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

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### **Purpose**

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

### **Executive Summary**

Overall, 100 submissions were received on the draft 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:

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

Submitters also included comments on themes such as the food scraps collection, the waste levy and a range of comments relating to banning single use plastics and support for the Māori priorities in the plan.

### **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 X 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. 100 of these (five per cent) were from the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki 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%

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,023</b>

## Support for 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	15%	14%
	Reliability of collection services	10%	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	3%	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 emissions. 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 <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	66%	57%
	Agree	20%	27%
	Neutral	5%	5%
	Disagree	3%	2%
	Strongly disagree	5%	5%
	Don't know	2%	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 businesses to try new approaches to reduce this waste.</b> What do you think of this approach and why?	Strongly agree	67%	60%
	Agree	23%	27%
	Neutral	3%	4%
	Disagree	1%	1%
	Strongly disagree	5%	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	62%	59%
	Agree	26%	27%
	Neutral	3%	5%
	Disagree	1%	1%
	Strongly disagree	8%	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	62%	61%
	Agree	26%	23%
	Neutral	5%	4%
	Disagree	1%	2%
	Strongly disagree	5%	8%
	Don't know	8%	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	33%	27%
	Agree	26%	24%
	Neutral	15%	16%
	Disagree	1%	1%
	Strongly disagree	2%	4%
	Don't know	23%	28%

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

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

#### **Food Scraps Collection**

*I would love to see more community areas to dispose of food scraps or have the bins that have been rolled out in Papakura, Auckland.*

*I support a food waste collection in Auckland.*

*I wouldn't use the food waste collection because I have my own compost systems however I am happy to pay through my rates.*

*I would like to have been given choice about whether to have and be charged for a food scrap bin. We have been composting for over 40yrs, and go to a lot of trouble not to waste food. We do not want another bin.*

*I do not support the waste costs being applied to all households, as those households that already compost are having to pay for services they will not use. The composting charge should be user pays, as refuse collections will be.*

## **Waste Levy**

*Increase Waste Levy*

*The real game changer is increasing the waste levy!! This MUST happen. Auckland Council should do whatever it can to use this consultation to influence central government.*

## **Other comments**

*The problem is that many people don't have the large vehicles to take old furniture and appliances to the recycling centres. They are a good idea for smaller items but there would still need to be a collection service that you could book, as otherwise these items get dumped on roadsides.*

*Awesome!! I can't wait to have a local Community Recycling Centre in our community. I want to see people learn how to reuse and recycle through these centres - they are instrumental in communities learning to become zero waste.*

*I want Auckland to be Zero Waste by 2040. It is important because the way things are currently are not sustainable. Waste to landfill is not the answer. The benefits of reusing, recycling, composting, upcycling far outweigh waste to landfill. Benefits include community empowerment, local employment, cleaner and healthier environment and communities. I want to be part of the generation that rejects unsustainable environmental practices and takes action to become a zero waste city. It is my responsibility as a parent, a citizen of Tamaki Makaurau, Pacific person and dweller of this land belonging to tangata whenua to support this important change for the better.*

*Prioritize Maori Waste Plan*

*Prioritize Maori perspective in Waste Plan*

*No more landfills*

*We need to ban plastic bags in Auckland and consider other single use plastic items such as drinking straws as these are polluting our harbor. If we don't we risk falling behind the rest of the world in protecting our environment.*