of comments |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 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**

| Informal submission type*     | Number of comments |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Videos and drawings           | 96                 |
| Other informal submissions    | 1,478              |
| Have your say event feed back | 449                |

| Informal submission type* | Number of comments |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>2,023</b>       |

## Board Responses on Key Directions

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 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    | 18%                       | 14%                    |
|   | Reliability of collection services                           | 9%                        | 9%                     |
|   | Reducing waste to landfill and carbon emissions              | 25%                       | 26%                    |
|   | Reducing environmental and marine pollution                  | 27%                       | 26%                    |
|   | Tidy public places   | 11%                       | 13%                    |
|   | Creating jobs in resource recovery and processing industries | 7 %                       | 9%                     |
|   | Other  | 2%                        | 3%                     |

Results showed that the highest priorities for residents of the board area were reducing environmental and marine pollution and reducing waste to landfill and carbon emission. The lowest priority was creating jobs in resource recovery and processing.

**Table 5. Board 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    | 63%                       | 57%                    |
|   | Agree             | 28%                       | 27%                    |
|   | Neutral           | 0%                        | 5%                     |
|   | Disagree          | 0%                        | 2%                     |
|   | Strongly disagree | 9%                        | 5%                     |
|   | Don't know        | 0%                        | 2%                     |
| 3. The three largest categories of commercial waste going to landfill are construction and demolition   | Strongly agree    | 67%                       | 60%                    |
|   | Agree             | 24%                       | 27%                    |
|   | Neutral           | 1%                        | 4%                     |

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|--|-------------------|-----|-----|
| waste, plastics, and organic waste (food, green and other types of organic waste). <b>We want to work with businesses to try new approaches to reduce this waste.</b> What do you think of this approach and why?  | Disagree          | 0%  | 1%  |
|  | Strongly disagree | 8%  | 7%  |
|  | Don't know        | 0%  | 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 <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    | 57% | 59% |
|  | Agree             | 27% | 27% |
|  | Neutral           | 5%  | 5%  |
|  | Disagree          | 1%  | 1%  |
|  | Strongly disagree | 10% | 7%  |
|  | Don't know        | 0%  | 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    | 56% | 61% |
|  | Agree             | 27% | 23% |
|  | Neutral           | 3%  | 4%  |
|  | Disagree          | 5%  | 2%  |
|  | Strongly disagree | 9%  | 8%  |
|  | Don't know        | 0%  | 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 Kawait Islands. What do you think about the approach outlined in this plan and why?  | Strongly agree    | 28% | 27% |
|  | Agree             | 29% | 24% |
|  | Neutral           | 14% | 16% |
|  | Disagree          | 0%  | 1%  |
|  | Strongly disagree | 6%  | 4%  |
|  | Don't know        | 24% | 28% |

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

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

#### **Food Scraps Collection**

*I support a food waste collection in Auckland.*

*Can we please have kerbside collection for food scraps for people who can't compost?*

*The pick up and centralized composting of food waste is crucial!!! Many people have no land, home stability or energy to compost.*

*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.*

*We are concerned about the new service coming to households, as there is an increase to come in our rates to pay for this service, when we already compost our food waste. So, we should be able to opt out of some of the service.*

*Please give a discount to people who have and use compost bins. I use seven of them. More education on what can be composted. Also a discount on the price of plastic compost bins that could be purchased from the Council. That would encourage people to compost.*

### **Waste Levy**

*I want to see a gradual increase in the landfill waste levy from \$10/tonne to \$140/tonne. Increase the fee for waste to control the over-production of waste*

### **Other comments**

*As mentioned above, we need radical change to a circular system. I appreciate that this requires significant national level government intervention. So I strongly encourage council to advocate to the government for better policy tools as a means of driving waste from our system, including an increased waste levy, prohibiting single use plastic bags, as well as introducing product stewardship schemes.*

*This is a fantastic plan. Congratulations to Auckland Council for being bold and ambitious*

*Community consultation, and information is the key to success, delivered by the community for the community, same goes for Business sector.*