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## **Draft Auckland Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018 – Briefing report on feedback received from the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area**

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### **Purpose**

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

### **Executive Summary**

Overall, 50 submissions were received on the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018 from the board area. This represented two per cent of the total submissions received. Responses suggested that the majority of submitters supported the overall direction of the draft plan with:

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

Submitters also included a number of comments on waste minimisation education.

### **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 – 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. 50 of these (two per cent) were from the Ōtara-Papatoetoe 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,023</b>

## Local Responses to 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	28%	14%
	Reliability of collection services	15%	9%
	Reducing waste to landfill and carbon emissions	14%	26%
	Reducing environmental and marine pollution	14%	26%
	Tidy public places	16%	13%
	Creating jobs in resource recovery and processing industries	11%	9%
	Other	2%	3%

Results showed that the highest priority for residents of the board area was delivering value for money for ratepayers and Aucklanders. The lowest priority was creating jobs in resource recovery and processing.

**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	33%	57%
	Agree	35%	27%
	Neutral	14%	5%
	Disagree	8%	2%
	Strongly disagree	4%	5%
	Don't know	6%	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	Strongly agree	33%	60%
	Agree	35%	27%
	Neutral	29%	4%
	Disagree	0%	1%
	Strongly disagree	6%	7%
	Don't know	0%	1%

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	22%	59%
	Agree	59%	27%
	Neutral	2%	5%
	Disagree	4%	1%
	Strongly disagree	8%	7%
	Don't know	4%	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	63%	61%
	Agree	16%	23%
	Neutral	4%	4%
	Disagree	2%	2%
	Strongly disagree	6%	8%
	Don't know	9%	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	13%	27%
	Agree	17%	24%
	Neutral	44%	16%
	Disagree	10%	1%
	Strongly disagree	2%	4%
	Don't know	15%	28%

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

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

#### **Education**

*Community education about what is recyclable and giving the public information on why it is important to recycle as I feel alot of it is due to lack of education. I see people throwing rubbish on the ground when they do not have a public bin nearby and they dont see that one piece of rubbish as making a difference in adding to the issue*

*This is one subject that has to be addressed as we are getting more rubbish the education is good but it still has to be put forward and includes waste on the roads as I pick up rubbish*

*people throw on the ground as they walk or clean out there cars and the people in town centers when the council has bins round the center to put rubbish in*

*Education in waste management*

### **Other comments**

*This must be ONGOING - through every AGE & GENERATION, CORPORATION and INSTITUTION and ESPECIALLY in the HOME*

*I oppose the move to fortnightly rubbish collection. We moved to small rubbish bins and now we have rubbish bags being dumped everywhere. This will only get worse with fortnightly collection. It is absolutely ridiculous that this is being suggested. In South Auckland households are much larger and so have more rubbish and they can least afford paying for more rubbish bins. So people will just dump stuff in parks.*

*Food waste (such as short dated food) can be gifted to those who need access to food, and to refuge organizations. A lot of this wastage can be recycled and reused.*

*Past generations were adept at reusing and recycling much of what we consider waste. Current generations have become lazy consumers who throw away resources. Auckland Council needs to take leadership and set an example for ratepayers and residents.*